

mittee such of its powers as may be deemed to be expedient." This was accepted by Mr. Norris, and Mr. Milligan withdrew his amendment.—Carried on the voices.

Motion No. 21. Mr. J. G. Wilson (Palmerston North Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) moved, and Mr. Williams (Waipatu Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That, in lieu of the power of veto that is contained in the proposed Bill, the Inspector-General shall *ex officio* be member of all Boards in the Dominion."—Withdrawn.

Motion No. 22. Mr. Kirk (Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) moved, "That, in lieu of the provision giving the Minister power to veto any appointment, the following provision be made: 'That no appointment of a medical officer or matron shall be made until the expiration of twenty-one days after the Minister shall have been notified of the intention to make such appointment.'—Carried: For, 50; against, 14.

The voting was as follows:—

*Ayes*.—Separate institutions, hospitals: Northern Wairoa, Mercury Bay, Wellington, South Wairarapa, Masterton, Grey River, Reefton, Westland, Oamaru, Dunedin, Cromwell, Naseby, Wakatipu, Southland. Hospital Boards: Coromandel, Patea, Wanganui, Wairarapa, Ashburton, Otago. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: North Auckland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Waipatu, Cook, Waikato, Taranaki, Palmerston North, Picton, Wairau, Nelson, Buller, Grey, Westland, Waitaki, Maniototo, Southland. Separate institutions, charitable aid: Wairarapa North Benevolent Society; Wellington Benevolent Institution; St. Andrew's Orphanage, Nelson; Reefton Ladies' Benevolent Society; Hokitika Benevolent Society; Samaritan Home, Christchurch; North Otago Benevolent Society; Otago Benevolent Institution. Charitable Aid Boards: Thames and Coromandel, Patea and Wanganui, Wellington and Wairarapa, Ashburton and North Canterbury, Otago and Tuapeka.

*Noes*.—Separate institutions, hospitals: Waihi, Dannevirke, Napier, Charleston, Kumara, Waimate, Wallace and Fiord. Hospital Boards: Wellington, Hawke's Bay, North Canterbury. Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards: Waihi, Hawera, Stratford, South Canterbury, Wallace and Fiord. Charitable Aid Boards: Hawke's Bay United.

Motion No. 23. Mr. J. P. Luke (Wellington District Hospital Board) moved, and Mr. Tapley (Otago United Charitable Aid Board) seconded, "That as long as the Government contribute the same amount of subsidy as at present they be represented by one or not more than two members on each Board."—Lost on the voices.

The Chairman ruled that, as regards the proposed alterations of the boundaries of the districts, he would take separately, district by district, the opinions of the delegates of districts affected regarding their proposed district.

No objection was raised in the case of the proposed districts of North Auckland, Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Palmerston North, South Canterbury, and Waitaki; the Waikato delegates also raised no objections to their district, providing outlying portions such as Waitomo and Taupo could be cut off and formed into a separate district when population increases to a sufficient extent. Objections were raised to the amalgamation of Thames with Coromandel; Cook with Waipatu; Taranaki with Stratford and Hawera (Taranaki agreeing, the two latter objecting): Patea objected to be united with Wanganui: objection was taken to the amalgamation of Wellington and Wairarapa; of Marlborough with Picton; of Grey, Inangahua, Buller, and Westland; of North Canterbury with Ashburton; of Otago with Central Otago; and of Southland with Wallace and Fiord.

The Inspector-General made appointments to meet the dissenting Boards to discuss their objections.

The following committee was set up to discuss the agenda paper, with a view to recommending on the following morning the remits which should be taken by the Conference for discussion: Messrs. J. P. Luke, Gallaway, Kirk, Norris, Scantlebury.

The Chairman conveyed from the Chairman of the Wellington Hospital Trustees an invitation to the delegates to visit that institution.

The Conference adjourned till 10 a.m. Thursday.

#### THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1908.

The Conference met at 10 a.m.

The Committee set up to consider the agenda paper recommended that the following remits be struck out: Nos. 1, 5 to 34, 36 to 44, 75, 78 to 80, 82, 91, 92, 96 to 103, 106 to 126, 129 to 142, 159, 160, and 165; and, on the supplementary order-paper, Nos. 3A, 14A to 32A, 39A, 65A, 80A, 105A, 107A, 108A to 122B, 133A, 140A, 161B, 161C, 164C, as the Committee were of opinion that the principles contained therein had either been discussed at the previous sittings of the Conference or were matters of detail that could well be left to the Department and Crown Law Draftsman.

The Committee recommended that the procedure be to take the remits remaining, and to discuss the clauses of the Bill to which they refer.—Agreed to.

Remit No. 2. *St. Andrew's Orphanage*.—Interpretation, section 2, line 20: The words "one pound" be struck out, and the words "five shillings" inserted. Section 51, line 19: The words "one pound" be struck out, and the words "five shillings" be inserted. Section 56, line 9: After the word "of" strike out the words "one pound," and insert the words "five shillings."

Motion No. 24. Mr. L. J. Bagnall (Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board) moved, and Mr. O'Bryan (Mercury Bay Hospital Trustees) seconded, "That the word 'ten' be inserted in lieu of the word 'five,' where occurring in the above."—Lost on the voices.