

SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATION COMMISSION.

REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand, Government House, Wellington.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the several members of the South Island Representation Commission, have the honour to report to Your Excellency that, in pursuance of Your Excellency's instructions, we met on the 15th day of November, 1906, and following days, when, in terms of "The Electoral Act, 1905," we divided the South Island of New Zealand, including Stewart Island, into thirty-five electoral districts, being the number allotted to it by the Joint Commission.

Following upon a notice published in pursuance of the 10th section of the said Act, several objections in writing to our proposed divisions of the said South Island were lodged and received. We met at Christchurch this day, and gave careful consideration to the objections referred to.

We now do ourselves the honour of attaching hereto, for Your Excellency's information, a description and plans of the several new electoral districts, with the names we have given thereto, such being and showing the "final determination" of Your Excellency's Commissioners, as provided by the 11th section of the above-mentioned Act.

We have the further honour of advising Your Excellency that in terms of "The City Single Electorates Act, 1903," section 4, we have resolved and decided that the Electoral Districts of Dunedin North, Dunedin West, and Dunedin Central, as now constituted by us, shall be and they are substituted for the present Electoral Districts of Dunedin North, Dunedin Central, and Dunedin South; again, we have resolved and decided, in terms of section 4 of the last-mentioned Act, that the Electoral Districts of Christchurch North, Christchurch East, and Christchurch South as now constituted by us shall be and they are substituted for the present Electoral Districts of Christchurch North, Christchurch East, and Christchurch South.

Given under our respective hands and seals, at the City of Christchurch, in the Colony of New Zealand, this seventeenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

THOS. S. WESTON, Chairman. (L.S.)
 CHAS. S. REEVES. (L.S.)
 D. BARRON. (L.S.)
 ERIC C. GOLD SMITH. (L.S.)
 G. J. ROBERTS. (L.S.)

SCHEDULE OF OBJECTIONS.

No.	Electoral District.	Objection or Suggestion.	From whom received.	Decision of Commission.
1	Tuapeka ..	Objecting to the abolition of the Tuapeka Electorate	James Forbes and 1,490 others	Appeal disallowed, except as to the name "Mount Ida," which is changed to "Tuapeka."
2	" ..	Objecting to the abolition of the Tuapeka Electorate by public meeting held at Roxburgh	William Jack	
3	" ..	Objecting to the abolition of the Tuapeka Electorate by the Tuapeka County Council	John S. Wood	
4	" ..	Suggesting that the Mount Ida Electorate be wiped out and Tuapeka be reinstated	Thomas Dilling	
5	" ..	Suggesting that the old boundaries of Tuapeka should remain	J. Arbuckle	
6	" ..	Public meeting at Lawrence strongly in favour of retaining the name of "Tuapeka"	J. B. McKinley, Mayor of Lawrence	
7	" ..	The districts of Crookston, Heriot, and Dunrobin prefer to be joined to Clutha rather than Mount Ida	J. Collie	
8	" ..	Suggests that the name of "Bruce" should be called the "Bruce-Tuapeka" Electorate	A. Fraser, J.P.	
9	Ashburton	Wakanui District object to be placed in the Selwyn Electorate	Sarah D. Corbett and 28 others	Objection disallowed.
10	Waikouaiti	Suggests that the name "Waikouaiti" be retained	H. Buckland	Appeal disallowed.
11	Selwyn ..	Suggesting that the Oxford Riding be included in the Kaiapoi Electorate, and that the Waimakariri and Ashley Rivers be the boundaries	A. Aneall and 64 others	Suggestions not practicable.
12	Kaiapoi ..	Suggesting that the district be the Waimakariri and Ashley Rivers	Malcolm MacFarlane and 1,252 others. .	Also impracticable.
13	Chalmers..	Suggests that the large country area lying between Oamaru and Chalmers should be given some voice in having its interests represented	T. Mackenzie, M.H.R. .	
14	Wairau ..	Objecting to that portion of the Pelorus Sounds which is at present in the Wairau Electorate being included in the Nelson Electorate	R. Beauchamp	Objections impracticable.
15	Geraldine	Public meeting objects to the new electoral district south of the Rangitata River being included in the Ashburton Electorate	W. Maslin, T. Tanner, and 970 others	Disallowed.
16	Buller ..	Suggests—(1) That the Town of Reefton should remain in the Buller Electorate with Crushington and Murray Ridings; (2) suggests the Inangahua River as the boundary-line; (3) the proposed boundary is not a natural one	J. Colvin, M.H.R. ..	Impracticable.