

and it is desirable to ascertain the best route for such railway from a point near Te Tio northwards :

And whereas it is also desirable to ascertain the best route for connecting the existing Kaihu Valley Railway with the North Auckland Main Trunk Railway as authorized by various Railways Authorization Acts :

Now, therefore, know ye that I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, reposing trust and confidence in your knowledge, integrity, and ability, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, constitute and appoint you the said WILLIAM FERGUSON, JOHN BIRD HINE, and JAMES BEGG to be a Commission for the purpose of making inquiry into the matters following, that is to say :—

(1.) To inquire into and ascertain the best route along which the North Auckland Main Trunk Railway from Te Tio northwards should be constructed in the interests of the community as a whole, giving due consideration to the development of settlement, engineering questions, and the volume and direction of traffic.

(2.) To inquire into and to ascertain the best route along which a railway connecting the Kaihu Valley Railway with the North Auckland Main Trunk Railway should be constructed in the interests of settlement, and giving due consideration to engineering questions and the volume and direction of traffic.

(3.) To inquire into and to ascertain with what port or ports the North Auckland Main Trunk Railway northwards of Te Tio should be connected, and the extent to which such railway should now be constructed in the interests of settlement.

(4.) And, generally, to make inquiry into any matter or thing which arises out of or is connected with the subjects of inquiry hereinbefore mentioned, or which in your opinion may be of assistance in fully ascertaining, explaining, and arriving at a fair and just conclusion in respect of the subjects of inquiry.

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

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect you are hereby empowered and authorized to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents, and at such place or places in the said Dominion as you may deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and from 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 may think capable of affording you any information in the premises; and you are also hereby empowered to call for and examine all such books, documents, papers, maps, plans, accounts, or records as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this Commission, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever. And, using all diligence, you are required to report to me under your hands and seals your opinion resulting from the said inquiry in respect of the several matters and things inquired into by you, or by virtue of these presents, not later than the thirty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, with power to certify unto me from time to time your several proceedings in respect of any of the matters aforesaid, if it may seem expedient for you to do so.

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 adjournments.

And it is hereby 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 26th day of October, 1920.

J. G. COATES, Minister of Public Works.

Issued in Executive Council.

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

Shorthand Reporter appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 26th October, 1920.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

ADELA COMPTON

to be a Shorthand Reporter under the Shorthand Reporters Act 1908.

E. P. LEE, Minister of Justice.

Stipendiary Magistrate appointed.

Department of Justice,
Wellington, 27th October, 1920.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES RUTHERFORD ORR WALKER, Esq.,

Barrister-at-law, to be a Stipendiary Magistrate to exercise criminal and civil jurisdiction within New Zealand; the appointment to take effect on and from the 27th day of October, 1920.

E. P. LEE, Minister of Justice.

Members of the Board of Governors of the New Zealand Institute appointed.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 26th October, 1920.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

Dr. CHARLES CHILTON and
CHARLES ALFRED EWEN, Esq.,

to be members of the Board of Governors of the New Zealand Institute, as constituted by the New Zealand Institute Act, 1908.

G. JAS. ANDERSON,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Rangers under the Animals Protection Act appointed for Wellington Acclimatization District.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 26th October, 1920.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint

HERBERT WALTER MARTYN-ROBERTS, of Waingawa;
COLIN CAMERON HOLMES, of Manakau;
ERNEST JAMES CASON WIFFIN, of Wellington;
JOHN STUART FLEMING, of Wellington;
JOHN BRASSELL, of Lower Hutt;
LYALL POWELL, of Wellington;
LEONARD OWEN HOWARD TRIPP, of Wellington;
SIDNEY GEORGE NATHAN, of Wellington;
ARTHUR JAMES SEED, of Wellington;
WILLIAM WAKEMAN, of Pahiatua; and
JOSEPH FRANK DYER, of Wellington,

Rangers under the Animals Protection Act, 1908, for the Wellington Acclimatization District.

G. JAS. ANDERSON,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Member of Clutha River Board appointed.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington 21st October, 1920.

IT is hereby notified that the Bruce County Council has appointed

JAMES HYSLOP, Esq., of Greenfield,

to be a member of the Clutha River Board, under the Clutha River Board Empowering Act 1898 Amendment Act, 1900, *vice* John Begg, deceased.

J. HISLOP, Under-Secretary.

Registrars of Births, &c., appointed.

Office of Public Service Commissioner,
Wellington, 21st October, 1920.

THE Public Service Commissioner has made the following appointments in the Public Service :—

(Mrs.) ANNIE LOUISA BAILLIE

to be Registrar of Births and Deaths, and Vaccination Inspector, for the district of Wellington (at Kaiwarawara), as from the 4th October, 1920.

HENRY JOSEPH PEARSE

to be Registrar of Births and Deaths, and Vaccination Inspector, for the district of Tirau (at Putaruru), as from the 13th October, 1920.

HUBERT BARR AIBEY

to be Registrar of Births and Deaths of Maoris, and Vaccination Inspector, at Te Pupuke, as from the 1st October, 1920.

A. C. TURNBULL, Secretary.