

POWERS OF BOARD.

FUNCTIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

39. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board*.—Section 18: Giving the District Board “general superintendence and control of every institution within its district which is wholly or partly maintained out of the funds of the Board” is a provision likely to give rise to much friction. If the committee cannot be trusted to properly manage the affairs of any institution it would be better to leave the management entirely to the Boards.

40. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board*.—Section 50: The committee is decidedly of opinion that it would be impossible to get any one to act on a committee under such restrictions as are imposed by this section, and fail altogether to realise with what object it has been framed. A committee would certainly find itself in a dilemma should the orders of the Board and those of the Minister be at variance, as it does not appear which of these is to take precedence. This committee is of opinion that such a provision would be absolutely unworkable.

41. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees*.—That if, under clause 50, committees are retained, such bodies should be given wider powers and larger discretion in the management of institutions in their charge.

42. *Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—Clause 50: That the functions required to be performed by this section are such that no self-respecting persons would offer their services.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD.

43. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—That all questions before the Board should be decided by open voting (section 17).

44. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—That if committees are established, it should be made clear if their chairmen are to be included when constituting a quorum of the Board.

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Salary and Travelling-expenses of Chairman.

45. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board*.—Section 25B: The committee is of opinion the position of Chairman should be maintained as an honorary one.

46. *Waitaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—That section 25, clause (b), providing for the payment of a salary of not more than £200 to the Chairman, be deleted.

47. *Waitaki Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—Section 25, subsection (c): The words in brackets “(other than the Chairman)” be deleted.

48. *North Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—That subsection (b) of section 25, and the words “other than the Chairman” in subsection (c), be struck out.

49. *Ashburton Hospital Board*.—Clause 25, subsection (b): The word “one” to be substituted for the word “two” in the second line.

50. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees*.—That clause 25, (c), be amended to read, “may pay such reasonable travelling-expenses incurred by any member of the Board (other than the Chairman) in going to or returning from any meeting of the Board when duly summoned, or in making any official visit of inspection when appointed to do so by the Board.”

51. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees*.—That clause 25, (b), be amended to read that each Board may pay its Chairman such reasonable travelling-expenses as his duties may demand.

52. *Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—On the question of allowance to the Chairman, this Board recommends the same to be reduced from £200 to £50.

53. *Wellington District Hospital Board*.—That the Chairman when away from his place of residence to be paid travelling-allowance, and, in addition, one guinea per diem.

Travelling-expenses of Members of Board.

54. *Wellington District Hospital Board*.—That the members when away from their place of residence on Board business be paid travelling-allowance.

55. *Coromandel Hospital Trustees*.—Section 65: That the amount allowed for travelling-allowance is inadequate: the amount should be fixed at so-much a meeting.

56. *Nelson Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—That members attending meetings of the Board shall receive 10s. per diem and actual travelling-expenses.

57. *Ashburton Hospital Board*.—Clause 25, subsection (c): The words “or of its committees” be inserted after the word “Board” in the fourth line.

58. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board*.—Section 25c: The following scale is suggested as a reasonable one for travelling-expenses: Where there is a daily service by train or conveyance available for the whole or any part of the journey, the actual first-class fare both ways; where there is no such daily communication, travelling-allowance at the rate of 1s. per mile or fraction of a mile, one way only, from the residence of the member to the place of meeting, or to the nearest railway-station or coach-office; in every case hotel allowance at the rate of 10s. per day for every day during which a member is necessarily absent from home attending a meeting or meetings of the Board. It appears desirable to fix the scale by Act, so as to make the charges uniform throughout the Dominion, and beyond dispute.

TENDERS.

59. *Ashburton Hospital Board*.—The word “twenty” be inserted in place of the word “ten” in the first line in clause 28, subsection (c).