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NEW ZEALAND.

## LABOUR CONFERENCE

HELD AT WELLINGTON, OCTOBER, 1890 (REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS).

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

## DELEGATES.

*New Zealand Federated Wharf Labourers' Union.*—Mr. D. P. Fisher, Mr. P. Brown, Mr. R. Seymour.

*Mercantile Marine Officers' Association.*—Captain Highman, Mr. Cornish.

*Amalgamated Miners' and Labourers' Union.*—Mr. J. Lomas, Mr. Ansell.

*New Zealand Typographical Association.*—Mr. T. Mills, Mr. F. C. Millar.

*Wellington Trades and Labour Council.*—Mr. H. C. Jones, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Mudge, Mr. Avery, Mr. R. P. Johnson, Mr. J. Graham.

*Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.*—Mr. Winter, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Elvines.

*Canterbury Trades and Labour Council.*—Mr. Parker, Mr. Sandford.

*New Zealand Federated Wharf Carters', Expressmen's, and Storemen's Union.*—Mr. Williams, Mr. Dobson.

*Operative Bootmakers' Association, Dunedin.*—Mr. Tees.

*Operative Bootmakers' Association, Wellington.*—Mr. Browett.

*Federated Seamen's Union of New Zealand, Federated Stewards' and Cooks' Union of New Zealand, Auckland Trades and Labour Council.*—Mr. J. A. Millar.

*Greymouth Labour Union.*—Mr. Boase.

*Union Steamship Company, Northern Steamship Company.*—Hon. G. McLean.

## PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1890.

The Conference assembled at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Parliament Buildings, at Wellington.

*Present:* Mr. Ansell, Mr. Avery, Mr. Boase, Mr. Browett, Mr. P. Brown, Mr. Cornish, Mr. Dobson, Mr. Elvines, Mr. D. P. Fisher, Mr. J. Graham, Captain Highman, Mr. Hoban, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. R. P. Johnson, Mr. H. C. Jones, Mr. Lomas, Mr. Meyer, the Hon. G. McLean, Mr. J. A. Millar, Mr. F. C. Millar, Mr. T. Mills, Mr. Mudge, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sandford, Mr. R. Seymour, Mr. Tees, Mr. Williams, Mr. Winter.

*Resolved,* on the motion of the Hon. G. McLean, "That Mr. D. P. Fisher do take the chair."

*Resolved,* on the motion of Mr. Meyer, "That the representatives of the Press be admitted to the meetings of the Conference."

Mr. F. Waldegrave, the Secretary, brought up a list of the associations and unions which had been invited to take part in the Conference; also a list of those which had accepted the invitation, and those which had refused.

The Secretary also brought up the letters and telegrams from the various associations and unions in reply to the invitations extended to them to be represented at the Conference.

*Resolved,* on the motion of Mr. Winter, "That the Hon. the Premier be requested to invite the Railway Commissioners to attend the Conference, and to urge the Commissioners to accept such invitation."

The Chairman invited the Hon. G. McLean to address the Conference.

*Hon. Mr. McLean:* I have no objection whatever to commence this Conference, and to say that I am very glad of the opportunity of being here amongst you. With regard to this difficulty, I may say there never was a strike conducted with less irritation so far as those immediately interested are concerned. Personally, I have taken good care that nothing has fallen from me, or