

(16.) To inquire as to the desirability of restricting or stopping the execution of public works, whether under the control of the Government or of any local authority.

(17.) To inquire as to the desirability of restricting or stopping any form of public transit not essential to the public welfare.

(18.) To inquire as to the desirability of restricting or stopping any form of amusement not essential to the public welfare.

(19.) To inquire as to any rules or regulations made by any employers or association of employers, or any workers or association of workers, with a view to ascertaining whether such rules or regulations, in so far as they affect any trade, industry, or occupation, place any restriction detrimental to the public welfare upon efficient and economical production.

(20.) To inquire as to the necessity or advisability and the best methods of carrying on or disposing of the farms or other businesses of men engaged in military service.

(21.) To inquire as to the advisability of adopting improved methods for the instruction and technical training of workers with a view to securing more efficient service, and generally as to the necessity for further technical education and for scientific research with respect to the maintenance, development, or establishment of industries.

(22.) To inquire as to the advisability of establishing new industries in New Zealand, or of developing existing industries, whether during or after the war.

(23.) To inquire as to the best methods of insuring the employment in suitable capacities of returned soldiers.

(24.) To inquire as to the necessity or otherwise of modifying or suspending any of the provisions of any award of the Court of Arbitration, or of any industrial agreement, or of any rules of a trade-union or other association, so as to permit of returned soldiers who may be partially disabled being suitably employed and remunerated.

(25.) To inquire as to what measures may be necessary or advisable with a view to promote thrift and to discourage luxury.

(26.) Generally, and without restricting any of the special powers conferred by the foregoing provisions, to inquire as to the advisability of the exercise of any powers conferred on the Governor or the Governor in Council, or on any Minister of the Crown, by the Regulation of Trade and Commerce Act, 1914, and its amendments, or by the War Regulations Act, 1914, and its amendments, or by any other Act passed or that may be hereafter passed having reference to the war or to conditions created thereby.

(27.) In pursuance of any such inquiry from time to time to report to and advise the Government as to any of the matters aforesaid or in any way related thereto.

And I hereby declare and direct, with the advice and consent of the said Executive Council, that every member of the said Board shall possess and may exercise either separately or jointly with any one or more of the others of them all the powers and authorities conferred upon a Commission by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and by these presents, in the same manner as if each of them had been separately appointed a Commission by these presents, and may summon witnesses and hear evidence accordingly; save that every report made in pursuance of these presents shall be made by the Chairman of the Board, notwithstanding the fact that the inquiry on which the report is based may have been held before one or more of the members separately.

And I do further declare, with the like advice and consent, that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

And I do further declare, with the like advice and consent, that these presents shall continue in full force and effect although the inquiries of the Board are not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment; and, for the better enabling the Board to carry these presents into effect, the members thereof are hereby jointly and severally authorized and empowered to make inquiries under these presents at such times and places in the said Dominion as they may deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as they may think fit, and to call before them and examine on oath (or otherwise as may be allowed by law) such persons as they may think capable of affording them information in the premises; and the said members are also jointly and severally empowered to call for and examine all such documents as they may deem likely to afford them information on the subject-matter under inquiry, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever; and, using all diligence, they are required to report to me under their hands from