

with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and establish a Board to be known as the National Efficiency Board, and do hereby appoint—

WILLIAM FERGUSON, Esquire, of Wellington;

THOMAS MOSS, Esquire, of Eketahuna;

JAMES HENRY GUNSON, Esquire, of Auckland;

JAMES ARTHUR FROSTICK, Esquire, of Christchurch; and

WILLIAM DUFFUS HUNT, Esquire, of Dunedin,

to hold office during my pleasure as the members of that Board, and do hereby appoint the said WILLIAM FERGUSON as the Chairman of the said Board; and do hereby appoint and constitute the members of the said Board to be jointly and severally a Commission for the following purposes, namely:—

(1.) To inquire as to what industries or occupations in New Zealand may be properly regarded as wholly or in part essential or as not essential for the public welfare.

(2.) To inquire as to what restrictions, modifications, or extensions should be adopted in or in connection with any such industry or occupation so as to secure greater economy and efficiency therein.

(3.) To inquire as to the classes and quantity of labour necessary for the maintenance and regulation of any industry or occupation, whether essential for the public welfare or not.

(4.) To inquire as to the classes and quantity of labour available for the maintenance and regulation of any such industry or occupation, and as to how, in respect of essential industries and occupations, such labour may best be obtained, due regard being had to the interests of other established industries and occupations.

(5.) To inquire as to the advisability of employing women in suitable industries or occupations; as to the extent to which it is practicable or desirable to employ women in lieu of men; and as to what extent women are available for employment in such industries or occupations.

(6.) (a.) With reference to the men employed in essential industries or occupations, or in any essential industry or occupation, to ascertain from time to time what proportion of such men is liable for military service, and what proportion is not so liable; with reference to the men who are liable for military service, to ascertain from time to time, so far as possible, the number of men who are medically unfit for military service, the number of men who have been exempted on appeal to a Military Service Board, and the number still liable for service, distinguishing in the last case between men in the First Division and men in the Second Division of the Reserve.

(b.) To ascertain so far as possible the number and class of men employed in partially essential or non-essential industries, and not liable for military service, who may be available (if required) for transfer to any essential industry or occupation.

(7.) To inquire as to the best methods to be adopted for the employment in essential industries or occupations, or otherwise, of persons of military age who are unfit for military service.

(8.) To inquire as to the advisability and best methods of organizing the labour available for essential or other industries or occupations in New Zealand or in any part thereof, with a view to securing the highest efficiency with economy.

(9.) To inquire as to the use or as to the advisability of using any class of machinery, tools, or appliances in any particular industry or industries, with a view to efficient and economic production.

(10.) To inquire as to any restriction, either organized or otherwise, that may be alleged to exist to the detriment of the public welfare, in any trade, service, industry, or occupation.

(11.) With respect to industries where the raw materials used therein are wholly or in substantial part produced in New Zealand, to inquire as to the best methods to be adopted for the production and preparation of such raw materials; and with respect to any raw materials not indigenous to New Zealand, to inquire as to the best methods for the treatment of such materials in New Zealand.

(12.) To inquire generally as to any matters relating to or for promoting efficiency of production.

(13.) To inquire as to the statistics of New Zealand and other countries with respect to the condition of employment (including hours of labour and rates of wages), and with respect to the output and production in connection with any industry or industries.

(14.) To inquire as to the desirability of limiting or prohibiting the exportation of any materials.

(15.) To inquire as to the desirability of restricting or prohibiting the manufacture, import, transport, sale, or use of any article that is not essential to the public welfare.