

Ex-Inspector Buckley's request *re* Constable Pratt's evidence:—The following witnesses attended, and each being sworn gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter: Peter Pender, Inspector of Police, Wellington; Arthur Hobbins Wright, Sergeant of Police, Wellington; Arthur Hume, ex-Commissioner of Police.

Delegates' Suggestions:—The following witnesses attended, and each being sworn gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter, viz.: Alfred Hammond, constable, Wellington, and Allan Cameron, constable, Wellington.

Complaint:—Alfred Hammond, constable, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

*Re* Mrs. Thompson's Evidence concerning Assault by Policeman at Christchurch:—William Thomas Mason, Sergeant of Police, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Suggestions:—John O'Donovan, Sergeant of Police, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Constable Jeffries' Complaint:—Arthur Hume, ex-Commissioner of Police, attended, and was cross-examined by Mr. McNab, solicitor, and his evidence was taken down by the reporter.

Charges against Constable O'Rourke by Francis Rumsey:—Francis Rumsey, wood-splitter, Otaki, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter. Constable O'Rourke was informed that as part of the charges against him referred to matters connected with his duties when acting for the Public Trustee, the Commission would not go into them. He, however, specially requested that the matter should be gone into, as Rumsey had been injuring his character by showing a copy of the letter making the charges to the people about Otaki.

At 5.30 p.m. the Commission adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

#### FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1898.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock a.m.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

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

Complaint of Constable Jeffries:—Mr. McNab, solicitor, appeared for Constable Jeffries. James O'Malley, Sergeant of Police, Masterton, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of Francis Rumsey against Constable T. O'Rourke:—Timothy O'Rourke, constable at Otaki, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of John Gillespie:—The following witnesses attended, and each being sworn gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter, viz.: John Gillespie, constable, Wellington; Arthur Hume, ex-Commissioner of Police; and William Thomas Mason, Sergeant-Major of Police, Wellington. In reference to the complaint of Constable Gillespie, the Commission decided that all matters which had previously been inquired into by Mr. Haselden, S.M., were excluded from the scope of the present inquiry. At the request of Constable Gillespie he was granted permission to appear by counsel when the Commission would sit at Palmerston North, to argue the point.

Suggestions:—Correction of Former Evidence:—John Jackson Johnston, constable, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of Constable Brophy:—Colonel Arthur Hume attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Suggestions:—John Bennett Tunbridge, Commissioner of Police, attended, and, being reminded he was still on his former oath, gave evidence on examination by Mr. Taylor, and the same was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of Constables Brophy and McDonnell (Westport):—Colonel Arthur Hume attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of Constable Harris (Westport):—John Bennett Tunbridge, Commissioner of Police, Wellington, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Resolution:—It was intimated that, at the close of the present sitting at Wellington, no more evidence would be taken upon the return of the Commission to Wellington, except the evidence of the Premier and the Minister of Defence and such other evidence as the Commissioners may deem it necessary to call.

At 5 o'clock p.m. the Commission adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

#### SATURDAY, 21ST MAY, 1898.

The Commission sat at 10 o'clock a.m.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Arthur Hume, ex-Commissioner of Police, attended, was sworn, and gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter, and produced papers relating to the complaints and evi-