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REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

APPOINTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL ON THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1947, TO INQUIRE INTO AND REPORT UPON MATTERS CONCERNING THE FIRE AT THE PREMISES OF MESSRS. J. BALLANTYNE AND CO., LTD., CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH, ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1947.

Presented to Both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

Royal Commission to Inquire into and Report upon Matters concerning the Fire at the Premises of Messrs. J. Ballantyne and Company, Limited, City of Christchurch, on the 18th day of November, 1947

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith :

To our Trusty and Well-beloved the HONOURABLE SIR HAROLD FEATHERSTON JOHNSTON, King's Counsel, of Wellington, a past Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand ; ALEXANDER WELLINGTON CROSKERY, Esquire, of Wellington, Secretary ; ARTHUR JAMES DICKSON, Esquire, B.E., A.M.I.C.E., M.N.Z.I.E., M.R.San.I., of Auckland, City Engineer ; and CHARLES ALEXANDER WOOLLEY, Esquire, of Wellington, Fire-brigade Superintendent : GREETING.

WHEREAS on the eighteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, a disastrous fire occurred at the premises of Messrs. J. Ballantyne and Company, Limited, situated in Colombo and Cashel Streets, in the City of Christchurch :