

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

THE Commission met at CANTERBURY COLLEGE, CHRISTCHURCH, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

*Present*: Professor Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich.

On the motion of Professor Shand, the chair was taken by Professor Sale.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July, 1879, were read and confirmed.

The Secretary laid on the table,—(1.) The Interim Report of the Commission, with Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence and Appendix, as printed by authority. (2.) Printed copy of draft Bill prepared by the Commission. (3.) Two volumes of collected Acts of the General Assembly and of other Parliamentary Papers relating to education in New Zealand, with maps, statistics of population, &c. (4.) Return of Educational Reserves as presented to both Houses of Parliament in the Second Session of 1879. (5.) Catalogue of Library of Otago Institute and Museum. (6.) Copy of despatch from the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor with regard to the petition of the University of Otago for a Royal Charter. (7.) Copy of letter from the Agent-General to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, announcing the transference of the Gilchrist Trust Scholarship by the Trustees from the Melbourne University to the University of New Zealand. (8.) Correspondence relating to proposals for the establishment of a School of Mines on the West Coast of the Middle Island, referred by the late Minister of Mines to the late Minister of Education, and by him to the Commission. (9.) Correspondence relating to proposals for the establishment of a School of Agriculture in the Provincial District of Auckland, referred by the Hon. the Minister of Education to the Commission. (10.) Copy of recent correspondence between the Government, the University of New Zealand, and the Civil Service Examination Board, relating to the Civil Service examinations. (11.) Letter from the Hon. the Minister of Education in reply to a letter from the Secretary introducing the draft Bill to the notice of the Government. (12.) Letter from Secretary to Education Department, Melbourne, in reply to a letter asking for information as to the provision made for secondary education in Victoria. (13.) Letter from the Chairman of Canterbury College, granting to the Commission the use of a room in the College for its meetings. (14.) Letter from Professor Hutton, referring to an objection which had been raised against a portion of the evidence given by him before the Commission.

On the motion of Professor Shand, *Resolved*, That the despatch relating to the petition of the Otago University be printed in the Appendix to the Report of the Commission.

On the motion of Professor Cook, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the proposals for the establishment of Schools of Mines and Agriculture be deferred.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Commission be tendered to the Chairman of Canterbury College for the arrangements made by him for the present meeting of the Commission.

On the motion of Professor Shand, *Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate by telegraph with the Chancellor of the University of Otago to ascertain—(1) Whether he desires to offer any remarks upon Professor Hutton's evidence; and (2) whether the Chancellor can appear before the Commission on the 26th or the 27th instant.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, *Resolved*, That the Hon. the Minister of Education be requested to give authority for the payment of a sum of £30 to Sir E. O. Gibbes for services rendered by him in searching for records of sums of money granted by the General or Provincial Governments in trust for educational purposes, and for making an index to the Interim Report.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on the following day at 11 o'clock a.m.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

The Commission met at 11 o'clock a.m.

*Present*: Professor Sale (in the chair), Professor Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), and Professors Shand and Ulrich.

The minutes of the meeting of the 24th November were read and confirmed.

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the University of Otago was read.

The Commission went into Committee to consider the order in which the various subjects to be dealt with in the Report should be discussed.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and leave given to sit again.

The Commission adjourned, to meet again at the same place on the following day at 11 o'clock a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1879.

The Commission met at 11 o'clock a.m.

*Present*: Professor Sale (in the chair), Professor Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), and Professors Shand and Ulrich.

The minutes of the meeting of the 25th November were read and confirmed.