

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1879.

THE Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present : Mr. Ballance, Mr. Bunny, Mr. Hislop, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Wright.

Order of reference, dated 22nd October, read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bunny, and seconded by Mr. Macandrew, and carried unanimously, That Mr. Ballance be appointed Chairman.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Macandrew, That Mr. George Hunter be summoned to attend the Committee at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 28th October, for the purpose of giving evidence; and that the Right Rev. the Bishop of Wellington and Mr. W. M. Bannatyne be invited to attend.

The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1879.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present : Mr. Ballance (Chairman), Mr. Bunny, Hon. Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Hislop, Mr. Macandrew, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, That Mr. H. C. Field, of Wanganui, be summoned by telegram to attend and give evidence before the Committee.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, That the Trustees be invited to attend, in order that they may, if desirous, ask questions, through the Chairman, of the witnesses giving evidence.

Mr. George Hunter attended and gave evidence. (*Vide Minutes of Evidence.*)

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Wellington attended by invitation.

The Committee then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1879.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present : Mr. Bain, Mr. Ballance (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Hislop, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Montgomery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Wellington and Mr. T. Bamber, Mayor of Wanganui, attended and gave evidence. (*Vide Minutes of Evidence.*)

The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present : Mr. Bain, Mr. Ballance (Chairman), Mr. Bunny, Hon. Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Hislop, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters dated the 30th and 31st October, and the 3rd November, from the Bishop of Wellington, were read and ordered to be received as evidence. (*Vide Appendix A.*)

Mr. H. C. Field and Mr. W. M. Bannatyne attended and gave evidence. (*Vide Minutes of Evidence.*)

The Committee then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present : Mr. Bain, Mr. Ballance (Chairman), Sir George Grey, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter dated November 5th, from the Bishop of Wellington, enclosing a statement to be appended to His Lordship's evidence, together with a rent roll of the Industrial School Estate, Wanganui, were, on the motion of Mr. Macandrew, taken as read, and ordered to be received as evidence. (*Vide Appendix B.*)

Sir George Grey, K.C.B., M.H.R., being in attendance, was examined. (*Vide Minutes of Evidence.*)

Mr. W. T. L. Travers, counsel for the Trustees of the Wanganui Endowed School, addressed the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present : Mr. Ballance (Chairman), Mr. Bowen, Mr. Bunny, Mr. Hislop, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter dated 7th November, 1879, from Mr. H. C. Field was read, and, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, was ordered to be received as evidence. (*Vide Appendix C.*)

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Rolleston, That the Committee do now adjourn until 11 a.m. on Monday, the 17th November, to give them time to consider certain proposals brought forward by the Chairman.

Then the Committee adjourned accordingly.