

A telegram was received from the Premier informing the Commissioners that the extension of time to the 24th instant had been granted, and that a suggestion had been made that the Commission should take evidence at Masterton.

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AUCKLAND, MONDAY, 10TH JULY, 1905.

The Commission sat and heard evidence.  
*Present:* Sir James Prendergast (Chairman), H. S. Wardell, Esq., W. H. Quick, Esq., and Mr. Hutana.  
 Adjourned to Thursday at Napier, at 10.30 a.m.

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NAPIER, THURSDAY, 13TH JULY, 1905.

The Commission sat and heard evidence.  
*Present:* Sir James Prendergast (Chairman), H. S. Wardell, Esq., W. H. Quick, Esq., and Mr. Hutana.  
 Adjourned to Saturday, at Wellington, at 12.30 p.m.  
 A letter was received from the Secretary for Education covering a question which had been asked in the House on the 5th July by the member for Masterton, in reference to a sitting being held by the Commission at Masterton.  
 The Secretary was instructed to telegraph in reply to the effect that the matter referred to could not be considered by the Commission without an extension of the order of reference.

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WELLINGTON, SATURDAY, 15TH JULY, 1905.

The Commission met and transacted business.  
*Present:* Sir James Prendergast (Chairman), H. S. Wardell, Esq., W. H. Quick, Esq.  
 Adjourned to Monday, the 17th July, at 2.15 p.m.

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WELLINGTON, MONDAY, 17TH JULY, 1905.

The Commission sat at 2.15 p.m.  
*Present:* Sir James Prendergast (Chairman), H. S. Wardell, Esq., W. H. Quick, Esq., and Mr. Hutana.  
 The Bishop of Wellington handed in a statement with reference to despatches inspected by him at Government House.  
 Mr. Stafford handed in affidavits by objectors to the scheme approved by the Supreme Court, and affidavits relating thereto by Bishop Wallis and the Rev. Mr. McWilliam.  
 Mr. Stafford brought before the Commission the matter of the scope of the Commission, referred to by him before the Commission on the 5th June, and he was requested to formulate his proposal relating thereto in writing before the Commission on the following day.  
 Mr. Hone Heke informed the Commission that he had been pursuing inquiries and obtaining information relating to the number of Maori children of school age belonging to the Ngatiraukawa, Ngatitōa, and Ngatiawa Tribes, and obtained permission to recall certain statistical statements previously put in evidence, for purposes of rearrangement with additional information.  
 Adjourned to Tuesday, 18th July, at 10 a.m.

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WELLINGTON, TUESDAY, 18TH JULY, 1905.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.  
*Present:* Sir James Prendergast (Chairman), H. S. Wardell, Esq., W. H. Quick, Esq., and Mr. Hutana.  
 A memorandum was received from Messrs. Stafford, Treadwell, and Field, urging the necessity for an amendment of the Commission to remove any doubt as to its scope, and asking the Commissioners to forward the same to the Government.  
 The Secretary was instructed to forward the memo. to the Secretary for Education, with a covering letter intimating that, in the opinion of the Commissioners, it was desirable that any doubt should be set at rest.  
 Adjourned to Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

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WELLINGTON, WEDNESDAY, 19TH JULY, 1905.

The Commission sat at 2.30 p.m.  
*Present:* Sir James Prendergast (Chairman), H. S. Wardell, Esq., W. H. Quick, Esq., and Mr. Hutana.  
 A supplementary Commission was received from His Excellency the Governor extending the time for report to the 7th August, and enlarging the schedule by the inclusion of a grant at Masterton and two grants at Motueka.