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FROZEN MEAT TRADE CONFERENCE

(REPORT OF THE), HELD AT THE ROOMS OF THE CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION, CHRISTCHURCH, ON THE 27th AND 28th JANUARY, 1910.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

THURSDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1910.

THE Conference met at 11 a.m.

Following is a list of those present: Messrs. Joseph Barugh (Auckland A. and P. Association), T. Mawson (Ashburton A. and P. Association), D. D. Macfarlane, A. Chamberlain, C. H. Ensor, J. D. Hall, G. Jameson, C. W. Reid, W. D. Stewart (Canterbury A. and P. Association), W. A. Banks (Hawarden A. and P. Association), H. D. Vavasour (Marlborough A. and P. Association and Farmers' Union), R. D. D. McLean (Napier A. and P. Association), W. R. May (Nelson A. and P. Association and Farmers' Union), C. W. Reid (North Otago A. and P. Association), J. Wyllie (Rangiora A. and P. Association), H. Elworthy and R. H. Rhodes (Timaru A. and P. Association), E. A. Campbell and A. Burnett (Wanganui A. and P. Association), Colonel A. Bell (Auckland Farmers' Union), W. D. Lysnar (Gisborne Farmers' Union), G. Sheat (North Canterbury Executive of Farmers' Union), Allen Orbell (Otago Farmers' Union), H. Acton Adams and T. E. L. Roberts (Scargill Farmers' Union), J. Talbot (South Canterbury Farmers' Union), J. McQueen (Southland Farmers' Union and Southland Frozen Meat Company), J. G. Wilson (Wellington Farmers' Union), H. Acton Adams, L. C. Gardiner, and George Gould (Canterbury Sheepowners' Union), Arthur E. G. Rhodes (New Zealand Shipping Company), Joseph Barugh and J. E. Makgill (Auckland Farmers' Freezing Company), M. C. Orbell (British New Zealand Meat Company), Messrs. F. de C. Malet and W. Murray (Christchurch Meat Company), W. H. Tripe (Gear Meat-preserving Company), C. A. De Lautour and W. F. Cederwall (Gisborne Sheep-farmers' Frozen Meat Company), W. S. Hampson (Nelson Frozen Meat Company), M. H. Tripe (Gear Meat-preserving Company and Wanganui Chamber of Commerce), W. G. Foster (Wellington Meat-export Company), A. H. Turnbull (Canterbury Chamber of Commerce), N. Kettle (Napieur Chamber of Commerce), H. D. Vavasour (Marlborough Chamber of Commerce), N. Kettle (Napieur Chamber of Commerce), J. P. Newman (South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce), N. Belph (New Zealand Farmers' Cooperative Association), E. G. Staveley (New Zeala

In opening the Conference, Mr. A. Chamberlain, President of the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association, said,—Gentlemen, the time has arrived to open this meeting, and the first business is the election of the Chairman; but before doing so, I should like, as one of the representatives of Christchurch, to give all the delegates a hearty welcome to Christchurch. I am very pleased indeed to see such a representative gathering. I now propose that Mr. D. D. Macfarlane be elected as our Chairman. He is the Chairman of the Colonial Conference of the Farmers' Union, and is, I think, a fit person to take the chairmanship of this meeting.

Mr. M. C. Orbell said he had much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. D. D. Macfarlane, in taking the chair, said,—"Gentlemen, I have to thank you for the honour you have done in electing me as Chairman, but I would very much rather have seen some one besides myself. However, I shall do my best to keep you in order. I have a stop-watch and

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