

AGENDA PAPER .

FOR CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND CHARITABLE AID BOARDS AND TRUSTEES OF SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS ACT; TO BE HELD IN THE SYDNEY STREET SCHOOLROOM, WELLINGTON; ON TUESDAY, THE 9TH JUNE, 1908, AT 10 A.M.

SCHEDULE OF REMITS.

FROM BOARDS AND TRUSTEES WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AMENDING BILL.

VERBAL ALTERATIONS.

1. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board*.—Section 30c: It is suggested the subclauses in question be worded "Contributions from local authorities." The revenue derived from this source is in no sense a "grant" (which implies a voluntary contribution or donation), and the term is certainly misused in this case.

DEFINITION OF "CONTRIBUTOR."

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."

3. *Oamaru Hospital Trustees*.—Section 2, clause 2, to be altered to read, "'Contributor' means a person who in any district subscribes not less than five shillings per annum, or twenty pounds in one donation, towards the funds of an institution, or for the purposes of charitable aid within such district."

DISTRICTS.

INCLUSION OF TOWN DISTRICTS IN COUNTY.

4. *Ashburton Hospital Board*.—The words "and town districts" be inserted after the word "borough" in the first line of clause 4, subsection (1).

ALTERATION OF PRESENT DISTRICTS.

5. *Reefton Hospital*.—That the Trustees protest against the splitting-up of the present hospital and charitable-aid districts.

6. *Inangahua Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—The Board protests against the combined district, and desires to remain a separate district under the Act.

7. *Patea District Hospital Board*.—That this Board is strongly of opinion that section 3 should be deleted, and that the districts remain as at present under local control.

8. *Stratford District Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—Similar to above.

9. *Coromandel Hospital Trustees*.—That this county should be declared a separate district—viz., as Coromandel.

10. *Wairarapa District Hospital Board*.—Sections 3-5: That the strongest possible objection be taken to the proposal to unite the Wairarapa with the Wellington Hospital District, on the ground that, if given effect to, the liability of the present Wairarapa Hospital District for hospital maintenance will be nearly doubled. It is recognised, however, that probably through seaborne traffic the chief ports of the Dominion are entitled to some special provision to meet the cost of dealing with what may be designated as foreign cases. This provision should be made out of the Consolidated Fund—not drawn from the country districts in the vicinity of the ports.

11. *Ashburton Hospital Board*.—That in the opinion of this Board Ashburton County and Borough, including the two Town Boards, should remain a hospital district, as at present. That the County of Ashburton and borough, including the Town Districts of Hamstead and Tinwald, be a separate charitable-aid district to be worked in accordance with the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Bill. That the word "Ashburton" in the second line of the First Schedule, mentioned in description of North Canterbury, be struck out.

12. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees*.—That, under clause 5, (1), in view of the special conditions existing on the West Coast, geographical and otherwise, the existing boundaries of the charitable-aid districts should not be altered.

13. *Westland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board and Westland Hospital Trustees*.—That the proposed divisions of districts in the First Schedule of the Bill are too extensive, and in particular the District of Westland is too large, the several centres being too scattered to allow of that community of interest which is necessary in the efficient control and management of the numerous institutions throughout the district.

14. *Picton Hospital and Charitable Aid Board*.—Hospital district: This Board does not approve of the Wairau and Picton Districts being merged into one, and desires the same to remain as at present.