

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at 11 a.m. at Canterbury College.

Present: Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Dr. Hector, Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Shand and Ulrich.

On the motion of Professor Ulrich, seconded by Professor Shand, Professor Cook took the chair.

The minutes of the Commission's last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Professor Shand, seconded by Professor Ulrich, *Resolved*, That Topic II. be postponed till Thursday, the 16th instant, at 11 a.m.

The Commission went into Committee to consider Topic III.—C.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

The Commission then adjourned, to meet in the same place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 15th instant.

THURSDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at 11 a.m. at Canterbury College.

Present: Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Dr. Hector, Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich.

On the motion of Dr. Macdonald, seconded by Professor Shand, Dr. Hector took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. De Montalk.

On the motion of the Rev. W. J. Habens, seconded by Professor Brown, *Resolved*, That Mr. De Montalk be informed that the evidence he proposes to furnish refers to matters upon which, at this late stage of its proceedings, the Commission is not able to examine witnesses.

The following papers were laid on the table:—(1.) Letter from the Acting-Secretary to Nelson College, stating that no attendance register was kept at the College, and promising to forward the annual report when ready. (2.) Letter from the Headmaster, Wanganui Industrial School, enclosing a copy of his annual report. (3.) Official Directory up to November, 1879, containing the names of cadets in the Government Survey Department, the total number employed being 49—viz., Chief Office, 1; Auckland, 4; Hawke's Bay, 4; Taranaki, 3; Wellington, 7; Nelson, 1; Westland, 2; Canterbury, 13; Otago, 10; Southland, 4.

On the motion of Professor Shand, the consideration of Topic II. was postponed until Friday afternoon, the 16th instant.

The Commission went into Committee to consider Topic V.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

The Commission adjourned, to meet at the same place on the 16th instant at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at Canterbury College at 11 a.m.

Present: Mr. C. C. Bowen, Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Dr. Hector, Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich.

On the motion of Professor Shand, seconded by Dr. Hector, Professor Sale took the chair.

The minutes of the Commission's last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary laid the following papers upon the table:—(1.) Letter from the Registrar, Supreme Court, Christchurch, stating that the articles of twenty-three clerks had been filed there since February, 1876. (2.) Government correspondence relating to the University reserve at Whakatane, and the Solicitor-General's opinion that the reserves cannot be dealt with without further legislation.

On the motion of Professor Brown, the Commission went into Committee to consider Topic III.—C.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

The Commission then went into Committee again to consider Topic II.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

The Commission adjourned, to meet again in the same place at 11 a.m. on the 17th instant.

SATURDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1880.

The Commission met at 11 a.m. at Canterbury College.

Present: Professors Brown and Cook, the Rev. W. J. Habens (Secretary), Dr. Hector, Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, Professors Sale, Shand, and Ulrich.

On the motion of Professor Sale, seconded by Dr. Macdonald, the Rev. W. E. Mulgan took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary laid on the table—(1.) Telegram stating thirty-six to be the average attendance at the evening classes connected with Auckland College and Grammar School; (2.) Telegrams from Registrars of Supreme Court, giving numbers of articulated clerks, as follow: Invercargill, 6; Dunedin, 27; Christchurch, 26; Hokitika, 4; New Plymouth, 2; Auckland, 18; Napier, 8; Wellington, 15; Nelson, 7; Blenheim, 0: total, 113.

On the motion of Professor Shand, seconded by Dr. Macdonald, *Resolved*, That circulars be sent to all civil engineers, architects, and surveyors whose names appear in the New Zealand Directory, asking whether they have articulated pupils or apprentices in their offices.

On the motion of Professor Ulrich, seconded by the Rev. W. J. Habens, the Commission went into Committee to consider Topic II.

The Commission having resumed, progress was reported, and the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

The Commission adjourned, to meet at the same place on Monday, 19th instant, at 11 a.m.