

Mr. Steadman moved that the words " before any branch lines are undertaken " be struck out.

For the amendment : Messrs. Steadman and Evans.

Against : Messrs. Coom, Ronayne, Becroft, Stallworthy, and the Chairman.

The amendment was negatived, and the clause, as altered by Mr. Coom's amendment, was agreed to, Mr. Steadman dissenting.

The remainder of the report was agreed to, with amendments, and some new clauses were added.

The Commission resolved to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday to sign the report.

AUCKLAND, THURSDAY, 11TH MAY, 1911.

The final meeting of the Commission was held at 2 p.m.

Present : All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Commission considered its report as finally passed.

The report was adopted without further amendment, signed by all the members, and ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor as the report of the Commission.

It was resolved that the maps embodying certain information supplied by various Government departments be printed in the appendix to the report.

Mr. Steadman proposed, and Mr. Coom seconded, That the Auckland City Council be thanked for the use of the Council Chamber for the sittings of the Commission. Agreed to.

Mr. Evans moved, and Mr. Becroft seconded, That Mr. Robert McCarroll be thanked for the hospitality extended to the Commission during its stay at McCarroll's Gap. Agreed to.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ronayne, the Secretary was thanked for his services during the course of the Commission. The vote of thanks was accompanied by the presentation of a memento of the trip from all the members of the Commission, which Mr. Russell suitably acknowledged.

On the motion of Mr. Ronayne, it was resolved that the Chairman should convey to the Minister of Public Works, by letter, the Commission's appreciation of the manner in which the Secretary, Mr. Russell, and the official reporter, Mr. Thomson, had discharged their duties.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for the able manner in which he had presided over the meetings of the Commission, moved by Mr. Ronayne and seconded by Mr. Steadman, was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman, Mr. Vernon H. Reed, acknowledged the compliment.

The proceedings terminated at 3 p.m.

It was agreed that the Chairman sign the minutes of the final meeting.