

THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1911.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Jennings (Chairman), Hon. Sir James Carroll, Mr. Dive, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Herries, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Mander, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. Parata, Mr. Seddon, Dr. Te Rangihiroa.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr. Dalziell (of Findlay, Dalziell, and Co.) requesting to be allowed to attend and cross-examine any witnesses who may comment upon the acts of any member of his firm in the matter.

Resolved, That Mr. Dalziell be informed that he may attend and deal with any statement made concerning his firm.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Herries, that copies be obtained from Land Transfer Office of all transactions in connection herewith.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Sir James Carroll, That the Press be requested to report evidence only.

Mr. Massey then attended, and the representatives of the Press were admitted.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Press to the resolution passed with reference to their reports.

Mr. Massey requested, on behalf of Mr. Joshua Jones, that the latter should be admitted while evidence was being given.

The request was granted.

Mr. Massey then called Mr. Francis Henry Dillon Bell, solicitor, Wellington, who was sworn, and made a statement, and was questioned by members of the Committee and by Mr. Massey and Mr. Dalziell, and handed in exhibits numbered 9, 10, 11, and 12.

The Chairman announced that the inquiry would be resumed on Wednesday next, the 30th August, at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1911.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Jennings (Chairman), Hon. Sir James Carroll, Mr. Dive, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Herries, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. Parata, Mr. Seddon, Mr. Mander, Dr. Te Rangihiroa.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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The following correspondence was read by the Clerk: Letter from Mr. Joshua Jones; telegram from Mr. Herrman Lewis; letter from Mr. F. H. D. Bell; letter from Mr. Joshua Jones; letter from Assistant Land Registrar, New Plymouth, enclosing copy of registers.

Resolved, That, in accordance with a request in Mr. Bell's letter, he be allowed to strike out a certain passage given in his evidence.

Resolved, That as Mr. Joshua Jones has refused to sign the copy of his evidence submitted to him, it be printed without his signature.

Mr. Massey then attended, and the representatives of the Press were admitted.

Mr. Dalziell and Mr. Joshua Jones also attended.

Mr. Tuiti Macdonald was called and sworn, and made a statement, and was questioned by members of the Committee and by Mr. Massey, and produced exhibit numbered 13.

The Committee then adjourned until Thursday, the 31st day of August at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1911.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Jennings (Chairman), Hon. Sir James Carroll, Mr. Dive, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Herries, Mr. Mander, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. Parata, Mr. Seddon, Dr. Te Rangihiroa.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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Mr. Massey attended, and the representatives of the Press were admitted.

Mr. Dalziell and Mr. Joshua Jones also attended.

Mr. Greenslade drew the attention of Mr. Massey and the Committee to a report of a statement made by Mr. Massey to a representative of the *New Zealand Herald* and published in that paper on the 29th August, and commented upon it.

Mr. Walter Harry Bowler, President of the Waikato-Maniapoto Maori Land Board, was called and sworn, and gave evidence in reply to questions by Mr. Massey and members of the Committee, and produced exhibits numbered 14 to 27, both inclusive.

The examination of Mr. Bowler had not been completed when the Committee adjourned until Friday, the 1st September, at 11 a.m.