

Alexander Young, labourer; Thomas O'Grady, sergeant of police; William Smythe, Oamaru, baker; William Cross, salesman, Oamaru; John Barclay, stonemason, Oamaru; Michael Madden, police-constable, Oamaru; Patrick Cotter, police-constable, Oamaru; Thomas Mayne, plain-clothes constable, Oamaru; Edmund Charles Trehey, constable, Oamaru; Michael Greene, constable, Oamaru; and George Will, grocer, Oamaru.

At 6 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned until 9.30 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1898.

The Commission sat at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

Present: Messrs. Wardell, Poynton, and Colonel Pitt.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., were in attendance.

Mrs. Simpson being too ill to attend at the Courthouse, the Commissioners visited her residence with a view to taking her evidence on Mr. Taylor's charge. Finding her physically unfit to undergo examination, nothing was done, and no other evidence was offered.

Complaint of Mr. Taylor—charge against Sergeant O'Grady:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter: James Houston Milligan, grocer, Oamaru; James Allen, carpenter, Oamaru; Hugh McLaren, contractor, Oamaru; William Smythe (recalled); Elizabeth Ellen Dudeney (made declaration in lieu of oath); William Christie, constable, Oamaru; Hugh McLaren, lamplighter, Oamaru; Thomas O'Grady, sergeant of police, Oamaru; Thomas Broham, Inspector of Police, Christchurch; James Craig, timber merchant; Heber Newton, barrister, Oamaru; Henry Hawthorne Grant Ralfe, Clerk of Court, Oamaru; Thomas Young Duncan, M.H.R.; Terence O'Brien, detective, Dunedin; Henry Aitken, J.P., Mayor of Oamaru; Thomas Young Duncan, M.H.R. (recalled).

Sale of liquor within prohibited hours at Waimate:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter: William McLeod, butcher, Waimate; George Johnston, groom, Waimate; Lawrence Thynne, groom, Waimate; Edward Sole, cook, Bluecliffs, near Waimate; Charles Hobbs, road-foreman, County Council, Waimate; Walter Foster Finn, clerk, Waimate; Geoffrey Selwyn Matthias, bank agent, Union Bank of Australia, Waimate; Frank Henry Parker, police-constable, Waimate; John Manchester, general storekeeper, Waimate.

This concluded the sitting at Oamaru, and at 4 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, at Timaru.

TIMARU.

SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1898.

The Commission opened its proceedings for public business at the Courthouse, Timaru, on Saturday, the 16th April, 1898, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Present: Messrs. Wardell, Poynton, and Colonel Pitt.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Suggestions:—A telegram was received from Constable Dougan, of Temuka, stating that Constable Barrett, who had written suggestions, and who was summoned to attend to-day, was too ill to leave Temuka. Thomas Livingstone, detective, in temporary charge of police-station, Timaru, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Charge against Constable Mullaney:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter, viz.: Martha Gilmour, wife of Adam Orr Gilmour, hotelkeeper, Fairlie's Creek; Margaret Jane Hamilton, wife of James Hamilton, carpenter, Fairlie's Creek; Adam Orr Gilmour, hotelkeeper, Fairlie's Creek; Ellen Gilmour, daughter of Adam Orr Gilmour; William James Comrie, Presbyterian minister, Fairlie's Creek; Francis Robert Gillingham, farmer, J.P., Fairlie's district; and Allen Hugh McLean, J.P., farmer, Fairlie's Creek.

Suggestions:—Charles Fraser, sergeant of police, Timaru, in charge of district, but at present on leave of absence, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Frank Stanley Parker, constable, Waimate, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Suggestions:—John Joseph Weathered, constable, Timaru, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Inspection of quarters:—At 2 o'clock p.m. the Commission inspected the men on parade, and they were addressed by the Chairman. The Commissioners then inspected the police quarters and offices, and examined the official books in use.

Upon resuming,

The Rev. William Gillies, Presbyterian clergyman, stationed at Timaru, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint:—Robert Crawford, mounted constable, Timaru, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Rev. William Gillies attended, and gave further evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Colonel Hume (called by Constable Weathered) attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

At 4 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned until Monday next, at 10 o'clock, at Christchurch.