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[SECOND SESSION.]

T A S M A N I A .

CAMPBELL TOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Brought up by Mr. Horne, and ordered by the House to be printed, 4 August, 1863.



REPORT from the Select Committee on the Claim made by the Grammar School Committee of Campbell Town to have Fifty-four Acres of the Lands of that Township granted to them; with power to send for Persons and Papers.

TUESDAY, 14 JULY, 1863.

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the Claim made by the Grammar School Committee of Campbell Town to have Fifty-four Acres of the Lands of that Township granted to them; with power to send for Persons and Papers.

Resolved, That the following be the Members of the Committee—

MR. HORNE.
MR. HODGSON,
MR. LETTE.
MR. DAVIES,

MR. WALKER.
MR. MURRAY.
MR. ALLISON (*Mover*.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY, 1863.

The Committee met at 11 A.M., and elected Mr. Horne as Chairman.

Members present—Mr. Horne, Mr. Murray, Mr. Lette, Mr. Allison.

TUESDAY, 28 JULY, 1863.

The Committee met at 11 A.M.

Members present—Mr. Allison, Mr. Davies, Mr. Horne.

FRIDAY, 31 JULY, 1863.

The Committee met at 11 A.M.

Members present—Mr. Horne, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Allison.

TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1863.

The Committee met at 11:35 A.M.

Members present—Mr. Horne, Mr. Davies, Mr. Lette, Mr. Murray, Mr. Allison.

R E P O R T.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Claim of the Grammar School Committee of Campbell Town to have Fifty-four Acres of Land in that Township granted to them.

It appears to your Committee that the first application for this Land was made on the 17th November, 1862; and that that application is made, and proceeds, upon an erroneous basis,—that is to say, an exchange by the Trustees of the Grammar School of the Fifty-four Acres in question for Fourteen Acres of Land appropriated to the Church for the last Twenty-five years with the Church Trustees.

It appears from the Evidence before your Committee, and the Report of the Surveyor-General laid upon the Table of your Honorable House on the 14th July, 1863, that Sir W. Denison, in 1853, consented to a Reserve of the Land lying in the Suburbs of Campbell Town for a Collegiate or Scholastic Institution, upon the same terms and conditions as were imposed upon the Hutchins School and High School Establishments in Hobart Town.

That neither for the Fourteen Acres nor the Fifty-four Acres has any Grant been issued.

That the Trustees of the original Grammar School, for whom the Reserve was made, have never attempted to fulfil the conditions on which the Reserve was made.

That, instead of fulfilling these conditions, they purchased the Assembly Rooms in Campbell Town, and established a School there, and thus claim the Church Land as a play-ground for that School.

That a majority of those who subscribed for the purchase of the Assembly Rooms are opposed to this exchange.

Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion that the Institution contemplated in 1853 has long since failed, and become effete; that it would be injudicious in the Executive to part with the Land of the Church; that the Fifty-four Acres of Land proposed to be taken in exchange by the Church Trustees is now the property of the Crown, unincumbered by any reservation whatever, to be dealt with under the Lands Act; and that the alienation of this Land to the Church Trustees would be really injurious to the people of Campbell Town.

THOMAS HORNE, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 4 August, 1863.