

of the Mining Act, 1908, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby appoint

JOHN HEARSEY SALMON, Esq.,

to be a Warden, to hold and exercise the duties of such office under and subject to the provisions of the said Act during pleasure, on and from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Commission to inquire into and report as to a System of Canals and Inland Waterways and other Transport Improvements in the Auckland District.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to WILLIAM FERGUSON, Esquire, of Wellington, Civil Engineer; JAMES BEGG, Esquire, of Dunedin, Farmer; and ASHLEY HUNTER, Esquire, of Auckland, Civil Engineer: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is expedient that inquiry should be made into the necessity or expediency of having a system of canals and inland waterways and otherwise improving the means of transport in the Auckland District:

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 William Ferguson, James Begg, and Ashley Hunter to be a Commission to inquire into and report as to the establishment of a system of canals and inland waterways, and otherwise improving the means of transport, in the Auckland District, and with special reference to the following matters:—

- (1.) What should be the route or routes of one or more canals.
- (2.) The dimensions of these canals and the class of vessels to navigate them.
- (3.) The character and quantity of probable traffic thereon and the revenue to be derived therefrom.
- (4.) The estimated cost of works considered necessary.
- (5.) The working-expenses of these canals, including maintenance, interest, and sinking fund.
- (6.) What effect the construction of a canal or canals will have upon the revenue of the Government Railways.
- (7.) The contingent works necessary to enable the canals to be fully developed and used, such as roads, railways, wharves, and stores.
- (8.) As to the form of control or management of any such works as the Commission may recommend.
- (9.) As to the finance, construction, and maintenance thereof.
- (10.) As to whether any concession should be granted by the General Government or local governing authorities.
- (11.) As to whether the adjacent districts should be subject to rating to provide a guarantee for loans which might be necessary to provide funds for construction purposes, and as to whether those districts should be rated to provide for losses in working.
- (12.) As to the effect which the construction of canals or the improvement of existing waterways from a traffic point of view may have upon the drainage of any existing swamp lands and on lands adjacent thereto.
- (13.) The improvement of the navigation of the Waikato River and its tributaries, the effect on such rivers and on the adjacent swamp lands of the improvement works proposed or already executed by the Waikato River Board, and generally as to the navigation of those rivers.
- (14.) Whether a bridge should be constructed across Waitemata Harbour to connect the City of Auckland with the northern districts.

And generally to inquire into and report upon such other matters arising thereout as may come under your notice in the course of your inquiries and which you consider require to be investigated in connection therewith.

And, with the like advice and consent, I do further appoint you the said WILLIAM FERGUSON to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And, for the better enabling you the said Commission to carry these presents into effect, you are hereby authorized and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under

these presents at such times and places in the said Dominion 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 as may be allowed by law, such person or persons as you think capable of affording you information in the premises; and you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such books, papers, plans, writings, documents, or records as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject-matters of the inquiry hereby directed to be made, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all lawful means whatsoever.

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

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you.

And it is hereby declared that these presents shall continue in full force and virtue although the inquiry is not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment.

And, lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

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 8th day of December, 1920.

W. H. HERRIES, Minister of Marine.

Approved in Council.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Appointing Members of the Patea Harbour Board.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

WHEREAS it is provided by the eleventh section of the Harbours Amendment Act, 1910, that if any constituent district or combined district fails at any election to elect the required number of representatives the Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand, appoint such qualified persons as he thinks fit to be the representatives of that district in lieu of those who ought to have been elected, and the persons so appointed shall hold office in all respects as if they had been duly elected in conformity with the said Act: And whereas three members of the Patea Harbour Board should have been elected by the electors of the Otoia, Waverley, and Hawera Subdivisions of the Patea Harbour District: And whereas each of the Otoia, Waverley, and Hawera Subdivisions of the Patea Harbour District failed to elect a member:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the hereinbefore-recited power and authority, doth hereby appoint

ALFRED PEARCE,
JOHN VERRY, and
JAMES RANDALL CORRIGAN

to be members of the Patea Harbour Board, as representatives of the electors of the Otoia, Waverley, and Hawera Subdivisions of the Patea Harbour District respectively, to fill the vacancies caused by the before-mentioned failure to elect.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 11th day of December, 1920.

W. NOSWORTHY,
For Minister of Marine.

Subsidies to Public Libraries in Country Districts.

Education Department,
Wellington, 30th October, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of £3,000 has been voted by Parliament for distribution to public libraries in country districts.

The distribution will take place about the 1st March, 1921, and no claim will be entitled to consideration that is not sent