

The Clerk read an order of reference, dated Wednesday, 9th November, extending date of report and validating proceedings.

The Right Hon. Sir J G Ward moved, That the Flaxbourne resolution of the 8th November be rescinded, and that Mr Blomfield's evidence be continued this morning

*Resolved*, on the motion of Mr Massey, That the matter be held over

Mr Hine, M.P, with his counsel, Mr M. Myers, and Mr Henare Kaihau, M.P, with his counsel, Mr Skerrett, K.C. (with him Mr Sharp), attended.

(20.) Edward Clare Blomfield gave further evidence, and was examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee. Produced exhibit marked G 1

Mr M. Myers asked that Mr Griffin be called.

Strangers withdrew, and the Committee deliberated.

*Resolved*, on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward, That the allegation against Mr Kaihau, M.P, be proceeded with.

The Committee then adjourned.

MONDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

*Present* Mr Hanan (Chairman), Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Massey, Hon. Mr Millar, Mr Myers, Mr Reed, Right Hon. Sir J G. Ward.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk read correspondence marked 108 to 115, as follows:—

(108.) Letter from Mr Myers, dated 11th November

(109.) Telegram from Sir George Clifford, Bart., dated 13th November

(110.) Telegram from Mr Hemingway, dated 12th November

(111.) Telegram to Sir George Clifford, Bart., dated 12th November

(112.) Subpœna to attend and notice to produce to Keritoke te Ahu, dated 11th November

(113.) Subpœna to attend and notice to produce to Mr H. Otterson, dated 11th November

(114.) Notice to produce to Mr A. L. Wilson, dated 11th November

(115.) Notice to produce to Mr Paterson, dated 11th November

Mr M. Myers, counsel for Mr Hine, M.P, and Mr Henare Kaihau, M.P, with his counsel, Mr Skerrett, K.C. (with him Mr Sharp), attended.

(21.) William Henry Grace, licensed Native interpreter, Kihikihi, was sworn, and examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.

(22.) Thomas William Fisher, Under-Secretary, Native Department, Wellington, was sworn, and examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.

(23.) Robert Aimers Paterson, Chief Accountant, Lands Department, Wellington, was sworn, and examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee. Produced exhibit marked H 1

(24.) Henry Otterson, Clerk, House of Representatives, Wellington, was examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C, and the members of the Committee.

*Resolved*, on the motion of the Chairman, That, the hour of 1 p.m. having arrived, the Committee do now adjourn until 2.30 p.m. this day

The Committee adjourned accordingly

The Committee resumed at 2.30 p.m.

*Present* Mr Hanan (Chairman), Mr Allen, Mr Buchanan, Mr Fraser, Mr Massey, Hon. Mr Millar, Mr Myers, Mr Reed, and the Right Hon. Sir J G Ward.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain a plan from the Lands Department of the Te Akau Block, showing tribal boundaries which were altered from time to time by the Courts, and showing the dates on which the alterations took place.

(25.) Remana Nutana, aboriginal Native, of Auckland, was sworn, and examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.

Mr M. Myers stated that these were all the witnesses he wished to call in regard to allegation No. 6.

*Re* allegation No. 8:—

Agreed to proceed with allegation No. 8, but, owing to the absence of witnesses, agreed to proceed with allegation No. 7

*Re* allegation No. 7:—

Mr M. Myers, counsel for Mr Hine, M.P, and Mr Skerrett, K.C. (with him Mr Sharp), appeared on behalf of the Hon. Mr Thomas Kennedy Macdonald, M.L.C.

Mr M. Myers asked that Mr W E. Griffin be heard on Friday next.

Agreed to hold the matter over for deliberation.

*Resolved* at 4 p.m., on the motion of the Chairman, That the Committee adjourn for ten minutes.

The Committee resumed at 4.20 p.m.

(26.) John Douglas Ritchie, Land Purchase Officer, Wellington, was sworn. Produced departmental files, and was examined by Mr M. Myers, Mr Skerrett, K.C., and the members of the Committee.