

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1913.

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

Present: Mr. Buick (Chairman), Mr. Dickson, Mr. Hine, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Witty, Hon. Mr. Herries.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

New Lynn Railway Accident Inquiry.—Mr. J. Bollard attended and discussed with the Committee the question of calling witness.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Herries, That only six persons outside of the Department be called as witnesses.

Resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Herries, That the inquiry be strictly limited to the causes of the accident.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1913.

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

Present: Mr. Buick (Chairman), Mr. Dickson, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Witty, Hon. Mr. Herries.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. T. Ronayne, General Manager, New Zealand Railways, was in attendance.

New Lynn Railway Accident Inquiry.—Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Dickson, That the six witnesses to be heard *re* above inquiry, a representative of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, and a representative of the New Zealand Locomotive Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association, be notified that they be permitted to attend meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 10 a.m.

The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1913.

The Committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Buick (Chairman), Mr. Dickson, Mr. Hine, Mr. Myers, Mr. Sidey, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Witty, Hon. Mr. Herries.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

New Lynn Railway Accident Inquiry.—Mr. Ronayne and Mr. McVilly, Railways Department, attended.

Resolved, on motion of Hon. Mr. Herries, That the Press be admitted.

Resolved, That the evidence tendered by the different witnesses be given on oath.

Mr. J. Bollard, who presented the petition, was present.

The following witnesses, called by the petitioner, were present: Archibald Grandison, John Francis McDermott, Henry Green, Walter White, and Hopkins Thomas.

The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was represented by Mr. M. J. Mack, and the New Zealand Locomotive Engine-drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association was represented by Mr. S. Kennedy.

The Chairman administered the oath to the different witnesses during to-day's sitting of the Committee.

John Francis McDermott, news hand, of Kingsland, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Archibald Grandison, contractor, New Lynn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

Henry Green, labourer, of New Lynn, gave evidence, which was taken down by the reporter.

The witness had not completed his statement when the Committee adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1913.

The Committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Buick (Chairman), Mr. Dickson, Mr. Hine, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Witty, Hon. Mr. Herries.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Ronayne and Mr. McVilly, Railways Department, attended.

All parties interested again attended.

Henry Green, labourer, New Lynn, completed his statement, which was taken down by the reporter.

The Chairman administered the oath to the different witnesses during to-day's sitting of the Committee.