

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

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FRIDAY, 31ST JULY, 1908.

Present: Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Baume, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Fowlds.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded with the consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3.

Mr. George Hogben, Inspector-General of Schools, attended, gave evidence, and was examined by members of the Committee, his evidence being taken down by a shorthand reporter.

And the taking of evidence being concluded for the day,

On motion of Mr. Allen, *Resolved*, That the evidence taken by this Committee on the Education Act Amendment Bill be printed.

The Committee thereupon agreed to adjourn, and adjourned accordingly.

Minutes confirmed.

TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1908.

Present: Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Fowlds.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.—A letter from Mr. Francis Bennet, headmaster of the Karori School, asking to be allowed to give evidence on the Bill before the Committee, was read.

Mr. Mackenzie moved, That the representatives of School Committees be afforded an opportunity of being heard in evidence on the Bill.

And the question being put for the adoption of the motion, the Committee divided, the names being taken down as follows:—

Ayes, 4.—Mr. Buddo, Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Sidey.

Noes, 3.—Mr. Allen, Mr. Hanan, Hon. Mr. Fowlds.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative. Motion agreed to.

The Committee proceeded with the Bill.

Clause 3.

Mr. G. Hogben, Inspector-General of Schools, attended, and was further examined by members of the Committee.

Mr. William Foster, Secretary, New Zealand Educational Institute, Mr. George Macmorran, member of the Executive of the New Zealand Educational Institute, and Mr. John Caughley, Second Assistant of the Training College, attended, and made statements to the Committee.

The evidence given was taken down in shorthand by a reporter.

Thereupon the Committee agreed to adjourn and meet again on the morrow for the further consideration of the Bill, and adjourned accordingly.

Minutes confirmed.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1908.

Present: Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hogg, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Fowlds.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Hogben, Inspector-General of Schools, attended, and was examined by the Chairman and members in reference to various points raised by correspondents regarding the Bill.

And the taking of evidence having concluded for the day,

Clauses 3 to 9, inclusive, agreed to.

Thereupon the Committee agreed to adjourn and meet again on the morrow for the further consideration of the Bill, and adjourned accordingly.

Minutes confirmed.

THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1908.

Present: Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Buddo, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hogg, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Sidey, Hon. Mr. Fowlds.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee proceeded with the consideration of the Bill.

Clause 10.

On the motion of Mr. Buddo, *Resolved*, That the further consideration of clause 10 be postponed.

Clause 10 postponed accordingly.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12.

Amendment proposed, That all the subsections of the clause down to subsection 5 be struck out, with the view of inserting the following in lieu thereof:—