

Thursday, 30th May, 1912.

The Commission met at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Dr. McArthur, S.M., and William Kerr, Esq., S.M. Messrs. Welsh, Bell, and Zachariah were also in attendance.

The following witnesses were called by Mr. Bell, and gave evidence on oath. They were cross-examined by Mr. Welsh, the evidence being taken down by the reporter: Waata Wiremu Hipango, Ratana Hupa, Tamati Whanganui, Eriwata Pumipi, Tonga Awhikau, Tinirau Ariki, and Nga Rewarewa.

At 4.30 o'clock the Commission adjourned till next day.

Friday, 31st May, 1912.

The Commission met at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Dr. McArthur, S.M., and William Kerr, Esq., S.M. Messrs. Welsh, Bell, and Zachariah were also in attendance.

Mr. Bell called the following witnesses, who gave evidence on oath, being cross-examined by Mr. Welsh: Ratamae Ore and Maui Pomare, M.P.

The Commission adjourned at 4.30 p.m. till 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th June.

Tuesday, 4th June, 1912.

The Commission met at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Dr. McArthur, S.M., and William Kerr, Esq., S.M. T. W. Fisher, Esq. (Under-Secretary for Native Affairs), was present at the request of the Commissioners. Messrs. Welsh, Bell, and Zachariah were also in attendance.

Mr. Bell called the following witnesses, who gave evidence on oath, and were cross-examined by Mr. Welsh; the evidence being taken down by the reporter: Rev. Haddon and T. W. Fisher.

This closed the evidence on behalf of the Native owners.

Mr. Bell then addressed the Commissioners, outlining the evidence brought forward, and Mr. Welsh replied on behalf of the lessees.

At 5 p.m. the Commission adjourned till next day.

Wednesday, 5th June, 1912.

The Commissioners met at the Courthouse at 10 a.m.

Present: Dr. McArthur, S.M., and William Kerr, Esq., S.M. T. W. Fisher, Esq., was also in attendance.

Mr. Zachariah was present at the request of the Commissioners, and produced Public Trust Office files.

Thursday, 6th June, 1912.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

Present: Dr. McArthur, S.M., and William Kerr, Esq., S.M.

The Commissioners were engaged during the day perusing official documents and exhibits.

Friday, 7th; Saturday, 8th; Sunday, 9th; Monday, 10th June, 1912.

Dr. McArthur was engaged during these days at Hawera examining files and drafting report, Mr. Kerr having left for Wanganui.

WELLINGTON.

Friday, 14th; Saturday, 15th; Sunday, 16th; Monday, 17th; Wednesday, 19th June, 1912

Dr. McArthur was engaged during these days at Wellington drafting report.

Thursday, 20th June, 1912.

The Commission sat at the Courthouse at 10 a.m.

Present: Dr. McArthur, S.M., and William Kerr, Esq., S.M.

The Commissioners were engaged all day and evening in connection with preparation of report.

Friday, 21st June, 1912.

The Commission sat at 10 a.m.

Present: Dr. McArthur, S.M., and William Kerr, Esq., S.M.

The Commissioners were engaged perusing typewritten draft of report.

Saturday, 22nd June, 1912.

The Commissioners met at 10 a.m.

A further draft of report having been prepared, the Commissioners were engaged in perusing same.

Sunday, 23rd June, 1912.

The Commissioners met at 4 p.m., when final report was prepared and signed by Commissioners.

Monday, 24th June, 1912.

The Commissioners met at 10 a.m., when report was forwarded to the Hon. the Native Minister for transmission to His Excellency the Governor.

This concluded the proceedings of the Commission.