

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

REGINALD PALMER GREVILLE,
 RODNEY COATES,
 FRANCIS LAWRENCE GRIBBIN,
 ERNEST JOHN NICCOL,
 JOHN NICHOLSON,
 FREDERICK PALLISER WORLEY, and
 MONTAGUE HARRISON WYNYARD,

to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the above matters generally, and in particular to inquire into and report upon—

- (1.) The present export trade in kauri-gum, and especially in respect to the particular grades of gum exported, the countries to which it is exported, and the industrial uses to which kauri-gum is put.
- (2.) Whether it is advisable that there should be a standard grading of kauri-gum for export, and whether the State should control the entire export.
- (3.) The present methods of recovering kauri-gum from the gum-bearing soils, and how they may be improved.
- (4.) To what extent operations have progressed with regard to the extraction of oils and other valuable products from the kauri peat swamps, and what are the best means of advancing the development of this industry.
- (5.) The durability of kauri swamp timber, and its value for fencing, building, and other purposes.
- (6.) The best means of treating the kauri-gum lands for settlement purposes generally, and the suitability of such lands for setting apart for occupation under the provisions of section 11 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1919.
- (7.) All aspects of the question with regard to the issue of licenses under the Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1908.
- (8.) The best means of preventing damage to kauri-gum lands by fires.
- (9.) The advisability of establishing a laboratory for research in connection with kauri-gum and its products, including kauri peat.
- (10.) Whether or not any special taxation for the benefit of the local bodies in kauri-gum districts should be placed on kauri-gum production by way of royalty or otherwise.
- (11.) If the Commission is of opinion that the imposition of such royalty or taxation is advisable, what is a fair and equitable royalty or tax to fix, and in what manner should it be apportioned.
- (12.) Whether it is advisable, in the event of the Commission recommending the imposition of such royalty or taxation, to apply part of the revenue so raised to research work in connection with the kauri-gum industry.

And, with the like advice and consent, I do further appoint you,

REGINALD PALMER GREVILLE,

to be Chairman of the said Commission.

And you are hereby authorized to conduct any inquiries under these presents at such times and places as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and examine on oath (or otherwise) such persons as you think capable of affording you information as to the matters aforesaid, and to call for and examine all such documents as you deem likely to afford you information on any such matters.

And, using all due diligence, you are required to report to me, under your hands and seals, not later than the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, your opinion on the aforesaid matters.