

Re allegation No. 8 :—

(46.) Henare Kaihau, member of Parliament for the Western Maori District, was sworn, and examined, through Mr Barclay, Native interpreter, by Mr Skerrett, K.C.

Resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, That, the hour of 1 p.m. having arrived, the Committee do now adjourn until 2.30 p.m. this day

The Committee adjourned accordingly

The Committee resumed at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Graham, Mr. Massey, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

(46.) Henare Kaihau, further examined by Mr Skerrett, K.C., Mr. M. Myers, and the members of the Committee.

Mr Skerrett stated that these were all the witnesses he desired to call.

Re allegation No. 7 :—

(47.) Frederick William Flanagan, Valuer General, Wellington, recalled, sworn, and examined by the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward and the members of the Committee.

(48.) James McKerrow, late Chairman of the Land Purchase Board, Wellington, was sworn, and examined by the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward and the members of the Committee.

(49.) Alexander Lorimer Wilson, auctioneer, Wellington, was recalled, sworn, and examined by the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, members of the Committee, and Mr. M. Myers.

(50.) John George Findlay, barrister and solicitor, Wellington, was sworn, and examined by the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, members of the Committee, Mr. Skerrett, K.C., and Mr. M. Myers.

The Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward gave notice that he wished to call Mr. Andrews, Secretary to Cabinet, and Mr. A. Barron, late Land Purchase Officer, on Tuesday, the 22nd November

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fraser, That, the hour of 6 p.m. having arrived, the Committee do now adjourn.

The Committee adjourned accordingly

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1910

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Graham, Mr. Massey, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Hine, M.P., with his counsel, Mr. M. Myers, and Mr. Skerrett, K.C. (with him Mr. Sharp), attended.

Re allegation No. 7 :—

The Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward handed in exhibit marked W 1.

(51.) James Frank Andrews, Secretary to Cabinet, Wellington, was sworn, and examined by the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, and handed in exhibit marked X 1

This concluded all the evidence. Strangers withdrew, and the Committee deliberated.

Resolved, on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, That witnesses be informed that if their evidence is not returned to-day the evidence will be printed without it.

Resolved, on the motion of the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, That, as the evidence cannot be printed until to-morrow, the Committee do now adjourn until 10.30 on Wednesday next.

The Committee adjourned accordingly

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1910.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Graham, Mr. Massey, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Chairman read a draft report, with a statement of the evidence and his finding as Chairman, *re* the following allegations: Nos. 2, 3, and 8.

Agreed, that copies be prepared and circulated amongst the members of the Committee for perusal.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fraser, to adjourn until 9.30 p.m. this evening.

The Committee adjourned accordingly

The Committee resumed at 9.30 p.m. in the Prime Minister's room.

Present Mr. Hanan (Chairman), Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Graham, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Myers, Mr. Reed, and the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward.

The Clerk read the Chairman's draft report, with a statement of the evidence and his finding as Chairman *re* the following allegations: Nos. 1, 6, and 7

Resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, to adjourn until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 24th November next.

The Committee adjourned accordingly