

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1913.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. E. Newman (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Witty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Paper 127, Aggregation of Land.—Mr. John Strauchon, Under-Secretary for Crown Lands; Mr. T. N. Brodrick, Commissioner for Crown Lands, Wellington; and Mr. H. Lundius, Crown Lands Ranger, Wanganui, attended and gave evidence, which was taken down by a reporter.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Witty, That Mr. Hornblow, editor of the *Mangaweka Settler*, be asked to give evidence, and also be allowed to bring two other witnesses. (Mr. Anderson dissented.)

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1913.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. E. Newman (Chairman); Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Witty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Paper 127, Aggregation of Land.—The Committee proceeded to hear further evidence on this paper. Mr. R. E. Hornblow, journalist, Mangaweka, attended and gave evidence (which was taken down by a reporter), and was examined by members of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Witty, That Mr. D. Craig, Crown Lands Ranger, Taihape, be summoned to give evidence, and that the Under-Secretary for Crown Lands be also summoned.

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1913.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. E. Newman (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Witty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Paper 127, Aggregation of Land.—The Committee proceeded to hear further evidence on this paper. Mr. D. Craig, Crown Lands Ranger, Taihape, and Mr. John Strauchon, Under-Secretary for Crown Lands, attended and gave evidence (which was taken down by a reporter), and were also questioned by members of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Forbes, That the Lands Department be asked to furnish a report regarding the Mangahoe College leases.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. E. Newman, That the evidence taken in connection with this paper be printed.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1913.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. E. Newman (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Mr. Massey, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Statham, Hon. Mr. Buddo.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Paper 127, Aggregation of Land.—The Committee proceeded to hear further evidence on this paper. Mr. F. S. Pope, Secretary for Agriculture, attended and gave evidence (which was taken down by a reporter), and was also questioned by members of the Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1913.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. E. Newman (Chairman), Mr. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Buddo, Mr. Coates, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. T. W. Rhodes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. W. Smith, Mr. Statham.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Paper 127, Aggregation of Land.—The Committee deliberated.