

nine hundred and thirty, your opinion as to the aforesaid matter: And whereas it is expedient to extend the time within which you were required to report as aforesaid in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, 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 extend the time within which you are required to report to me under your hands and seals your opinion on the matter specified in the said Warrant dated the sixteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty, to the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

And with the like advice and consent, and in further pursuance of the said power and authority, I do hereby confirm the said Commission as further extended by these presents.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this 1st day of September, 1930.

Approved in Council.

HARRY ATMORE,
For Prime Minister.

[L.S.] A. W. MULLIGAN,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

REPORT.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles, Baron Bledisloe, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Your Commission commenced sitting in Wellington on the 24th June, 1930, and heard evidence until the 31st July inclusive, and then proceeded to Auckland, evidence being taken there from the 1st to the 5th August inclusive. On the 6th August your Commission returned to Wellington and heard evidence until the 12th idem, when they proceeded to Christchurch and Dunedin. Evidence was taken at the latter city from the 13th to 16th August inclusive, and at Christchurch on the 18th and 19th August, returning to Wellington on the 20th idem.

The hearing of evidence was completed on the 26th August, and your Commission then carefully reviewed all evidence, both oral and written, placed before it.

During the visits to the respective cities, the following places were visited:—

- Railway Workshop, Otahuhu.
- Locomotive Running-repair Depot, Auckland.
- New station, Auckland.
- City Booking-offices (3), Auckland.
- Stores Depot, Newmarket.
- Railway Workshop, Hutt.
- Stores Depot, Hutt.
- Locomotive Depot, Wellington.
- Railway Workshop, Addington.
- Stores Depot, Addington.