

MONDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1897.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present* : Hon. R. Oliver (Chairman), Hon. F. Arkwright, Hon. J. Carroll, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. Graham, Hon. T. Kelly, Mr. Monk, Mr. Pere, Hon. J. Rigg, Hon. H. Scotland, Mr. Sligo, Hon. W. Swanson, Hon. H. K. Taiaroa, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A reporter was present, and took down the evidence in shorthand.

Mr. Sheridan, of the Native Land Office, made a statement, and was examined by the Committee.

Mr. Monk moved, That witnesses be allowed to be present to watch the proceedings.

On the question being put it was negatived.

The Committee adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1897.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present* : Hon. R. Oliver (Chairman), Hon. F. Arkwright, Hon. J. Carroll, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. Graham, Hon. Major Harris, Hon. T. Kelly, Mr. Monk, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Pere, Hon. J. Rigg, Hon. H. Scotland, Mr. Sligo, Hon. W. Swanson, Hon. H. K. Taiaroa, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A reporter was in attendance, and took down the evidence in shorthand.

The Hon. W. C. Smith, M.L.C., made a statement, and was examined.

Aporo te Kumeroa gave evidence, Mr. Barclay interpreting.

Letters to the Chairman from Messrs. Morison and Loughnan were read, asking that they might be allowed to watch the proceedings on behalf of Mr. Pharazyn, and to be heard on behalf of Messrs. Rathbone and Matthews.

*Resolved*, That these applications be not entertained.

The Committee adjourned till Thursday, 25th November, at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present* : Hon. R. Oliver (Chairman), Hon. F. Arkwright, Hon. J. Carroll, Mr. Carson, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. Graham, Hon. Major Harris, Hon. T. Kelly, Mr. Monk, Mr. Morrison, Hon. J. Rigg, Hon. H. Scotland, Mr. Sligo, Hon. W. Swanson, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. H. K. Taiaroa, Hon. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

*Resolved*, on the motion of the Hon. T. Kelly, That the Committee at its rising adjourn till Monday next at 10.30 a.m.

A reporter was present and took down the evidence in shorthand.

Niniwa Heremaia gave evidence, Mr. Hadfield interpreting, after which the Committee adjourned.

MONDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present* : Hon. R. Oliver (Chairman), Hon. F. Arkwright, Hon. J. Carroll, Mr. Carson, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. Graham, Hon. Major Harris, Hon. T. Kelly, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. Monk, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Pere, Hon. J. Rigg, Hon. H. Scotland, Mr. Sligo, Hon. W. Swanson, Hon. H. K. Taiaroa, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A reporter was present and took down the evidence in shorthand.

Mr. Charles Pharazyn was examined.

*Resolved*, on the motion of the Hon. T. Kelly, to adjourn till Thursday, at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present* : Hon. R. Oliver (Chairman), Hon. F. Arkwright, Hon. J. Carroll, Mr. Carson, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. Graham, Hon. Major Harris, Hon. T. Kelly, Mr. R. McKenzie, Mr. Monk, Hon. J. Rigg, Hon. H. Scotland, Mr. Sligo, Hon. W. Swanson, Hon. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A reporter was present and took down the evidence in shorthand.

Mr. H. Stratton Izard, Solicitor, Greytown North, was examined.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1897.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

*Present* : Hon. R. Oliver (Chairman), Hon. J. Carroll, Mr. Carson, Mr. Duncan, Hon. Dr. Grace, Mr. Graham, Hon. T. Kelly, Mr. Monk, Hon. J. Rigg, Hon. H. Scotland, Hon. W. Swanson, Mr. J. W. Thomson, Hon. W. C. Walker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A reporter was present and took down the evidence in shorthand.

Mr. Hone Heke, M.H.R., was examined.

The Committee adjourned till Monday, 6th December, at 11 a.m.