

SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATION COMMISSION REPORT.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable John Poynder Dickson-Poynder, Baron Islington,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand
and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the members of the South Island Representation Commission appointed by Your Excellency on the 17th day of July, 1911, have the honour to report that we commenced our sittings on the 21st day of July last for the purpose of dividing the South Island into electoral districts.

Notice of the boundaries as provisionally fixed by us under the authority of our Commission was duly published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, and the objections and suggestions that were received were duly considered and dealt with by the Commissioners in the manner set forth in the attached Schedule. The Commission subsequently finally approved and confirmed the boundaries of the electoral districts, and now respectfully submit for Your Excellency's consideration the names and descriptions of the same, together with a map showing the actual and nominal populations respectively agreeing with the totals as allotted by the Joint Commission.

It was found that the boundaries of the Tuapeka and Taieri Electorates had to be so altered as to render either name unsuitable, and your Commission therefore decided to name the newly defined district "Otago Central," as better describing the same.

It was also decided, as the Geraldine Electorate has been altered so as to exclude Geraldine Town and most of the county, that the electorate shall be renamed "Temuka."

Given under our hands and seals, this sixteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

E. H. WILMOT, Chairman.	(L.S.)
T. N. BRODRICK.	(L.S.)
G. H. M. McCLURE.	(L.S.)
HARRY QUANE.	(L.S.)
CHAS. S. REEVES.	(L.S.)

SCHEDULE OF OBJECTIONS.

No.	Electoral District.	Objections or Suggestions.	Name and Address of Objector or Writer.	Decision of Commission.
1	Nelson ..	Protesting against any portion of the Sounds County being included in Nelson Electorate, as Nelson is an urban electorate	M. Greensill ..	Impracticable to alter proposed boundaries.
2	Grey ..	Suggesting that the following area be added to the Grey Electorate: "All that area commencing at the south-western corner of the Borough of Greymouth, thence towards the west by the sea to Nelson Creek, thence towards the south-west by Nelson Creek to the western boundary of Arnold Survey District, thence towards the east by the western boundary of Arnold Survey District to the Borough of Greymouth, thence towards the north-west and north-east by the said Borough of Greymouth to the place of commencement"	E. Elliott and 175 others	Suggestion disallowed
3	Westland ..	Protesting against Waiuta being included in the Westland Electorate	E. R. Gale and 110 others	Impracticable to alter proposed boundaries.
4	Hurunui ..	Objecting to the Cass Riding of the Tawera County being included in the Hurunui Electorate	D. D. Macfarlane ..	Cannot be given effect to.
5	Christchurch South	Suggesting that the whole of Spreydon Borough be included in Christchurch South Electoral District	John Hadfield ..	Impracticable to alter proposed boundaries.
6	Ashburton ..	Petition from the residents of Epworth and Waiapi districts, requesting that they be placed in the Geraldine Electorate	F. Green and 69 others	Ditto.
7	Geraldine ..	Objecting to the Geraldine District boundary extending too far south, and that the community of interest in the district is destroyed thereby	R. Banks, Clerk, Mackenzie County Council	Cannot be otherwise arranged.
8	..	Suggesting that the name Geraldine should be changed to either "Temūka" or "Gladstone"	T. Buxton, M.P. ..	Name "Temuka" adopted.
9	Waitaki ..	Forwarding copy of following resolution: "That this meeting emphatically protests against the proposed alteration of boundaries of the Waitaki Electorate"	F. J. Hitchins, Secretary, Independent Order of Oddfellows	Impracticable to alter proposed boundaries.
10	..	Writing on behalf of a large number of electors approving of the proposed Waitaki Electorate	J. A. Macpherson ..	Received.