

Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, do hereby appoint you, the said

JOHN STRAUCHON,
DANIEL HENDERSON LUSK, and
ALBERT BRUCE

to be a Commission for the purpose of inquiring by all lawful means into the question of administration and disposal of the said land and timber, and for that purpose to inspect such portions, if any, of the land and forests belonging to the Crown situated within the Hauraki Mining District and Te Aroha Township as you may deem desirable, and to report—

- (1.) Whether the past administration of timber areas under the provisions of the Mining Act and the regulations thereunder has been in the best interests of the State.
- (2.) Whether the existing dual control of the same by the Mining Warden and the Land Board should be abolished, and whether the Land Board of the district should alone deal with all applications for the sale of timber.
- (3.) Whether it is desirable to continue the existing classification of timber areas as (a) Warden's timber areas, and (b) Land Board's timber areas.
- (4.) Whether the existing tenures under which land in the Hauraki Mining District and Te Aroha Township can be occupied are satisfactory and in the best interests of settlement.
- (5.) To what extent, if any, it is desirable to amend the said tenures, having due regard to mining and other interests.
- (6.) Whether the holders of leases or licenses from the Crown in Te Aroha Township should be enabled to acquire the freehold thereof, and, if so, on what terms and conditions.

- (7.) To what extent the provisions of and the regulations under the Mining Act, 1908, the Land Act, 1908, or any other enactment of the General Assembly relating to the disposal of timber and occupation of land within such mining district should be amended.

For the purpose of your inquiry you are hereby authorized and empowered to have before you and examine all books, papers, documents, or writings you deem necessary, and examine on oath, or otherwise as allowed by law, all witnesses or other persons whom you think capable of affording you any information in the premises. The said JOHN STRAUCHON shall be your Chairman, and you are hereby empowered or directed to conduct your inquiry in such a manner, and at such times, and with such adjournments as you think fit. And using all diligence you are hereby required to report to me under your hand the result of your inquiry, with any recommendations you think fit to make in the premises, on or before the thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Approved in Executive Council.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Additional Regulations made by the Public Service Commissioner for Draughtsmen's Examination.

IN pursuance and exercise of the authority conferred on him by the Public Service Act, 1912 (hereinafter called "the said Act"), the Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor in Council, doth hereby make the additional regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto with respect to the examination of draughtsmen for a certificate of competency.

Such additional regulations shall have effect from and after the date of publication thereof in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

DRAUGHTSMEN'S EXAMINATION, LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

1. An examination for a certificate of competency as a draughtsman shall be held at such times and places as may from time to time be appointed by the Commissioner.
2. The Examiner or Examiners shall be such officer or officers of the Lands and Survey Department as the Commissioner shall from time to time determine.
3. Each candidate for examination must comply with the following conditions:—
 - (a.) He must be an officer of the Public Service; and
 - (b.) Have been engaged for not less than four years on draughting and computation work; or not less than ten years on draughting-work.
4. The following shall be the requirements and scope of the examination and the maximum marks assigned to the several subjects:—
 - (A.) At the examination each candidate shall produce—
 - (1.) A trig. map drawn by himself, according to regulations, on a scale of 40 chains to the inch, and covering not less than twenty-five square miles of country.
 - (2.) A topographical map, drawn according to regulations, covering not less than twenty-five square miles of country.