

Complaint of Rev. F. W. Isitt's charges:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., William Alfred Bayley, detective, Auckland; Martin Grace, chief detective, Auckland; Peter Thomas McMahon, detective, Auckland; William Maddern, detective, Auckland; William Murray, sergeant of police, Tauranga, and formerly of Rotorua; Gabriel Elliott, Wesleyan Home missionary, Kaihu; James Alexander Mathew, constable, Auckland; Michael Gaffney, constable, Auckland; Abraham Bowden, cab-proprietor, Auckland; William Joseph Napier, solicitor, Auckland; George Goldie, Sanitary Inspector, Auckland; Samuel Dawson Hanna, manager, Auckland Freezing Company; Alexander Alison, manager, Ferry Company, Auckland; John McEffer Shera, sharebroker, Auckland; Laura Francis, deaconess of an unsectarian order, Door of Hope Rescue Home; Charlotte Sparks, widow, adjutant, Salvation Army, and in charge of Rescue Home, Grey Street, Auckland; and the Rev. William James Williams, Wesleyan minister, Auckland.

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

FRIDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1898.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and the Rev. F. W. Isitt were in attendance.

Complaint of the Rev. F. W. Isitt:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., Lizzie Porter, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, Auckland; James Hickson, Inspector of Police, Auckland; Thomas Gresham, barrister and solicitor, and Coroner at Te Awamutu; the Right Rev. George Michael Lenihan, D.D., Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland (made affirmation in lieu of oath); Patrick Herbert, detective, Thames; Frank Lawry, M.H.B., Parnell; and John Bennett Tunbridge, Commissioner of Police.

Case of Matthew O'Brien, constable:—John Joseph Reynolds, J.P., Helensville, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

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

SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1898.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and the Rev. F. W. Isitt were in attendance.

Complaint of Mrs. Maria Smith:—Thomas Harrison Smith, constable, Auckland, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Complaint of the Rev. F. W. Isitt:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., Hubert Ferguson, Inspector of Factories, Auckland; William Thomas Jennings, M.L.C., Auckland.

At 6.30 p.m. the Commission adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

MONDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1898.

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Colonel Hume, Mr. Tunbridge, and Rev. F. W. Isitt were in attendance.

Complaint of the Rev. F. W. Isitt:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., Henry William Northcroft, S.M., Wanganui; James McCrea Brigham, secretary and treasurer, Auckland Harbour Board, Auckland.

General efficiency of the Force:—The following witnesses attended, and, each being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter—viz., Edwin Harrow, farmer, Lake Takapuna; James Hickson, Inspector of Police, Auckland; and John Bennett Tunbridge, Commissioner of Police.

Complaint of John Dean against Sergeant Greene, Onehunga:—Bernard Greene, sergeant of police, Onehunga, attended, and, being sworn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

There being no further evidence forthcoming, the proceedings of the Commission at Auckland were closed, and the Commission adjourned until Wednesday next, at 10.30 o'clock, at New Plymouth.