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PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XI.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to a Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 17th August, 1859.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fooks, Hall, Harman, Higgins, Lockhart, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Ward, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“I have to congratulate you to-day on meeting for the first time in a Chamber which is not unworthy of the Legislative Council of the Province. The convenience of the Legislature, as well as of the whole Public Service, is consulted by the proximity of the different Departments of the Government within the Building in which we are now assembled, and which is progressing fast towards completion.

“The business of the Session, as heretofore, will comprise the consideration of such matters only as come within the proper constitutional range of your functions, namely, the framing of such Laws as are indispensable to the profitable working of Local Institutions, and necessary to promote the highest development of local material resources. And as the principles governing the various proposals I have to lay before you are not new to this Council, I trust that you will have but little difficulty in arranging the several systems under which those principles shall be effectively assorted.

“In considering some of the Measures which I shall send down for your acceptance, reference must be had to the fact that growth of wealth and population necessarily bring with them a demand for more perfect social organization, which in its turn inevitably entails increased expenditure, and an enquiry as to how funds to meet that expenditure shall be provided.

“I shall submit to you a Bill for the establishment of Municipal Institutions, which has for its object the better regulation of towns in populous districts within the Province.

“Your acceptance or rejection of this Measure will, for the present, determine whether the cost of the maintenance of Public Works within the boundaries of towns, shall be charged upon the Common Revenues of the Province, or be mainly provided by the Inhabitants of towns themselves. In the course of your deliberations on this very important matter, I would have you observe that the towns have grown to a magnitude that precludes any further postponement of

Measures to secure, at any rate, the public health. With you now rests the grave responsibility of deciding whether the improvements I suggest are actually necessary or not, and if you decide affirmatively, you will then have to weigh the propriety of charging the expense of those improvements mainly upon those for whose use and benefit they are principally intended.

“The principle governing most of the other Bills that will be brought to your notice you have, in your Legislative capacity, already affirmed, and I have taken care to submit no business except what I have found during the recess, and by previous experience, to deserve immediate attention.

“The Waste Land Regulations, which have been duly published pursuant to the ‘Waste Lands Act of 1854,’ are not intended to effect any alteration of the Waste Land System of this Province, but as the ‘Waste Lands Act of 1858’ has not been assented to by Her Majesty, I propose to secure the system at present obtaining, in its unaltered shape, by complying with the ‘Waste Lands Act’ of 1854, which is now the general Land Law of the Colony.

“By the Returns that are to be laid before you will be exhibited the amount of Revenue resulting from the Sale of Waste Lands of the Crown during the past financial year, which amount is considerably in excess of the sum I estimated during your last Session.

“I have reason to hope that an increase of Land Revenue, proportionate to the expansion of commerce and growth of population, will be realised during the current year. But the land sales will necessarily very much depend upon the facilities which may be at the disposal of Government for the purpose of opening up the unsold portion of the public estate. No Capitalists will be found to purchase land at the present rate unless there exists a reasonable prospect of such purchase being presently a remunerative investment; and although we may calculate on large land sales for the next two or three years around the now settled districts, it would be perfectly idle to propose selling the far outlying lands for merely pastoral occupation. The great inducement to the useful Settler is a present return for the money invested. The Land Survey Maps of the Province disclose the fact that a great proportion of the best land within a convenient distance of markets is already sold. The remainder of the adjacent country will probably find Purchasers within the next two years. It will then become absolutely necessary either to stop Public Works, and make other remarkable and inconvenient retrenchments of Government expenditure, or to supplement a deficient Revenue by taxation. Both these evils may be averted for many years by a timely adoption of some means of equalising the value of agricultural lands throughout the Province, and this can only be effected by means of a thoroughly efficient road system. Ordinary cart roads between the places of production and export of agricultural produce, although adapted to the convenient working of farms at short distances from the market, would not (for perfectly obvious reasons) be any great advantage to the Agriculturist whose lands lay a day’s journey or more from the Consumers’ depôt. So soon, therefore, as the lands within a comparatively limited area have been sold, it does not appear probable that the demand for agricultural land will continue in quantity sufficient to supply the proportion which the present proceeds of land sales bear to the gross Provincial Revenue. It must also be borne in mind that a sufficient quantity of land available for agricultural purposes will be required by the rapidly increasing population of the Province, and that this land must be brought within a reasonable proximity to a paying market. Contemplating the great damage that would result to the Province either by a diminution of Revenue or the adoption of a paralysing system of taxation to supply deficiencies consequent on a falling off in the Land Sales, I have projected a scheme by which I conceive it practicable to furnish a thoroughly efficient system of Railways throughout the most valuable portions of the Province, bringing the remotest agricultural lands into practically inexpensive communication with our Seaport Town, and so giving that immediate guarantee of highly profitable occupation which is the strongest incentive to purchase waste land, and without which incentive we cannot look for any appreciable proceeds from the sale of widely outlying districts, however excellent the soil.

“ I have not yet received from our English Agent the Report of the Commission appointed, pursuant to your Resolutions of last Session, to enquire into the question of Communication between the Port and the Plains. I shall, however, cause to be laid before you, Copies of all Correspondence that has transpired on the subject, from which you will gather that the Commissioners are in communication with one of the first Engineers of the day, whose opinion, together with the Report of the Commissioners, I expect to receive by the next mail. You will also learn that a Semi-Official Communication of mine to our political Agent (Mr. Selge) has been under the consideration of the Commission, and, having thus become a public Document, will be placed at your disposal.

“ Before the conclusion of the present Session I hope to receive such information as will enable me to place in your hands a distinct proposition on the subject of Railway Communication. Should unexpected delays in the receipt of necessary information from England occur, I propose to call a Special Session, to be exclusively devoted to Railway matters. In the meantime I shall ask you to confirm the several Reserves which I have deemed it necessary to make for Railway lines and sundry other public uses.

“ In framing the Estimates of Revenue for the current year, great care has been taken to avoid extravagant and fanciful conjecture, and in each of the items wherein an increase upon last year's Estimates of Revenue may appear, such estimated increase may be safely expected as being the natural effect of patent and positive causes.

“ I shall, during this Session, ask you to grant me large sums of money in order to carry out various necessary public works, detailed particulars of which have been carefully prepared for your information.

“ Among the Bills to be submitted to you are a number rendered necessary by circumstances already within your knowledge. The nature of these Bills is pretty clearly disclosed by their titles, viz:—‘ A Diversion of Roads Bill,’ ‘ Cathedral Square Amendment Bill,’ ‘ Hagley Park Mill Site Bill,’ ‘ Lunatic Asylum and Gravel Pit Reserves Land Sale Bill,’ ‘ A Public Hospital Bill,’ ‘ Race Course Reserve Bill,’ and ‘ A Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill,’ by which last the Principal of the Debentures will be made payable in London, pursuant to an undertaking by the Provincial Government to that effect.

“ The very liberal supplies voted last year have been expended conformably to your expressed wishes, and with all possible economy. The greatest diligence has been used to accomplish the various important and extensive public works in every quarter of the Province, and I am much gratified in being able to announce that the public improvements which you have enabled me to effect during the past financial year, more than equal in extent the aggregated labors of the Province during all the preceding years of its history. The great additional demand for labor caused by this extraordinary advance rendered it necessary to import Operatives in sufficient numbers to secure individual Employers against that deprivation of labor which would, in the absence of copious immigration from the mother country, have mischievously interfered with the productive power of the Province. The recent war in Europe, (now happily terminated,) during its continuance, exerted a depressing influence on colonial trade, and induced a corresponding contraction of money circulation, which combined causes appeared for a very brief season to chill the industry of the community, and to threaten a curtailment of public as well as private resources. The announcement of European peace has, however, effected a change in our immediate mercantile prospects that cannot fail to confirm general confidence in the future expansive capability of Canterbury, and fully justify its Government in the maintenance of a vigorous and enterprising policy.

“ I may here state, that since we last met I have caused to be remitted to London £3,500, in further payment of the principal moneys due to the late Canterbury Association's Estate, and that Debentures to the amount of £500, presented in the Province, have been also paid off. You are already aware that the property conveyed to the Province by the Association has been so disposed of as to relieve

the Provincial Revenue of any burden in respect of the Canterbury Association's Debentures, so that practically, the £30,000 Loan, raised for Immigration purposes, is the sole extent of our Provincial incumbrances.

"The several matters to which I have briefly alluded will constitute the bulk of the business for this Session. I have taken measures to furnish you with all the information available upon every subject you will have to consider.

"Gentlemen, I have the utmost confidence that the liberality, wisdom, and candour that have always been apparent in your proceedings will be still cultivated by you as the most cherished characteristics of the Representatives of a spirited and polite community. Past legislation has inspired me with confidence in your judgment and capability. It only remains then for us to labour for the advancement of our country, and endeavour to secure the great advantages which united will to do good, under God's blessing, is certain to accomplish.

"I now declare this Council duly open for the dispatch of business."

His Honor then left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker notified to the Council that G. D. Lockhart, Esq., had been duly elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council of Canterbury, for the District of Timaru.

A Petition from John Jenkins Peacock, of New South Wales, Merchant, was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Church Property Trustees was presented, read, and received.

Letters from H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire, and from John Robert Godley, Esquire, to his Honor the Superintendent, were laid upon the table, read by the Clerk, and ordered to be inserted in the Journal.

" 15 Torrington Square, London,
" 11th November, 1858.

" SIR,

" I have to acknowledge the receipt, through Mr. FitzGerald, of a very handsome candelabrum presented to me from the Superintendent of Canterbury, as representative of the Province. I beg that your Honor will accept for yourself, and that you will do me the favor to express on my behalf to the Provincial Council and to the people of Canterbury, my grateful thanks. Whatever work I may have ever done for Canterbury and its Inhabitants has been a labor of love, for which I have already abundant recompence in the friendships formed and strengthened, and in the success of the Colony which thought me worthy to succeed John Robert Godley as its Agent. But I prize very highly this substantial token of the approbation of a community, with whom I shall ever feel it an honor to have been in any measure associated.

" I have the honor to remain,

" Sir,

" Your most obedient servant,

" HENRY SELFE SELFE,

" English Agent for Canterbury."

" SIR,

" I beg that you will accept and convey to the Provincial Council of Canterbury my thanks for the very handsome present which they have voted to me, and which I have received from the hands of Mr. FitzGerald. For any services which I may have been able to render to Canterbury I am more than sufficiently rewarded by what I see and hear of its well-being and prosperity, but that reward is, of course, infinitely enhanced by the many testimonies which it has been my pride and happiness to receive of the approval and regard which is not confined to myself among the founders of Canterbury. I rejoice to see that the invaluable services of Mr. Selfe have met with special recognition; and the Members of the Canterbury

Association are now hardly ever named either in your Press or in your public assemblies without an expression of gratitude and affection. I can assure you, Sir, that their sentiments are warmly reciprocated here. The interest in Canterbury, far from flagging, seems to increase among us all, as the great results of our enterprise develop themselves, and the remembrance of those difficulties and crosses which, in the early times we thought so much of, fade away in the light of our final and triumphant success. As regards myself, ordinary expressions of interest and good-will from me would seem inapplicable and unmeaning. Wherever my abode may be, and whatever my occupation, Canterbury must always be the home of my affections, and my connection with it the brightest part of my existence. Whether I shall have the greatest pleasure of seeing it again, I know not, but however that may be, though absent in body, I am ever present in spirit. Sympathising in your struggles, exulting in your success, and looking forward with confidence and joy to the great career that is before your country,

“ I have the honor to remain,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient servant,

“ JOHN ROBERT GODLEY.”

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

No. 3, Dispatches from the Immigration Agent, 1st January to 30th July.

No. 4, Dispatch from the Colonial Secretary, relating to the “ Waste Lands Act.”

No. 5, Despatches from the Immigration Agent, 1st June to 30th December.

No. 6, Correspondence with Mr. FitzGerald.

No. 7, „ „ Dr. Hochstetter.

No. 8, „ „ the English Agent relating to Railways.

No. 9, Report from the Railway Commissioners, with Minutes of the Meeting of the Commissioners in England.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Blakiston, Ross, Higgins, White, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

No. 10, First Report from the Inspector of Schools.

No. 11, Second „ „ „ „

No. 12, Memorial from certain Inhabitants of Kaiapoi, praying for the Erection of a Free Bridge, with Correspondence relating thereto.

No. 13, Correspondence with Mr. White in reference to the Value of his Interest in the Kaiapoi Bridge.

No. 14, Proposal from Mr. White for the Construction of a Tramway from Christchurch to Sumner.

No. 15, Report from the Provincial Engineer upon the River Waimakariri.

No. 16, Report from the Provincial Engineer upon the Waitangi Road.

No. 17, Correspondence with the Owners of the s.s. Queen, relating to a Bonus for calling at Akaroa.

Motion was proposed “That the Council do resolve itself into Committee for the consideration of a Reply to the Address of his Honor the Superintendent.”

Amendment was granted "That the consideration of the Reply be deferred until the next sitting day."

Leave was given to bring in a "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Roads Diversion Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Cathedral Square Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Hagley Park Mill Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

Leave was given to bring in a "Church Property Trust Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

Motion was granted "For Copies of all Correspondence with, and Reports from the Harbour Department to the Provincial Government during the past year, referring to the Pilot Service of Port Lyttelton, and the transaction of the duties of Harbour Master."

Leave was given to bring in a "Peacock's Wharf Extension Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

Motion was granted for the following Returns and Papers:—

"Copies of any Correspondence between the General and Provincial Governments on the subject of Office Accommodation for the Supreme Court, the Resident Magistrate's Court, or other Departments of the General Government in the Province."

"Copies of any Correspondence between the General and Provincial Governments on the subject of a Lunatic Asylum, a Gaol for the Province, or a Convict Establishment for the Colony."

"A Return, shewing in detail, the several Sums Voted for Public Works in the last Session of this Council; and, also, in parallel columns, the Sums actually Expended to 30th September."

"A Return of the Sums Expended, during the Year ended 30th September, upon every Road or Public Work for which no provision was made in the last Session of this Council."

"Returns shewing the Revenue derived in each Month during the Two Years ended 30th September, 1859, from the Sale of Waste Lands, from Pasturage, Rents, or from other branches of Territorial Revenue; distinguishing the sums derived from each of such branches."

The Council adjourned at 7.20 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Alport, Hall, Blakiston, Higgins, Rhodes, Templer, White,

The Speaker in the chair.

A Memorial from certain Inhabitants of Christchurch, to the Superintendent, praying for a Public Hospital, was laid upon the table, and read by the Clerk.

Leave was given to bring in a "Public Hospital Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Lunatic Asylum and Gravel Pit Reserves Sale Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The introduction of a "Race Course Lease Bill" was deferred until Tuesday.

Motion was granted "That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, conveying the approval of the Council to the following Reserves made during the recess of the Council :—

"Two acres at Okain's Bay, bounded on the south-east by the main road and a small creek; on the south-west by the road, one chain wide, along the back of the river; on the north-east by a road a distance of three chains. For the use of of the Church of England."

Motion was proposed "That a Reserve of Three Acres at Okain's Bay, for public purposes, be confirmed."

Amendment was withdrawn by consent, "That the Reserves made by his Honor the Superintendent, during the recess, be referred to a Select Committee."

The original Motion was put.

Amendment was granted "That the consideration of the subject be deferred until Tuesday next."

The "Church Property Trust Ordinance Amendment Bill" was referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. Hall, Packer, Potts, Wyatt, Fooks, Thomson. To report 14th instant.

Motion was granted "For a Copy of any Correspondence between the General and Provincial Governments on the subject of Provision for the Administration of Justice at Lyttelton, Christchurch, and Kaiapoi."

Motion was granted for the following Returns :—

"Return of the number of Crown Grants in preparation by the Chief Surveyor."

"Return of the number of Crown Grants waiting for the signature of his Excellency the Governor, in Auckland."

"Return of the number of Crown Grants in the hands of the Chief Commissioner of the Waste Lands Board, now ready for issue."

"Return of the amount received by the Provincial Treasurer, during the financial year, for Crown Grants issued."

"Return of the total number of Crown Grants issued, and the total amount of fees received on account of the same."

The Council in Committee for the consideration of a Reply to the Address of his Honor the Superintendent.

Mr. Thomson in the chair.

The following Reply was proposed and considered :—

"The Provincial Council thank your Honor for the Address with which you have opened their Eleventh Session. The Council desire to assure your Honor of their cordial co-operation in every endeavour to promote the welfare and advancement of the Province.

"It is satisfactory to the Council to learn that it is your Honor's intention to continue your efforts to develop the resources of the Province by the extension of roads and by a vigorous prosecution of public works.

"The Council anxiously await the Report of the English Agent upon the subject of the proposed Railway Communication between the Port and the Plains. The Council desire to express their hope that the arrival of the Report by the next mail may enable them to come to some decision upon this important subject before the close of the Session.

"The several Bills which your Honor has directed to be sent down to the Council shall have the attention and careful consideration which their importance will demand, and which they are entitled to receive."

In Clause 3 an amendment was proposed and negatived.

The Reply passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported and adopted.

The Speaker, Messrs. Thomson and Lockhart, were appointed a Deputation to convey the Reply to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council adjourned at 9.15, until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Cass, Dobbs, Duncan, Fooks, Lockhart, Ollivier, Packer, Ross, Templer, Thomson, Ward, Davis, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

The "Diversion of Roads Bill" was read a second time.

The "Public Hospital Bill" was read a second time.

The "Peacock's Wharf Extension Bill," and the Petition of John Jenkins Peacock were referred to a Select Committee; to consist of the Chief Surveyor, Messrs. Fooks, Cookson, Alport, and Hall. To report 14th instant.

Motion was granted that the following Resolutions be adopted by this Council:—

"That this Council has observed with deep concern the deficiency of Water Supply now existing in the Town of Lyttelton, which deficiency is likely, in case of continued drought, to increase, and become an evil very seriously affecting the sanitary condition of the population of that town."

"That with a view to the speedy alleviation of the above described evil, this Council urges, and will guarantee his Honor the Superintendent in the expenditure forthwith, of a sum of money sufficient to sink, at least, three new Wells in the Town of Lyttelton."

The Council adjourned at 5.40 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Blakiston.

The Speaker in the chair.

The First Number of "Canterbury Papers" was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, conveying the approval of this Council to the following Reserves made during the late recess of the Council:—

RESERVES TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL.

Quantity.	Where Situate.	Boundary.	Purposes for which Reserved.
A. R. P. 3 0 0	Okain's Bay.	On the N.E. by Section 827, a distance of 5 chains; on the S.E. by a chain road, a distance of 12 chains; on the S.W. by a road a distance of 3 chains; and N.W. by the road 1 chain wide along the bank of the river.	For public purposes.

RESERVES TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL.

Quantity.			Where Situate.	Boundary.	Purposes for which Reserved.
A.	R.	P.			
1	2	20	Okain's Bay.	On the N.E. by a small creek separating this from the Church of England Reserve; on the S.E. by the main road; on the S.W. by the River road, including the strip of land in the fork below the bridge.	For public purposes.
10	0	0	Wainui Bay, Akaroa.	On the Southern Headland known as Cape Three Points.	Pilot Station, and Ferry House.
10	0	0	Harewood.	Bounded on the N.E. by a road separating this from Sections 411 and 678; on the E. by a road; on the S.W. by River Eyre.	Provincial Government.
640	0	0	Burke's Pass, west of	On the main road to the Waitaki plains, lying between the summit of Burke's Pass and Stericker Mount.	Township.
640	0	0	Ashburton, North Bank.	Instead of 160 acres as at present.	Township.
640	0	0	Hurunui, South Bank.	Opposite Shrimpton's.	Township.
640	0	0	Little River.	East of and adjoining Native Reserve.	Township.
			Canterbury throughout.	Three chains in width throughout the pastoral districts, and 1 chain in width throughout the agricultural district.	Lines of Railway throughout the Province as indicated on the plans of Railway Commissioners.
10	0	0	Deep Hole, Okain's Bay River.	Having about 21 chains frontage on the S.E. side of the river, and back on an average 5 chains, subject to a road through it, 1 chain wide, down to the river and along the bank.	For the use of Provincial Government, and other public purposes.
200	0	0	On the road to Dyer's Pass.	Commencing about 55 chains in a direct line from the summit of the hill on the Northern side, extending down the road about 50 chains, and back Easterly about 40 chains on the average.	For the use of Provincial Government, and other public purposes.
640	0	0	Waitematamata.	Bounded on the N.W. by section 997; on the N.E. by a road, and on the S.E. and S.W., on each side of the present track.	Township.
5	0	0	Timaru.	S.W. corner of section 965: on E. by section 965, about 11 chains; S. by the old road, about 9 chains; and on the N.W. by section 1701, about 13 chains.	Public Cemetery.
2	0		Timaru.	Town sections Nos. 23 and 24.	Provincial Government for buildings.

RESERVES TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL.

Quantity.	Where situate.	Boundary.	Purposes for which Reserved.
A. R. P. 75 0 0	Waitematamata Bush.	Bounded on the N.W. by a road; on the S.E. by section 1096; on the S.W. by the river.	For the preservation of Timber thereon.
75 0 0	Waitematamata Bush.	Bounded on the N.E. by the river; on the S.E. by Rhodes' land; on the N.W. by the Waitamaherika; and S.W. to the extent of 75 acres.	For the preservation of Timber thereon.
5 0 0	Okain's Bay.	On the S.E. by the main road; on N.E. by a road a distance of 10 chains; on the S.W. by a section, 827, a distance of 10 chains; and on the N.W. by waste lands, 5 chains.	For a Public Cemetery.
3000 0 0	On the River Hurunui.	Bounded on the N.E. by the Hurunui, from the mound crossing to the Junction of the Waitohi; on the S.E. and S. by the Waitohi, from its junction with the Hurunui to the point opposite, and due south of the eastern end of the base line; and on the W. by a line from the eastern end of the base line to the mound crossing.	For uses of the Provincial Government.

Leave was given to bring in a "Racecourse Lease Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Municipal Council Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee on the "Public Hospital Bill."

Mr. Harman in the chair.

Clauses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee on the "Lunatic Asylum" and "Gravel Pit Reserves Sales Bill."

Mr. Harman in the chair.

The Bill passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee on the "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill."

Mr. Harman in the chair.

The Bill passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

Motion was granted "For Copies of Customs Returns of Wheat and Flour exported from Canterbury during the past year; also, of Flour imported into the Province during the same period."

A Select Committee was appointed to enquire into the Amount of Mill Power in the Rivers Heathcote, Avon, Purarekanui, and Halswell; also, the Horse Power of the several Mills in the neighbourhood of Christchurch, with the Quantity of Flour they are capable of producing. To consist of the Provincial Secretary, the Chief Surveyor, Messrs. Lockhart, Harman, Wyatt, and Thomson. To report 20th instant.

A House Committee was appointed, to consist of the Provincial Secretary, the Chief Surveyor, Messrs. Ross, Thomson, Fooks.

The Council adjourned at 10.10 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Blakiston, Cookson, Packer, Templar.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Municipal Councils Bill" was read a second time.

The "Cathedral Square Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Roads Diversion Bill."

Mr. Ross in the chair.

Clauses 1—13 passed as read.

Clause 14 was adjourned.

Clauses 15, 17, 18, the Schedule and Preamble passed.

Clause 16 was struck out.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 7 p.m., until Thursday next..

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Blakiston, Duncan, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Miln, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Copy of the Memorial of Masters and Owners of Vessels to his Honor the Superintendent, was laid on the table.

Paper No. 18, Return of the Revenue derived from the Sale of Waste Lands for the years 1857-58, and 1858-59 was laid upon the table.

The Waste Lands Amended Regulations was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The "Racecourse Lease Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Roads Diversion Bill."

Mr. Ross in the chair.

Clause 14 was considered, amended, and passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee on the "Public Hospital Bill."

Mr. Ross in the chair.

Clause 2 was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "For the words 'contributors of not less than £50 at a time shall be Governors for life,' to substitute the words, 'all other persons contributors of not less than £20 at one time shall be, &c.'"

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Dobbs, Fooks, Higgins, Lockhart, Packer, Templer, White. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Ollivier, Potts, Thomson, Ward, Wyatt.

The Chairman decided in favor of the Noes.

Clause 2 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee on the "Cathedral Square Bill."

Mr. Ross in the chair.

The Bill passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1.

The "Lunatic Asylum and Gravel Pit Reserves Sales Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 2.

Extension of time to Tuesday, 18th, was granted to the Church Property Trust Committee, and the Peacock's Wharf Extension Committee.

The Council adjourned at 7 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

All the Members were present.

The Speaker in the chair.

Extension of time to Tuesday, 25th, was granted to the Church Property Trust Committee, and Peacock's Wharf Extension Committee.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

No. 19, Return of Immigration and Emigration during the late financial year.

No. 20, Return of Crown Lands sold and granted during the late financial year.

No. 21, Correspondence between the General and Provincial Governments on the subject of Weights and Measures.

No. 22, Correspondence between the General and Provincial Governments in reference to the Office of Resident Magistrate.

No. 23, Correspondence on the subject of Office Accommodation for the Supreme Court.

No. 24, Report on the Public Buildings.

The Waste Lands Amended Regulations were read a second time.

Motion was granted "That the notice for the second reading of the 'Hagley Park Bill' be discharged altogether."

The Council in Committee on the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Clauses 1—11 passed with amendments.

Clauses 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 passed with amendments.

Clauses 12, 17, 19 were postponed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Committal of the "Racecourse Lease Bill" was postponed until Wednesday, 19th instant.

The third reading of the "Public Hospital Bill" was postponed until Thursday, 20th instant.

The "Roads Diversion Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 3.

The "Cathedral Square Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 4.

The Council adjourned at 9.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Blakiston, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Higgins, Lockhart, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Thomson, Ward, White, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council in Committee on the Waste Lands Amended Regulations.

The Regulations passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Regulations as passed.

The Council in Committee on the "Racecourse Lease Bill."

Clause 1 was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "To substitute the words 'fourteen years' in lieu of the words 'thirty years.'"

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Fyfe, Hall, Higgins, Lockhart, Ross, White. Noes, 9: Messrs. Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Ward, Wyatt.

The original Clause was put.

Amendment was carried upon division, "To substitute the words 'fifteen years' in lieu of the words 'thirty years.'"

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Fyfe, Hall, Higgins, Lockhart, Ross, Wyatt. Noes, 7: Messrs. Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Ayes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 6.55 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Rhodes, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted for the following Papers:—

Return shewing the sum originally estimated as the cost of erecting the Government Buildings.

The amount expended thereon to 30th September, 1859.

The sum unexpended but contracted for.

The total amount still required to complete the Buildings.

The "Waste Lands Amended Regulations" were adopted by the Council, and ordered to be forwarded to his Honor the Superintendent, for transmission to his Excellency the Governor for his assent thereto.

Motion was proposed "That the 'Public Hospital Bill' be read a third time."

Amendment was proposed "That clause 1 of the said Bill be re-committed."

Debate ensued.

Amendment was negived upon division, "That the debate be adjourned until this day week."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Bishop, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Higgins, Lockhart, Miln, Packer, Ross. Noes, 12: Messrs. Alport, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Ollivier, Potts, Ward, White, Wyatt.

The original Amendment was negived upon division, "That the said Bill be re-committed."

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Bishop, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Higgins, Lockhart, Miln, Packer, Ross, Thomson. Noes, 12: Messrs. Alport, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Ollivier, Potts, Ward, White, Wyatt.

The "Public Hospital Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 5.

The Council in Committee on the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Clauses 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 passed with amendment.

Clause 24 was postponed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

All the Members present.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reports of the following Committees were brought up, read, and received:—

The "Church Property Trust Bill" Committee.

The "The Peacock Wharf Extension Bill" Committee.

The "Mill Power of the Province" Committee.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

No. 25, Estimates of Expenditure for the current year.

No. 26, Comparative Statement, shewing Expenditure for year ending 30th September, 1859.

No. 27, Report from the Provincial Engineer on Public Works.

No. 28, Appendix A to said Report.

No. 29, Report from Colonel Mould on the Waimakariri Bridge.

No. 30, Report from Mr. Stephenson on Railway and Tunnel.

No. 31, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from the Provincial Treasurer, for quarter ending 30th September.

No. 32, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from the Provincial Treasurer, for year ending 30th September, 1859.

The Provincial Secretary made a Financial Statement.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, In aid of Building Churches (according to)	} £7550 0 0
Resolution of last Session)	

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee on the "Racecourse Lease Bill."

Clause 1 considered.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the words 'twenty-eight years' be substituted for the words 'fifteen years.'"

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Cass, Duncan, Dobbs, Fooks, Lockhart, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Ward. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bowen, Davis, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Higgins, Miln, Ross, Wyatt.

In the latter part of the clause, amendment was carried upon division, "That the words be substituted 'at a rental not less than £15 per annum for the said term.'"

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Cookson, Davis, Harman, Lockhart, Higgins, Miln, Potts, Templer, Thomson, Ward, Wyatt. Noes, 10: Messrs. Bowen, Cass, Dobbs, Duncan, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Ollivier, Rhodes, Ross.

Clause 1 passed as amended.

Clause 2 considered.

Amendment was proposed "To add the words 'no fees shall be taken for the admission of foot passengers into the said Reserve.'"

Debate ensued.

An Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Chairman do report progress."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Davis, Fooks, Higgins, Miln, Ward. Noes, 18: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Lockhart, Ollivier, Potts, Ross, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Wyatt.

The original Amendment was carried upon division.

Ayes, 16: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Davis, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Higgins, Miln, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Templer, Ward, Wyatt. Noes, 6: Messrs. Cass, Cookson, Duncan, Lockhart, Ollivier, Thomson.

Clause 2 passed as amended.

Clauses 3, 4, 5, passed as printed.

The Preamble was proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That consideration be deferred."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Davis, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Higgins, Miln, Ross. Noes, 13: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Duncan, Lockhart, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Ward.

The Preamble passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The remaining Orders of the Day were postponed.

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m., until Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Cookson, Lockhart, Miln, Rhodes, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition, praying for the Erection of a Bridge over the Salt Water Creek was presented, read, and received.

Motion was granted "For Copies of all Documents and Correspondence relative to the Appointment of Messrs. Mountfort and Luck as Provincial Government Architects."

Motion was granted "That a Return of all Contracts, and their amounts for the execution of any Public Works entered into since the 30th day of June, and completed and paid for previous to the 1st day of October."

Motion was proposed "That the 'Peacock's Wharf Extension Bill' be read a second time."

Debate ensued.

The Motion was ordered to be postponed until this day week.

Motion was granted "That the Chairman of the House Committee be instructed to Report to the Council the proceedings of that Committee up to this date."

The remaining Orders of the Day were postponed.

The Council adjourned at 7 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Mr. Dobbs.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the House Committee was brought up, read, and received.

The following Papers were laid upon the table.

No. 33, Expenditure of the Grant for Building Churches.

No. 34, Expenditure of the Grant for Building Schools.

No. 35, Expenditure of the Education Grant, and Correspondence thereon.

The "Church Property Trust Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

Motion was proposed "That his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place the sum of £6,000 pounds on the Estimates for the construction of a Bridge over the South Branch of the River Waimakariri."

Amendment was negatived, "That leave be given to alter the terms of the Motion."

The Motion was negatived upon division.

Ayes, 8 : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Harman, Ross, Templer, White. Noes, 13 : Messrs. Cass, Davis, Duncan, Fooks, Hall, Lockhart, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Ward.

Leave was given to bring in a "Pigeon Bay Reserve Lease Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was carried upon division, "For a Return of the Government Receipts and Expenditure from the 30th September to 30th October, 1859."

Ayes, 13 : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Lockhart, Miln, Packer, Ross, Templer, White, Wyatt. Noes, 10 : Messrs. Cass, Cookson, Davis, Duncan, Fooks, Higgins, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson.

Motion was proposed "That his Honor the Superintendent be requested to take measures for making White's Kaiapoi Bridge free to foot passengers.

Amendment was negatived upon division (Ayes, 3 ; Noes, 20), "That the words 'and ferry boat' be inserted."

The Motion was carried upon division.

Ayes, 14 : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Fooks, Harman, Higgins, Potts, Templer, Ross, Thomson, Ward, White. Noes, 10 : Messrs. Cass, Duncan, Fyfe, Hall, Lockhart, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Rhodes, Wyatt.

Motion was carried upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sum of money sufficient to make a Cart Road through the Pigeon Bay Valley to open the valuable Timber Districts, and form a junction with the Akaroa and Rhodes' Bay Roads."

Ayes, 15 : Messrs. Alport, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Duncan, Lockhart, Higgins, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Templer, Ward, Wyatt. Noes, 7 : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Packer.

“ Motion was granted “ For any Correspondence which may have taken place between the Bench of Magistrates of this Province, and the Attorney-General at Auckland, relative to the introduction of the ‘ Public House Act.’ ”

The question was put upon the Resident Magistrate having expressed his willingness to furnish the Correspondence asked for.

Motion was carried upon division, “ That the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply.”

Ayes, 15 : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Duncan, Lockhart, Higgins, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Ward, White. Noes, 6 : Messrs. Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Packer, Ross, Wyatt.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Votes were taken under the head of “ Unvoted Expenditure.”

”	General purposes	...	...	...	...	£106	13	6
”	Provincial Council	...	...	...	...	4	3	4
”	Supreme Court	...	...	...	...	16	0	4
”	Gaol Department	...	...	...	...	282	10	5
”	Registration Department	...	...	...	...	12	10	0
”	Police	”	...	...	...	339	2	10
”	Inspector’s	”	...	...	...	36	0	0
”	Hurunui Dip	”	...	...	...	100	0	0
”	Waste Lands	”	...	...	...	183	0	0
”	Survey	”	...	...	...	489	18	2

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The remaining Orders for the Day were discharged.

The Council adjourned at 10.10 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Dobbs, Lockhart.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from W. Dartnell was presented, read and received.

The “ Peacock Wharf Extension Bill ” was read a second time

The “ Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill ” was read a second time.

Motion was granted “ For a Return of all Overdue Immigrants’ Bills and Promissory Notes, specifying in each case the amount due, and the date on which it was payable.”

The Council in Committee on the “ Church Property Trust Amendment Bill.”

A fresh Clause was inserted as Clause 5, and the Bill passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

A Select Committee was appointed to consider the system of Registration at present in force in this Province, under the Land Registration Ordinance, Session II., No. 9, of the late Legislative Council of this Colony; to consist of Messrs. Blakiston, Harman, Ross, Duncan, Ollivier, Fooks, Wyatt; with power to call for Records, Papers, and Persons. To Report this day fortnight.

Motion was granted “ For a Return shewing the Number of Sheep Infected with the Scab, within the Province, at the time of the appointment of the present Inspector of Sheep, and the number of Sheep so infected at the present time.”

The third reading of the “ Racecourse Lease Bill ” was deferred.

The “ Pigeon Bay Ship-building Reserve Lease Bill ” was read a second time.

Motion was proposed "That while granting a Vote of Indemnity for Unsanctioned Expenditure for the past year, this Council wishes to express its disapprobation of so large an Expenditure without calling the Council together."

Debate ensued.

Amendment was granted, "That in the opinion of this Council the principle laid down in the 'Constitution Act,' having reference to the Expenditure of Provincial Revenues, should be in future adhered to."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Unvoted Expenditure of past year, £35,870 13s. 7d.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 9.30 a.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Cookson, Dobbs, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Memorial of the Members of the Mechanics' Institute, to his Honor the Superintendent, was laid upon the table.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1000, for the formation of the Barry's Bay Line to Akaroa.

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Hall, Harman, Higgins, Ross, Ward, White, Wyatt. Noes, 13: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Davis, Duncan, Fooks, Fyfe, Lockhart, Miln, Ollivier, Rhodes, Thomson.

The Petition of W. Dartnell was referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. Fooks, Wyatt, Bishop, Duncan, Thomson.

The "Church Property Trust Amendment Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 6.

The Council in Committee on the "Peacock's Wharf Extension Bill."

The Bill passed with amendment.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Racecourse Lease Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 7.

The Council in Committee on the "Pigeon Bay Ship-building Reserve Lease Bill."

The Bill passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee on the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Clause 28 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Chairman do report progress."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Bishop, Davis, Harman, Lockhart, Higgins, Packer, Thomson, White, Wyatt. Noes, 11: Messrs. Alport, Cass, Duncan, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Miln, Ollivier, Rhodes, Potts, Ward.

Clause 28 was withdrawn.

Clauses 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was proposed "That this Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply."

Amendment was proposed "That this Council do defer going into Committee of Supply until the Returns (moved for by Mr. White) showing the Government Receipts and Expenditure from 1st October to 31st October, also the Liabilities of the latter date, be furnished."

Amendment was granted "That the Council do now adjourn until to-morrow."

The debate was adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Duncan, Davis, Fooks, Harman, Lockhart, Ollivier, Packer, Rhodes, Ross, Thomson, White, Fyfe.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Ship-building Reserve Lease Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 8.

The "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill" was referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. Ross, Rhodes, White, Harman, Wyatt, Ollivier, Hall, Ward, Thomson.

Message No. 7, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read:—

"The Superintendent acquaints the Provincial Council that he has assented in the name and on behalf of his Excellency the Governor, to the following Ordinances, transmitted to him by the Provincial Council:—

"The 'Loan Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, Session XI., No. 1.'

"The 'Lunatic Asylum and Gravel Pit Reserves Sale Ordinance, Session XI., No. 2.'

"The 'Roads Diversion Ordinance, Session XI., No. 3.'

"The 'Cathedral Square Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, Session XI., No. 4.'

"The 'Public Hospital Ordinance, Session XI., No. 5.'

"The 'Church Property Trust Amendment Ordinance, Session XI., No. 6.'

"The 'Racecourse Lease Ordinance, Session XI., No. 7.'

"The 'Ship-building Reserve Lease Ordinance, Session XI., No. 8.'

"The Superintendent will transmit to his Excellency the Governor, the Waste Lands Amended Regulations, with an earnest request that his Excellency will cause the same to be immediately proclaimed in the Government *Gazette* of the Colony.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

The adjourned debate was resumed upon Motion "That the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the Council do defer going into Committee of Supply until the Returns showing the Receipts and Expenditure for the month ending 31st October, also, the Government actual Liabilities of the latter date be furnished."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Harman, Fyfe, Lockhart, Packer, Ross, White. Noes, 4: Messrs. Davis, Fooks, Rhodes, Thomson.

The Council adjourned at 6.10 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fooks, Hall, Harman, Lockhart, Ollivier, Packer, Rhodes, Potts, Thomson, White, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from Residents in the Port Victoria District, praying for an "Amended Cattle Trespass Ordinance" was presented, read and received.

Leave was given to bring in a Bill to Amend the "Cattle Trespass Ordinance."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The remaining Motions on the Notice Paper were deferred.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Higgins, Potts.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Kaiapoi, concerning the Road from the Eighth Mile Peg on the North Road, to the River Waimakariri, was presented, read and received.

A Petition from W. Smart, of Lyttelton, Contractor, was presented, read and received.

Motion was granted "For Returns shewing the List of Patients admitted into the Hospital at Lyttelton for the Three Years ending 30th September, 1859; distinguishing those cases received direct from vessels, from Patients previously living in the Province; also, the Out-door Patients, and the Number of Deaths during the above period.

A Motion in the name of Mr. Ollivier was withdrawn.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Fooks, Davis, Dobbs, Cass, Templer, Rhodes, Lockhart, Packer, White, Fyfe, Potts, Cookson, Ollivier.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

No. 36, Return of the Inspector of Sheep, Northern District.

No. 37, Return of the Inspector of Sheep, Southern District.

No. 38, Correspondence relating to the Introduction of the "English Public House Act."

Leave was granted to the Committee appointed to enquire into the System of Registration in this Province, to report this day week.

A Motion in the name of Mr. Lockhart was postponed until this day week.

The Council adjourned at 5.55 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Cass, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Fyfe, Harman, Lockhart, Higgins, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Ward.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from Inhabitants of the Port Victoria District, relating to the Introduction of the "Cattle Trespass Ordinance Amendment Bill" was presented, read and received.

A Petition from Inhabitants of the Port Victoria District, relating to the 2nd Clause of the "Cattle Trespass Ordinance Amendment Bill" was presented, read and received.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

Vote was taken, Grant in Aid of Building Churches	...	£5000	0	0
" Superintendent's Department	... ..	700	0	0
" Provincial Secretary's	... ..	800	0	0
" " Treasurer	... ..	380	0	0
" " Auditor	... ..	150	0	0
" " Solicitor	... ..	200	0	0
" General Expenses	... ..	350	0	0
" Legislative Department	... ..	535	0	0
" Supreme Court	... ..	150	0	0
" Gaol	... ..	1119	5	0
" Registration	... ..	580	0	0
" Police	... ..	2731	7	6
" Inspector of Sheep	... ..	725	0	0
" Waste Lands Department	... ..	8489	10	0
" Charitable Aid	... ..	1114	0	0
" Akaroa, Contingencies	... ..	110	0	0
" Timaru, do.	... ..		
" Immigration	... ..	10,000	0	0
" Inspector of Schools	... ..	50	0	0
" Miscellaneous	... ..	2000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The remaining Motions on the Notice Paper were postponed.

The Council adjourned until Friday next.

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Fyfe, Harman, Lockhart, Higgins, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Rhodes, Potts, Ward.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Select Committee was appointed to consider the best steps for the establishment of the Pilot Service at Port Lyttelton on an efficient footing: to consist of Messrs. Alport, Davis, Cass, Cookson, Rhodes, White, Ward. To report on Tuesday, 6th December.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place the sum of £20 upon the Estimates as a gratuity to the Nurse at the Hospital, Lyttelton."

Motion was proposed "That the 'Cattle Trespass Ordinance Amendment Bill' be read a second time."

Debate ensued.

The Motion was withdrawn.

Motion was withdrawn, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to cause £100 to be placed upon the Estimates for the purpose of forming a road over M'Queen's Pass."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

Vote was taken, Public Works, Salaries, &c.	£1680	0	0
„ Public Works Liabilities outstanding upon works under contract, or under the direction of the Provincial Engineer, 1st October, 1859 :—			
„ Lyttelton, Forming Streets	250	0	0
„ „ Jetty	2194	0	0
„ Completion of the road to the foot of the } Bridle Path }	750	0	0
„ Road under the Hills	120	0	0
„ Avonside Road	298	0	0
„ Avon Canal Cutting	664	9	0
„ College Foot Bridge	130	0	0
„ Lincoln Road, Bridge over the Halswell ...	79	5	6
„ North Road, to the 14th Mile Peg	1882	4	0
„ Rangiora, Direct Road and Drain	4040	10	0
„ South Road	1015	11	0
„ Akaroa Beach Road	150	0	0
„ Purau to Akaroa	500	0	0
„ Purau to Pigeon Bay	150	0	0
„ Purau to Okain's Bay	150	0	0
„ Piraki to French Farm	150	0	0
„ Charteris Bay Bridge	30	0	0
„ Pigeon Bay	300	0	0
„ Drainage, Papanui	180	0	0
„ Bell's Creek	41	16	8
„ Clearing Avon	180	0	0
„ Railway Survey	230	0	0
„ Government Buildings	5600	0	0
„ Clock Tower	1000	0	0
„ Lyttelton, Forming Streets	200	0	0
„ Beacons at Godley Head	200	0	0
„ New Wells	200	0	0
„ Jetty, Governor's Bay	100	0	0
„ Riccarton and Fendall Town, Culverts ...	200	0	0
„ Lincoln Road, Extension of Works	400	0	0
„ South Christchurch Road and Improve- } ments }	400	0	0
„ Springs Road, Culverts, &c.	300	0	0
„ Opening Road to Bush on the Kowai ...	50	0	0
„ Hurunui Gorge, Track	150	0	0
„ Repairs to Road to the M'Kenzie Country, } and Works at Burke's Pass }	600	0	0
„ Continuation of Works to the Waitangi ...	900	0	0
„ Harewood Forest Road	600	0	0
„ Burke's Forest Road	100	0	0
„ Akaroa Road to the Mill	200	0	0
„ Bridge over the Heathcote	3000	0	0
„ „ Salt-water Creek	800	0	0
„ Kaiapoi River Embankment	300	0	0
„ Rangiora Pound and Lock-up	100	0	0
„ Powder Magazine, Polhill's Bay	65	0	0
„ Drainage, Papanui	320	0	0
„ Railway Survey	300	0	0
„ Current Repairs	2000	0	0
„ Hospital	1500	0	0
„ Gaol, Addition to	500	0	0
„ Road and Drainage Surveys	770	0	0
„ Furniture for Government Buildings ...	150	0	0

Vote was taken, Subsidy to the Avon Navigation Company	£300	0	0
„ Gardener, Public Plantations	150	0	0
„ Road from Dunnage's Bridge to Papanui } Church }	300	0	0
„ Advance to be re-paid to the Union Bank	6124	18	11

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Tuesday next

TUESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Cookson, Cass, Fooks, Hall, Potts, Rhodes, Lockhart, Blakiston, Ollivier, Davis, Dobbs, Fyfe, Harman.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Lyttelton, praying for Town Council, &c., was presented, read and received.

A Petition from George Jackson, relating to the Diversion of Road in the Island Kaiapoi, was presented, read, and received.

Extension of time, to this day week, was granted to the Committee on the System of Registration.

The Report of the Committee on the "Sheep Ordinance" was brought up, read, and received.

Motion was granted "That in the event of the Funds of the Province justifying the Expenditure, it is desirable that a Direct Steam Communication between this Port and Melbourne be established, and that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to adopt measures to carry the same into effect, at a cost not exceeding £4,000 per annum."

The Petition of S. Smart of Lyttelton, was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Fooks, Ward, White, and Blakiston, with power to call for Persons and Papers.

To report this day week.

Motion was granted "That in the event of the Funds of the Province permitting it, his Honor the Superintendent be requested to authorize the Expenditure of a sum not exceeding £200, to be divided equally between the Mechanics' Institute, Christchurch, and the Lyttelton Colonists' Society, for the purchase of Books and Periodicals for the use of the Members thereof."

The Council in Committee on the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Clauses 41 to 70 passed with verbal amendments.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The "Peacock Wharf Extension Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 9.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to expend the sum of £300 in Opening up Tracks to the Timbered Districts of the Peninsula."

Motion was negatived upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £50 towards the Annual Regatta, held at Lyttelton on New-Year's Day, as a mark of the appreciation of the Government and the Council of the steady good conduct of the men employed, and the increased number and superior qualities of the vessels employed in the carrying trade of the Province."

Ayes, 3 : Messrs. Cookson, Alport, Davis. Noes, 9 : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Dobbs, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Harman, Ollivier.

The Council adjourned at 7.43 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : Messrs. Alport, Blakiston, Dobbs, Davis, Cass, Cookson, Fooks, Hall, Miln, Lockhart, Harman, Ward, Ollivier, Packer, Templer, Thomson, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

No. 39, Report of C. R. Stephenson, Esquire, on the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

No. 40, "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Bill."

No. 41, "Loan Bill."

No. 42, Letter from Mr. FitzGerald relating to the Railway.

A Petition from Householdors of Lyttelton, praying for Municipal Institutions, was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from Householdors of Lyttelton, praying for the Non-establishment of Town Council, was presented, but not being in accordance with the principle laid down by the Standing Orders, was withdrawn.

The Report of the Select Committee on Smart's Petition was brought up, read, and received.

The Report of the Select Committee on the Pilot Service, Lyttelton, was brought up, read, and received.

Extension of time, to this day fortnight, was granted to the Committee on the Registration System.

The Council in Committee on the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Clauses 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 passed.

Clause 76 was proposed to stand part of the Bill.

Division was called for.

Ayes, 5 : Messrs. Cass, Bowen, Alport, Fooks, Ollivier. Noes, 10 : Messrs. Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Hall, Higgins, Miln, Rhodes, Thomson, Ward, Wyatt.

Clauses 77, 78, 79, 80 passed.

Clause 81 passed as read.

Upon division—Ayes, 10 : Messrs. Alport, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Dobbs, Fooks, Miln, Ollivier, Rhodes, Ward. Noes, 5 : Messrs. Davis, Hall, Higgins, Thomson, Wyatt.

Clause 82 passed as read.

Upon division—Ayes, 8 : Messrs. Alport, Bowen, Cass, Dobbs, Fooks, Miln, Ollivier, Ward. Noes, 4 : Messrs. Cookson, Davis, Thomson, Wyatt.

Clauses 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 passed.

Clause 93 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That consideration be postponed."

Ayes, 5 : Messrs. Davis, Dobbs, Miln, Thomson, Wyatt. Noes, 8 : Messrs. Alport, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Fooks, Hall, Ollivier, Ward.

Clauses 93, 94, 95, 96 passed.

Clause 97 was expunged.

Clauses 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "That the Township Reserve at the Little River be on the Northern side of the Native Reserve, instead of on the Southern side, as recently confirmed by the Provincial Council.

The Council in Committee on the "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill."

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 passed.

Clauses 7, 10 were postponed for further consideration.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Motion in the name of Mr. Davis was withdrawn.

The remaining Motions on the Notice Paper were postponed until Tuesday next.

The Council adjourned at 9.30, until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Blakiston, Lockhart, Ward, White, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 43, unprinted Minutes of the Railway Commissioners, was laid upon the table.

The "Cattle Trespass Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill."

Mr. Potts in the chair.

Clauses 7, 10 were re-considered and amended.

Motion was proposed "That Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That Clause 10 be struck out."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Cass, Davis, Dobbs, Fyfe, Higgins, Ollivier. Noes, 12: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Cookson, Fooks, Hall, Harman, Miln, Packer, Rhodes, Thomson, Wyatt.

Clause 12 passed as amended.

The Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Leave was given to bring in a "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

Leave was given to bring in a "Bill to enable the Superintendent to raise a Loan of £70,000."

The Bill was read a first time.

The remaining Motions on the Notice Paper were postponed.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Blakiston, White, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Akaroa was presented, read, and received.

The Council in Committee on the "Cattle Trespass Ordinance Amendment Bill."

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

The Bill passed with amendments.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was proposed "That the 'Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Bill' be read a second time."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Bill be read this day six months."

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Fyfe, Harman, Hall, Lockhart, Packer, Rhodes, Thomson.
Noes, 12: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Cass, Dobbs, Davis, Higgins, Fooks, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Ward, Wyatt.

The original Motion was then granted, and the Bill was read a second time.

The "Loan Bill, 1859," was read a second time.

The remaining Motions on the Notice Paper were postponed.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Dobbs, Fooks, Cass, Hall, Ollivier, Cookson, Potts, Wyatt, Fyfe.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Committee on the System of Registration was discharged.

The "Cattle Trespass Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 10.

The "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 11.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of Clause 3, and the postponed Clauses of the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

Clause 3 was re-considered, amended, and passed.

Clauses 12, 17, 24 were amended, and passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

Vote was taken, Harbor Master and Outward Pilot, in addition	}	£100	0	0
to Fees up to £100				
„ Boatman at 5s. 6d. per diem	}	109	0	0
„ A second Boatman, being paid by the General Government, and employed as Messenger to the Office, contingencies for extra services				
„ Pilot, in addition to Fees up to £75	}	100	0	0
„ Two Boatmen at 7s. per diem				
„ Purchase of Vessel, &c.	}	300	0	0
„ Erection of Beacon and Forming Path				

The Vote of £200 for Beacons, originally taken, was struck out.

Vote was taken, Gratuity to W. Reston, Gaoler, Lyttelton ...	25	0	0
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The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee on the "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Bill."

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed as read.

Clause 4 was proposed.

An addition was ordered to the Clause.

Upon division—Ayes, 7: Messrs. Bishop, Cass, Fyfe, Hall, Ollivier, Potts, Wyatt. Noes, 4: Messrs. Alport, Bowen, Cookson, Dobbs.

The remaining Clauses passed as read.

Clause 4 as amended was numbered No. 6.

The Schedule passed as amended.

The Title and Preamble passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee on the "Loan Bill."

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

The Bill passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council adjourned at 8.15 p. m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Cass, Dobbs, Cookson, Fooks, Fyfe, Hall, Ollivier, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

The Department of Inspector of Sheep was re-considered.

Vote was re-considered, Forage, &c., and taken as £200.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Estimates as passed.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorised to appropriate a sum not exceeding £250, to defray the Expenses of Entertaining his Excellency the Governor while in the Province."

Motion was carried upon division, "That the 'Municipal Councils Bill' be read a third time."

Ayes, 4: Messrs. Alport, Cass, Fooks, Ollivier. Noes, 4: Messrs. Bishop, Fyfe, Dobbs, Cookson.

The Speaker decided in favor of the Ayes, and the Bill was read a third time.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Bill do pass."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Cookson, Alport, Fooks, Cass, Ollivier. Noes, 4: Messrs. Bishop, Dobbs, Fyfe, Hall.

The Bill passed and was numbered No. 12.

The "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Bill" was read a third time, passed and numbered No. 13.

The "Loan Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 14.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorised to Dispose of 1000 Acres of Land to Defray the Expenses connected with the Improvement of the Sumner Road."

The Council adjourned until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Cass, Dobbs, Fooks, Harman, Fyfe, Lockhart, Ollivier, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of W. Dartnell was brought up, read, and received.

The name of Sefton was given to the Salt Water Creek.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Cass, Dobbs, Fyfe, Blakiston, Wyatt, Packer, Ollivier.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was proposed "That the 'Appropriation Bill' be read a first time."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the first reading be postponed."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Blakiston, Fyfe, Harman, Packer, Wyatt. Noes, 3: Messrs. Cass, Dobbs, Ollivier.

Message No. 2, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"The Superintendent acquaints the Provincial Council that he has received a Communication from the Managers of the Union Bank, conveying to him their approval of an Overdraft by the Provincial Treasury to the extent of £15,000, to be repaid in five months, which he has accepted.

"The Superintendent has directed that no new undertakings, involving any considerable expenditure of public money, shall be entered into until this liability has been discharged, which, after a careful examination of the Works on hand, he anticipates can be done by the month of May next.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be requested to Withhold his Sanction to the Expenditure of any considerable sums of Money upon any new Works until the advance of £5000 made by the Union Bank of Australia to the Provincial Treasury be discharged."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to Dispose of One Thousand Five Hundred Acres of Land for the further prosecution of the Drainage Works on the Rangiora Swamp."

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 3RD JANUARY, 1859.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Cass, Dobbs, Davis, Fooks, Fyfe, Higgins, Bishop, Cookson, Blakiston, Packer, Ollivier.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Appropriation Bill" was brought in, and read a first time.

Standing Orders Nos. 110 to 119 were suspended.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Appropriation Bill."

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

The Bill passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 15.

Message No. 3, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"The Superintendent being absent in attendance upon his Excellency the Governor upon an excursion to the interior of the Province, begs to transmit to Mr. Speaker his Address upon closing the Eleventh Session of the Provincial Council.

" W. S. MOORHOUSE,
" Superintendent."

Mr. Speaker read the following Address, and declared the Council prorogued:—

" MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

" The business of the Session being concluded, I have to express to you my thanks for the great diligence you have exerted in arranging the proceedings for the current financial year, and passing the various necessary Laws submitted for your consideration and approval.

" During your present Session I have already, on the part of his Excellency the Governor, assented to

" The ' Loan Amendment Ordinance.'

" The ' Lunatic Asylum and Gravel Pit Reserves Sale Ordinance.'

" The ' Roads Diversion Ordinance.'

" The ' Cathedral Square Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.'

" The ' Public Hospital Ordinance.'

" The ' Church Property Trust Amendment Ordinance.'

" The ' Racecourse Lease Ordinance.'

" The ' Ship Building Reserve Lease Ordinance.'

" I have further to publish my assent, on the part of his Excellency the Governor, to

" The ' Cattle Trespass Amendment Ordinance.'

" The ' Sheep Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.'

" The ' Municipal Councils Ordinance.'

" The ' Appropriation Bill.'

" The Bills which I have reserved for his Excellency's assent, are—

" The ' Peacock Wharf Extension Ordinance.'

" The ' Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Ordinance.'

" The ' Loan Ordinance.'

" The Supplies you have voted will be used in conformity with your wishes.

" I will endeavour, by all means in my power, to promote the many important advantages intended for this Colony by your legislation on the subject of Railway Communication between the Port Town and Producing Districts of this Province.

" It is my intention shortly to call you together again; circumstances may arise out of the various Works you have authorized which may render such a course necessary; meanwhile, there are many indications that the temporary pressure which our Commerce has had to contend with is rapidly passing away,

and I therefore hope soon to congratulate you upon a perfect restoration of prosperity, and that at our next meeting the then state of our Revenue will justify me in recommending a vigorous prosecution of such ordinary Public Works as remain to be carried out in order to open up and develop the resources of the country.

“ Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen, I now declare this Council prorogued until the 29th day of June next.

“ W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“ Superintendent.”

SESSION XII.

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PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XII.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 14th March, 1860.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cass, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Fyfe, Harman, Higgins, Latter, Lockhart, Ollivier, Potts, Templer, Thomson, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and opened the Session with the following Address:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

“I have called you together for the express purpose of considering and advising me upon the proposed Lyttelton and Christchurch direct Railway.

“You are aware that his Excellency the Governor has been advised to withhold his assent to the ‘Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Ordinance,’ and the ‘Loan Ordinance,’ upon the ground of alleged Legislative incapacity of the Provinces to create the powers intended by the Railway Ordinance.

“I have not requested your attendance here for the purpose of taking from you a re-affirmation of the unavoidable necessity for constructing the Railway. But I wish to lay before you the course which I deem it proper, under existing circumstances, to adopt, and to ask your concurrence in an alteration of the Railway financial arrangements adopted by you last Session.

“Before proceeding further, I must congratulate you and the Province on the fact that the General Government has evinced the most lively interest in our proposed undertaking, as you will learn from the Correspondence I shall cause to be laid before you.

“Subject to your concurrence, I intend to promote a Railway Bill in the House of Representatives during its next Session, similar in all essential particulars to your Ordinance of last Session.

“I shall suggest for your approval an important modification of the Railway Financial Arrangements adopted by you last Session.

“Although at first sight the alteration I propose (involving as it does the raising of a much larger Loan than that first contemplated by you) will appear to cast a more serious and formidable burthen upon the Province, yet I shall cause evidence to be adduced in proof that although a larger immediate debt would be incurred by the mode I recommend, the effect of incurring that larger amount will be to secure an undoubted capability of properly carrying out this Railway without neglecting the many lesser but indispensable Public Works required in a new and rapidly thriving Colony.

“ I trust that in the General Assembly there will be no difficulty in the way of procuring powers to construct the Railway, and that I shall, with your sanction and assistance, be enabled to procure a Loan adequate to a creditable completion of the work.

“ Gentlemen, feeling confident that you will enter upon the serious duties of this special Session with a determination to rigidly examine every circumstance surrounding and affecting the subject to be discussed, and hoping that our united labours may, by God’s blessing, be productive of that prosperity to the Province and Colony which it is our function to foster and promote, I have now to declare this Council duly opened for the dispatch of business.”

His Honor then retired from the Council Chamber.

The Chaplain read Prayers.

The Speaker notified to the Council that Messrs. C. R. Blakiston, R. J. S. Harman, E. C. Latter and C. Ward had been elected to serve as Members of the Provincial Council for the Districts and Towns of Kaiapoi, Akaroa, Heathcote, and Lyttelton respectively.

The Speaker notified to the Council that, by the resignation of Mr. L. Harper, the Office of Clerk to the Council was vacant, and called upon Members for the nomination of Candidates.

The following gentlemen were proposed and seconded :—Messrs. C. Clark, C. M. Ollivier, H. B. Quin. Votes having been taken, Mr. Quin was declared duly elected.

The Speaker called Mr. Quin to the desk.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

1, Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent and the Colonial Secretary on the “ Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Bill.”

2, Resolutions on the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Proposals.

The Council adjourned at 2.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Fyfe, Harman, Higgins, Lockhart, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Ward.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted “ That an Address, expressing the sympathies of the Council under the trying circumstances of the Maori insurrection, as proposed by Mr. Ollivier, be signed by the Speaker, and presented to his Excellency the Governor by his Honor the Superintendent.”

The “ Trespass of Cattle Ordinance Amendment Bill ” was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

Motion was carried upon division, “ That the Council do resolve itself into Committee to consider the Preamble of the Proposed Railway Resolutions.”

Ayes, 9 : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Davis, Dobbs, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Rhodes, Ward.

Noes, 5 : Messrs. Blakiston, Fooks, Fyfe, Potts, Ross.

The Council in Committee. Mr. Fooks in the chair.

Clause 1 of the Preamble passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 6.50, until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Harston, Higgins, Ollivier, Rhodes, Ross, Templer, Thomson, Ward, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that E. F. B. Harston, Esq., had been duly elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the Heathcote District.

Mr. C. B. Fooks was elected Chairman of Committees.

Motion was proposed and withdrawn upon discussion, "That the 'Trespass of Cattle Amendment Ordinance Amendment Bill' be read a second time."

Motion was granted "That a Select Committee be appointed to arrange the Consolidation of the different Ordinances affecting the Trespass of Cattle; such Committee to consist of Messrs. Ollivier, Thomson, Wyatt, Harston, Fooks, Rhodes, Blakiston."

The Council in Committee on the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Proposals.

The Provincial Solicitor attended, and proceeded to state the Heads of the Bill to be brought before the General Assembly, and the nature of the evidence which the Government proposed to lay before the Council.

The Provincial Engineer attended, and gave evidence to questions put by the Provincial Solicitor.

The Provincial Engineer was questioned by the following Members: Messrs. Alport, Miln, Ward, Davis, Latter, Thomson, Ollivier, Wyatt, and the Chairman.

The Provincial Treasurer attended, and gave evidence as to the ability to payment out of Local Revenues of the interest and sinking fund, upon the moneys proposed to be borrowed year by year during the construction of the Railway.

The Provincial Treasurer was questioned by the following Members: Messrs. Thomson, Miln, Ollivier, Ward, Blakiston, Harston.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 9.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Templer, Thomson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Custom House Returns of Exports and Imports for each year, since the foundation of the Settlement, be produced."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Bishop, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Harston, Latter, Miln, Potts, Rhodes, Templer. Noes, 5: Messrs. Alport, Blakiston, Fooks, Higgins, Ollivier.

The Council in Committee on the Railway Proposals.

The Provincial Treasurer attended a second time, and was questioned by the Provincial Solicitor and Mr. Thomson.

Captain M'Lean attended, and was questioned by the Provincial Solicitor, Messrs. Thomson, Ollivier, Alport, Harston, Miln, the Speaker, Davis, Templer, Latter, Blakiston.

The Collector of Customs attended and was questioned by the Provincial Solicitor, Messrs. Thomson, Rhodes, Cookson, Ollivier, Alport, Harston, Miln, Davis, Templer, Blakiston.

Mr. Baynes attended and was questioned by the Provincial Solicitor, Messrs. Thomson, Cookson, Ollivier, Alport, Harston, Miln, Dobbs, Higgins, Rhodes, Blakiston.

The evidence on the part of the Government closed here.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Fyfe, Harston, Latter, Lockhart, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Ross, Thomson, Ward.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council in Committee on the Railway Proposals, to receive the evidence of Witnesses called by Mr. Thomson.

Mr. William Dale attended, and was questioned by the Provincial Solicitor, Messrs. Ollivier, Bishop, and the Chairman.

Mr. Gould attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Thomson, Harston, Ollivier, Alport, Ward, Miln, Latter, the Provincial Solicitor, and the Chairman.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.15, until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Fyfe, Latter, Miln, Packer, Rhodes, Ross, White, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council in Committee on the Railway Proposals.

Mr. Latter attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Thomson, Ollivier, Alport, Templer, Dobbs, and the Chairman.

The Provincial Engineer attended, and answered a question put by the Provincial Solicitor as to the printed evidence, viz.,—Whether in the question put by Mr. Thomson, through the Chair (page 11 of the printed evidence), the words “to forty shillings” should not be inserted after numerals “8s. 6d.”

Answer: “Yes, they should.”

The evidence was ordered to be corrected.

Mr. Jones attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Thomson, Ollivier, Ward, Davis, Harman, Alport, and the Chairman.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 8.45, until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Davis, Fooks, Harston, Higgins, Lockhart, Ollivier, Thomson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council in Committee on the Railway Proposals.

Mr. Aikman attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Thomson, Harston, Ollivier, Davis, The Speaker, and the Chairman.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 9.40, until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Cookson, Lockhart, Packer, Rhodes, Templer, White, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Communication from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, with reference to certain Ordinances passed, Session XI, was read by the Clerk.

Motion was granted "That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, having reference to the Correspondence which has passed between the General and the Provincial Governments upon the subject of the Lunatic Asylum and Gravel-pit Reserves, as well as to the disallowance by his Excellency's Government of the "Hospital Bill" passed during the last Session of this Council."

Leave was given to introduce a "Cattle Trespass Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Standing Orders 109-120 were suspended.

The "Cattle Trespass Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Cattle Trespass Bill."

The Bill passed with clerical amendments.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Cattle Trespass Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1.

The Council in Committee on the proposed Railway Resolutions.

The following Resolutions passed, and were ordered to be reported by the Chairman.

"Whereas this Council has already, during its last Session, recorded its decided opinion that a Railway between Lyttelton and Christchurch is urgently required, and that such a Railway should be constructed direct and by means of a Tunnel through the Hills.

"It is therefore resolved, that under the present circumstances of the Province, it is highly desirable that the whole of the money to be employed upon the construction of the said work should be raised by way of Loan, secured by a first charge upon all the available Revenues of the Province.

"And that interest accruing upon the said Loan, after a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, may be safely guaranteed by the Provincial Government, and that a further standing appropriation of Provincial Revenue to the extent of two per centum upon the sum borrowed, may be set apart as a Sinking Fund for repayment of the said Loan.

"That the Superintendent be respectfully requested to take such measures as may be by him, with the advice of his Executive, be deemed necessary for promoting, during the ensuing Session of the General Assembly, such Legislative Enactments as are indispensable to the construction of the said Line of Railway.

"That it is highly expedient that a Loan be negotiated, not exceeding three hundred thousand pounds, to be expended solely in the purchase of the site, and in

defraying the cost of the construction of the Railway, necessary Stations, Engines and Rolling Stock, provided that such Loan shall not be raised in any greater amount in proportion than fifty thousand pounds, or one-sixth of the whole sum in any one year during the progress of the work."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions, and they were proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That this Council having taken evidence on the proposed Railway between Lyttelton and Christchurch, is of opinion that it is not expedient that the undertaking should be at present proceeded with, for the following reasons:—

"Because no sufficient evidence has been produced to shew that the Mercantile interests of the Province will derive an advantage from the undertaking commensurate with the outlay required for its construction.

"Because, irrespective of the evidence of Messrs. Gould, Jones, Latter, and Aikman, which is decidedly hostile to the project, it appears by the testimony of the Provincial Engineer that if the Sumner Road were completed, goods could be collected, conveyed, and delivered at one pound per ton between the two towns, being only 3s. 6d. above his estimated charge; and, by the evidence of Captain M'Lean, that steamers could convey freight and pay at 10s. per ton, being 50 per cent. below the sum required to cover the cost of working the Railway, with Interest and Sinking Fund, supposing a traffic of 30,000 tons and 125,000 Passengers to be annually carried over it.

"Because no sufficient evidence has been laid before the House to shew that such an amount of goods or such a number of Passengers can be safely relied upon.

"Because the Financial Statement of the Provincial Treasurer is altogether so conjectural as not to justify the House in acting on it, and especially for the following reasons:—

"*a.* That past experience has proved that no such proportion as 50 per cent. on the advances made for Assisted Immigration can be recovered year by year.

"*b.* Because it is exceedingly doubtful whether, in the face of the Rebellion amongst the Natives in the Northern Island, the Customs Revenue can be made available to the extent estimated.

"*c.* Because the assumption of £35,020 as available receipts in 1866 from the Railway is not so borne out as to warrant the Province entering on so large a speculation.

"*d.* Because, should the Provincial Treasurer's estimate with regard to Immigration or Customs Revenue prove incorrect, or should the Railway not realize the amount aforesaid, the embarrassment which would be occasioned to the Finances would be such as to involve either the imposition of a system of taxation or a radical change in the land policy of the Province."

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Thompson, Ross. Noes, 14: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Fyfe, Harman, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Ward.

The Resolutions were then agreed to, and a Copy was ordered to be forwarded to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council adjourned at 12.15 p.m., until Tuesday next, at Noon.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Blakiston, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Potts, Thompson, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

Clerical amendments in the Railway Evidence were ordered to be made.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Chamber, and delivered the following Address :—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“I have to declare my assent on behalf of His Excellency the Governor to ‘The Cattle Trespass Ordinance.’

“The labours of this Special Session having come to a close, I have to congratulate you and the Province on the satisfactory result of your deliberations, and trust that I shall be successful in my endeavour to give effect to your Resolutions respecting the projected Tunnel and Railway. I may state that I do not apprehend any serious difficulty in the accomplishment of your wishes. Thanking you for your assistance during the Session, I have now to declare this Council to be prorogued until Friday, the 10th day of August next.”

SESSION XIII.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XIII.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 26th June, 1860.

Members present: Messrs. Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs Fooks, Harston, Higgins, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Thomson, Ward, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and opened the Session with the following Address:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

“Agreeably to your wishes as expressed to me in your Resolution of last Session, I have, under the advice of my Executive Council, taken measures for promoting in the next Session of the General Assembly a Bill, conferring upon the Canterbury Government powers to construct a Railroad between Lyttelton and Christchurch; and it is gratifying to me to state that I can see no practical obstacle to its enactment.

“It now remains for you to enact the powers enabling me to borrow the money necessary to defray the expenses of constructing the work.

“To this end I shall submit to you a Bill, intituled ‘The Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill.’

“Having already affirmed the policy of constructing the work and the expediency of borrowing the necessary funds, it only remains for you to consider and declare the particular mode of giving effect to your determination.

“All the Papers referring to the proposed Railway shall be laid before you.

“It is not my intention to enter upon any other business than that already indicated, excepting a re-enactment of the ‘Lunatic Asylum and Gravel-pit Reserves Sales Ordinance,’ which has become necessary by reason of technical difficulties disclosed subsequent to Session XI.

“Trusting that your present labours will effect all that is possible to prevent unprofitable delays in the commencement of the Railroad, and that upon your next meeting I shall have to congratulate you and the Province on the removal of every obstacle in the way of its progress to completion, I now declare this Council duly convened and opened for the transaction of business.”

His Honor then retired from the Council Chamber.

Prayers were read by the Chaplain.

The following Papers were laid upon the table.

1, Abstract of Answers to Circular, 20th April, 1860,—Assents and Dissents to Line of Railway.

2, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Messrs. Smith and Knight in reference to the Railway Proposals.

3, Catalogue of Books furnished for the Council Library.

4, Reserves made during the Recess of the Provincial Council.

Message No. 1, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“The Superintendent transmits to the Provincial Council for their consideration, the following Resolutions :—

“Whereas, in giving effect to the Resolutions passed by this Council in its last Session, the Provincial Government has found it necessary to defer the final ratification of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Contract with Messrs. Smith and Knight for a period of four months from the Twenty-fourth day of April last, and whereas considerable loss of time would have resulted if the preliminary drifts in the proposed Tunnel had not been continued : Be it therefore resolved—

“That his Honor the Superintendent be authorised to disburse a sum not exceeding £4,500 in defraying the expenses of making and continuing the said drifts and other expenses incidental to the undertaking.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“Superintendent.”

Motion was proposed “That the Resolution be considered at once.”

Upon discussion, the consideration was deferred.

The Provincial Secretary laid the “Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill” upon the table.

The Council adjourned at 3.14, until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Harman, Harston, Higgins, Ollivier, Potts, Ross, Templer, Thomson, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table.

5, Correspondence with the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, referring to Ordinances, Session XI.

6, Report of the Provincial Engineer upon the state of the North Road.

7, Accounts of the Provincial Treasurer to 30th June, 1860.

Motion was proposed that the Resolutions embodied in Message No. 1, of his Honor the Superintendent, be adopted.”

An amendment was negatived upon division, “That inasmuch as the Provincial Council did, in Session, vote a sum not exceeding £3,000 for preliminary expenses in the formation of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, and as that sum has already been expended, it is not expedient that any further sum be expended except on distinct vote of the Provincial Council, and on Accounts produced before them.”

Ayes, 3: Messrs. Thomson, Wyatt, Harston. Noes, 13: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Harman, Higgins, Ollivier, Potts, Ross, Templer.

The original Motion was carried.

Upon division, Ayes, 13: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Harman, Davis, Dobbs, Fooks, Higgins, Ollivier, Potts, Ross, Templer. Noes, 3: Messrs. Thomson, Wyatt, Harston.

Motion was granted “That this Council resolves that in the event of the special business of the Session not being concluded on Friday next, it do sit on Monday, at noon, in addition to the ordinary sitting days, as provided in Section 21 of the Standing Orders.”

Leave was given to bring in a "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "That Standing Orders 110—119 inclusive, be suspended, so as to enable the 'Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill' to pass through all its stages without delay."

Motion was proposed "That the 'Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill' be read a second time."

Amendment was proposed and negatived, "That as no inconvenience can possibly arise from postponing the consideration of the "Railway Loan Bill" till the Railway Bill to be brought before the General Assembly shall be passed, and as it is highly inexpedient that the Province should be committed to so serious an extent in the present uncertain state of its Revenue before the necessity actually exists, therefore, this Council postpones the consideration of the question till after the Session of the General Assembly."

The original Motion was then carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill."

Clause 1 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at the next sitting of the Council.

Motion was withdrawn by consent "For the Appointment of a Committee of Inquiry into the mode in which the Survey Department of the Land Office is conducted."

Motion was negatived "That the Report of the Provincial Engineer on the state of the North Road be read by the Clerk."

Motion was granted "That the following Reserve, made during the late Recess of this Council be approved by the Council :—

5 acres, Peel Forest, bounded on north-east by the high bank of the River Rangitata, a distance of 4 chains 50 links, and back south-westerly a distance of 11 chains, adjoining section No. 823, and numbered 165 in red on the Map of the Chief Surveyor.

For the preservation of Timber for the use of Ferry and Accommodation House on the south bank of the River Rangitata."

The Council adjourned until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 6TH JULY, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Fooks, Fyfe, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Templer, Thomson, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

Leave was given to bring in a "Lunatic Asylum and Gravel-pit Reserves Sales Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Standing Orders Nos. 109—119 were suspended.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Lunatic Asylum and Gravel-pit Reserves Sales Bill."

Mr. Fooks in the chair.

The Bill passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Bill was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 2.

The Council in Committee on the "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill."

Standing Orders Nos. 109—119 were suspended.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 passed as read.

Clause 10 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That after the word 'proceeds' there be inserted the words 'available for Revenue;' and before the same, the word 'nett.'"

Ayes, 10 : Messrs. Bishop, Davis, Fyfe, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Potts, Templer, Thomson. Noes, 5 : Messrs. Blakiston, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Ollivier.

The consideration of Clause 10 was deferred until Monday, at noon.

Clause 11, The Preamble and Schedule, passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Motion was granted "That the Honourable the Member for Akaroa be excused from further attendance during this Session on the ground of urgent private business in a neighbouring Province."

The Council adjourned at 7.10 p.m., until Monday next, at noon.

MONDAY, 9TH JULY, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Fooks, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Latter, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council in Committee on the "Railway Loan Bill."

Motion was granted "That Clause 10 do stand as originally read."

Motion was granted "That the word 'nett' be inserted before the word 'proceeds' in the same Clause."

The Title passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Bill was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1.

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "That an Address be adopted, praying his Honor the Superintendent that he will cause a Reserve of 2,000 Acres of Land to be made for the Relief of Sufferers at Taranaki."

Motion was granted "That this Council desires to draw the attention of his Excellency's Government to the present Inefficient Post Office Accommodation in the town of Christchurch, and the pressing necessity which exists for an immediate change in the arrangements connected with the transaction of the Internal Postal Communication of the Province. A careful examination of the Post Office Returns will shew that fully four-fifths of the whole Correspondence of the Province passes through Christchurch, and in consequence of the unnecessarily early closing of the Mail bags in Christchurch, great inconvenience, and frequently considerable expense has to be incurred by private parties in the dispatch of Special Messengers, in order to avail themselves of the Mail, which is made up at a much later hour in Lyttelton. This Council also desires to bring under the notice of his Excellency's Government the great inconvenience attending the delay in the Sorting of Letters at Lyttelton intended for Christchurch and the Interior, and respectfully suggests that arrangements should be made for constituting Christchurch a Chief Post Office, in order that Mails may be received and dispatched direct."

Message No. 2, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“The Superintendent transmits to the Provincial Council the ‘Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill,’ and earnestly calls their attention to the serious necessity for amending the 10th Clause, by substituting the word ‘gross’ for ‘nett.’”

“The Superintendent makes this request under a strong conviction that while the proposed alteration will in no degree prejudice the future Finances of the Province, it may be a means of preventing a very large present sacrifice in the sale of the proposed Debentures.

“The Superintendent is further under the impression that the wording suggested by him is materially necessary to a favourable reception of the measure by his Excellency the Governor.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“Superintendent.”

The Message was considered.

Motion was granted “That the Bill be re-considered.”

The Council in Committee for the re-consideration of 10th Clause of the “Railway Loan Bill.”

Motion was negatived upon division “That the word ‘nett’ be erased, and the word ‘gross’ inserted.”

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Blakiston, Ollivier. Noes, 14: Messrs. Bishop, Bowen, Cass, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Latter, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson.

Motion was negatived upon division, “That the word ‘nett’ be erased.”

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cass, Thomson. Noes, 11: Messrs. Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Latter, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The “Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill” was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1.

The Council adjourned for five minutes, resumed, and adjourned at 3.15 p.m., until 5 o’clock.

The Council re-assembled.

The Speaker in the chair.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

“A careful consideration of the duties and responsibilities of my position convinces me that I am bound to ask your further consideration of my Message No. 2.

“I wish you to believe that I have the highest respect for the motives that have guided your reception of that Message, and I would ask you to believe that it is only a grave matter that would lead me to the extraordinary course I am now adopting. As the Chief Executive Officer of the Province, my whole time and energy is given to considering and elaborating the various schemes which are submitted by Government for the welfare of the country. And I cannot hold myself acquitted of my duty if, at any inconvenience to myself, I refrain from earnestly pressing upon your unbiassed judgment the existence of difficulties which I may from time to time see, and which I can by any possibility avert.

“There are periods in the history of every Administration when it is absolutely necessary to have faith in the Executive. I now directly ask you to repose faith in my advice, that the Clause referred to in my Message would for very grave reasons be best amended as therein suggested.

“Among the most serious difficulties in the way of a Loan to the Province stands a fact which I am very loth to contemplate, but which common candour compels me to see and admit, namely,—That the Securities mentioned in the Loan Bill, with the exception of the gross proceeds of the contemplated Railway, are not in solid reality any Security at all. Lenders of Money will be well advised of the very questionable value of Revenue, subject to unlimited appropriations by the General Assembly; whereas there would be a real Security in the gross proceeds of the Railway, at least to the extent of as much as the Railway earned. The other Securities are really no better than an assignment of the reversionary interest in a contingent remainder. I am myself fully persuaded that the Revenues of the Province are quite equal to sustain the Loan. But I ask, in the absence of direct proof, what will be the opinion of the Money Lender. I beg to state that I have done my utmost to learn every circumstance affecting the success of this Railway enterprise, and under a well warranted impression that the Clause I have suggested is of vital importance to the Bill, I would earnestly invite you to again consider my last Message.

“Possibly it may not have occurred to the Council that the provision that only nett Railway proceeds shall be liable for the Interest on the Loan does not relieve the Revenues of the Province of any balance of liability that may remain due after the appropriation of such nett proceeds, and that, as a matter of business, it is perfectly indifferent whether the entire liability be paid out of gross Railway proceeds, or partly by nett Railway proceeds, and partly out of the Ordinary Revenue; so far as our Finance is concerned the result is practically the same. But not so the security; gross proceeds, as I said before, are actual, certain, available Securities for the Loan; but the other Securities mentioned in the Clause are, as we are bound to admit, apparently uncertain.

“Gentlemen, trusting that you will properly understand my position at this juncture, I now leave the matter finally in your hands.”

His Honor the Superintendent left the Council Chamber.

The Council in Committee for the re-consideration of Clause 10.

Motion was proposed “That in Clause 10 the word ‘gross’ be substituted for the word ‘nett.’”

Discussion ensued.

The Chairman was ordered to report progress.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted “That the Council do resolve itself into Committee, with power to call the Provincial Solicitor to the Bar of the House to give evidence upon the effect on the security offered by the insertion of the word ‘nett’ in Clause 10.”

The Council in Committee.

The Provincial Solicitor attended and gave evidence.

Motion was carried upon division, “That in Clause 10 the word ‘gross’ be substituted for the word ‘nett.’”

Ayes, 11 : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Harman, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer.

Noes, 4 : Messrs. Thomson, Harston, Fyfe, Wyatt.

Clause 10 was proposed, and passed as amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The “Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill” was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber, and delivered the following Address :—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“I have to thank you for the alacrity with which you have responded to my call for your assistance, and to state that I shall use every effort to procure a realization of your determination regarding the Railway. The ‘Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Bill,’ and the ‘Lunatic Asylum and Gravel-pit Reserves Sales Bill,’ I have the honour to reserve for the assent of his Excellency the Governor.

“Gentlemen, your labours of this Session being completed, I now declare this Council to be prorogued until Tuesday, the 30th day of October next.

SESSION XIV.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XIV.

TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to notice by the Deputy Superintendent dated 23rd October, 1860.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Bowen, Dobbs, Harman, Harston, Latter, Ollivier, Thomson, Wilkin.

The Chaplain read Prayers.

The Speaker took the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that Messrs. T. S. Duncan and R. Wilkin had been elected to serve as Members of the Provincial Council for the Town of Christchurch, and the District of Timaru, respectively.

The Speaker opened the Session with the following Address:—

“GENTLEMEN,

“We have met here to-day under very peculiar and unprecedented circumstances.

“I regret that I have not been able to devise any means of saving you the trouble of meeting merely for the purpose of adjournment.

“The powers of proroguing the Council not being vested in me, it only remained for me to remind you, by public advertisement, that this was the day to which the Council had been prorogued by his Honor the Superintendent. May I venture to express a hope that you will now simply pass a vote of adjournment to the 27th of November, by which time the Superintendent will be here to meet you.

“I think the Council will perceive the great inconvenience which will result from any other course of procedure than that I have recommended, considering the absence of the Provincial Secretary, as well as the various difficulties surrounding my present position.”

The Council then adjourned until Thursday, 27th November.

THURSDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Harman, Harston, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Rhodes, Thomson, Templer, Ward, Wilkin, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

1, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Chief Commissioner of the Waste Lands Board, on the subject of the Appointment of a Clerk in the place of a Secretary.

2, Return shewing the Attendance on Board Days of the Commissioners of the Waste Lands, for the year ending 1st October, 1860; and Crown Grant Returns for a like period.

3, Correspondence having reference to the Conduct of the Inspector of Sheep for the Southern District.

4, Returns of Payments made on account of Immigration, as shewn by published accounts of Immigration Agents, June 1855 to June 1860.

5, Particulars of Moneys due to the Provincial Government for Passage Assistance, 30th September, 1860.

6, Copy of Correspondence between the Provincial Government and H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire.

7, Accounts of the English Agency from 1st July, 1859, to 30th June, 1860.

8, Correspondence with J. E. FitzGerald, Esquire.

9, Report of the Inspector of Schools.

10, Supplementary Report of the Inspector of Schools.

11, Extract from the Provincial Secretary's Letter to the Inspector of Schools.

12, Abstract of Receipts and Payments by the Provincial Treasurer for the year ended 30th September, 1860.

13, Statement of Receipts and Payments by the Provincial Treasurer for the quarter ended 30th September, 1860.

14, Comparative Statement, shewing the Sum Voted for the Service of the Year ended 30th September, 1860, and the Expenditure Incurred within the same period.

15, Returns of the Inspectors of Sheep from 1st October, 1859, to 30th September, 1860.

16, Report of T. K. Mould, Esquire, C.E., on the Boundary Line between Canterbury and Otago.

17, Returns shewing the Cost of Immigration by each ship, the Number of Immigrants Dispatched, with Analysis of Trades, from June, 1858, to latest date.

18, Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent and Dr. Julius Haast, upon the subject of a Geographical and Topographical Survey of the Province of Canterbury.

Motion was granted "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that he will direct a suitable provision to be made in Mr. Speaker's room, or in one of the vacant rooms of the Government Buildings, for the reception of the Books imported for the Council Library during the late Session."

Leave was given to bring in a Public House Licensing Bill.

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a Bill for the Suppression of Gorse.

The Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at 7.15 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Ross, Thomson, Wilkin, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted "That the following Reserves, made temporarily by the Superintendent during the late Recess, be Confirmed by the Council."

RESERVES TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

Quantity.	Where Situate.	Description.	For what purpose Reserved.
A. R. P. 5 0 0	Peel Forest.	Bounded on the N.E. by the high bank of the River Rangitata, a distance of 4 chains 50 links, and back south-westerly a distance of 11 chains, adjoining section 823, and numbered 165 (in red) on the map of the Chief Surveyor.	Preservation of Timber for the use of the Ferry and Accommodation House, South Bank River Rangitata.
640 0 0	Wairewa, Little River.	Bounded on the N. by the Native Reserve and a line in continuation of the southern boundary of the said Reserve, 24 chains westerly and 60 chains easterly; on the E. and W. by lines at right angles to the northern boundary line; and on the S. by a road and the Little River, and the eastern branch thereof.	Township.
6 0 0	Kaituna, Banks' Peninsula.	No. 166 (in red), bounded on the N.E. and S. by the Kaituna River, and on the westward by the base of the Hills, and lying between section 165 and section 2,649.	Churches, Schools, and Cemeteries in connection with the Church of England.
5 0 0	Lake Ellesmere, (Waihora) between Waikoko and Prices' Bay.	Bounded on the N.W., S.W., and S.E., by roads at the base of the Hill; and on the N.E. by a line to contain 5 acres.	Churches, Schools, and Cemeteries.
10 0 0	Arowenua.	No. 168 (in red), bounded on the northward by a road on the southward of section 2630, a distance of about 10 chains; on the eastward by the South Road, about 10 chains; and westward and southward in a rectangular block.	Public Cemetery.
10 0 0	Petit Carenage Bay, Akaroa.	Having about 10 chains frontage to the sea, and extending back south-westerly 10 chains on the average, and numbered 169 (in red) on the map of the Chief Surveyor setting out and describing the land around the Harbour of Akaroa, and numbered 169 (in red).	Reserve for Fire-wood for whaling ships.
1 0 0	Cross Roads, Mandeville district.	Situate at the Cross Roads on the line drawn between Trig. Stations M 23 and M 30 in the Mandeville District, 170 (in red).	Gravel Pit.

RESERVES TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL.

Quantity.	Where Situate.	Boundary.	Purposes for which Reserved.
A. R. P. 10 0 0	Pigeon Bay.	Bounded on the N. by a road south of 2311; on the S. by a Creek; on the E by section 170 and the road reserved along the beach, extending westerly between the creek and the first-mentioned road, so as to include the above quantity, numbered 171.	Presbyterian Church, School, and other purposes connected therewith; also for a Cemetery.
5000 0 0	River Grey, West Coast.	On the south bank of the River Grey, 5000 acres, about 4 or 5 miles from mouth, extending along the Grey about 4 miles and back about 2 miles along a Creek from Lake Brunner,—under Clause 19, Land Regulations; No. 172 (in red).	

Motion was proposed "That the Town Lands of the several Townships of Sefton, Wairewa, Arowenua, be Sold by Auction, in Sections of a Quarter of an Acre, more or less, at the rate of £48 per acre; also, that the Reserves made within the limits of the Town of Sefton be Confirmed."

An Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Townships of Wairewa and Arowenua be omitted."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Harston, Latter, Ollivier, Potts, Wyatt. Noes, 11: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Harman, Miln, Ross, Thomson, Wilkin.

The original Motion was carried.

Leave was given to bring in a "Cattle Trespass Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Municipal Council Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at 7 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Templer, White, Wilkin, Westenra, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that Captain Richard Westenra had been duly elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the Town of Christchurch.

Captain Westenra was appointed Chairman of Committees.

The "Cattle Trespass Bill" was read a second time.

A Petition from the Owners and Occupiers of Land on the Main Road from Kaiapoi to Oxford, concerning the state of the Road, was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Akaroa was not received on account of informality.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Okain's Bay, concerning the State of the Road and Bridges leading to Pigeon Bay and Akaroa was presented, read, and received.

The Council in Committee on the "Cattle Trespass Bill."

Captain Westenra in the chair.

Clause 1, passed as printed.

Amendment was negatived "That Clauses 2—17 be omitted."

The consideration of Clause 2 was deferred.

Clauses 3, 4 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Message No. 1, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"I beg to report, for your information, the course which, by the advice and consent of my Executive Council, under the powers in me vested by the "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Act," I have adopted in reference to the construction of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

"The Council is already in possession of all material facts connected with the history of this undertaking up to the 24th of November, 1860, on which day Messrs. Smith and Knight abandoned their provisional Contract for the reason assigned in their Letter of 16th November, 1860. Having received this intimation, I immediately directed an enquiry as to the feasibility of entertaining possible offers from that Firm to proceed with the work at an advanced price; and, also, whether I should be justified in extending the time stipulated in the conditional Contract for completing the work.

"As may be supposed, I had taken some care, in anticipation of a possible failure on the part of Messrs. Smith and Knight to accept and ratify the conditional Contract, to ascertain beforehand whether the difficulties of the work were of a character to justify such extension of price and time.

"Before the receipt of Messrs. Smith and Knight's Letter of the 16th ult., I had long entertained an opinion that the Province would certainly sustain a considerable loss if I consented to pay a higher price for the execution of the work than the sum named in the conditional Contract. As to the extension of time, I did not feel justified in forming an opinion until ample care had been taken to secure a reliable conclusion on that point also.

"Upon the receipt of Messrs. Smith and Knight's Letter announcing their abandonment of the Contract, by the advice of my Executive, I at once resolved to take over the work and plant. The Provincial Engineer was promptly directed to communicate with Messrs. Smith and Knight for the purpose of effecting a complete delivery of the ground and plant.

"The Provincial Engineer was also directed to take from Messrs. Smith and Knight a Statement of Account from the commencement of their relations with the Province, and also to receive from them the Contract between their Firm and the Miners and skilled Labourers introduced by them from England; which Contracts were, by agreement with Messrs. Smith and Knight, to be taken over by the Canterbury Government.

"The Provincial Engineer was further instructed to report fully upon the present condition of the work, and to estimate the outside cost of completing the same. Upon this duty the Provincial Engineer has been closely engaged during the last ten days, and has forwarded to me a detailed Estimate in accordance with instructions, together with a Report upon the most satisfactory plan for carrying on the works. I would here observe that the Provincial Engineer has, during the last year, had ample opportunities for acquiring all the knowledge necessary to the formation of a definite opinion on the subject. The Provincial Engineer reports that the whole work can be done within the amount named in the conditional

Contract with Messrs. Smith and Knight, but he advises that the work cannot be certainly completed under six years. I have been at considerable pains in examining the Estimates furnished to me by the Provincial Engineer, and am bound to state my entire confidence in those Estimates, which are framed with due regard to a fair margin for Contractors' profits. Accepting, therefore, those Estimates, I have, with the concurrence of my Executive, adopted the following plan of operations:—

“1st. To proceed immediately, under the direction of the Provincial Engineer, with the Tunnel as far as the trial-shafts at both ends, together with the open cuttings and earthworks incidental thereto.

“2nd. I have directed the preparation of advertisements, for publication in Newspapers of the neighbouring Colonies and the other Provinces of New Zealand, inviting Tenders for the formation of that central portion of the Tunnel which lies between the two trial-shafts a distance of about 2453 lineal yards. I have reason to believe that I shall be enabled to complete the first-mentioned section of the entire work in about nine months from this date, having already ascertained that the whole of it can be satisfactorily executed by competent local Contractors.

“In order that the employment of a large number of hands on railway works may not interfere with agricultural operations, orders have been given to suspend the open cuttings during six weeks of the harvest season.

“With regard to the financial part of this Railway enterprise, I have great pleasure in stating that, relying on the high commercial character and financial credit of the Province, and, clothed as I am with ample powers under the “Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Ordinance,” I hope, with the advice and concurrence of my Executive, to provide all the funds necessary to the undertaking on very satisfactory terms.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“Superintendent.”

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

20, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Messrs. Smith and Knight from 30th April to 28th November, 1860.

21, Return of Number of Crown Grants Prepared, and Report of Amount of work Performed during the past financial year, in the Survey Department.

22, Report on the state of the Public Buildings, Lyttelton and Christchurch.

The Committee resumed.

The consideration of Clauses 5, 6 was postponed.

Clause 7 passed as amended, “That for ‘twenty-four hours,’ whenever these words occur, there be read ‘twelve hours.’”

Motion was negatived upon division, “That the Chairman do report progress.”

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Bishop, Dobbs, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer. Noes, 10: Messrs. Alport, Blakiston, Bowen, Cookson, Fyfe, Miln, Thomson, White, Wilkin, Wyatt.

Clauses 8, 9 passed with clerical amendments.

Clause 10 passed as amended, “To end with the words ‘in a summary way.’”

Clauses 18—21 passed as printed.

Clause 22 passed as amended, “Shall be dealt with as provided for under the ‘Ordinary Revenues Act, 1858.’”

Clauses 23—35 passed as printed, with clerical amendments.

Clauses 36, 37 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow night.

A Library and House Committee was appointed, to consist of Messrs. Wilkin, Blakiston, Wyatt, Harman, Thomson, Ollivier.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Davis, Dobbs, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Potts, Thomson, Templer, Wilkin, White, Westenra.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Select Committee was appointed "To consider the question of future Immigration to the Province of Canterbury, with power to call for Persons and Papers, to consist of Messrs. Harman, Ollivier, Thomson, Latter, Higgins, Blakiston. To report on Wednesday, 19th December.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Council do resolve itself into Committee on the "Cattle Trespass Bill."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Blakiston, Harston, Ollivier, Wilkin, Westenra. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bishop, Davis, Harman, Higgins, Latter, Potts, Thomson.

The "Municipal Councils Bill" was read a second time.

Upon division—Ayes, 11: Messrs. Blakiston, Harman, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Thomson, Westenra, Wilkin. Noes, 5: Messrs. Bishop, Davis, Dobbs, Fyfe, White.

Motion was withdrawn "That this Council do resolve itself into Committee on the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Motion was granted "For any Correspondence which may have taken place in reference to the Leasing of the Market House."

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Higgins, Latter, Ross.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

23, Copies of Correspondence from the Immigration Agent, from December, 1859, to the latest date.

24, Correspondence relating to the Leasing of the Market Hall, Christchurch.

25, Report of the Provincial Engineer on the State of the Public Works.

26, Return shewing the Expenditure of the Grant in Aid of Building Churches, Schools, &c., from 1st October, 1859, to 30th September, 1860.

27, Correspondence relating to the Leasing of a portion of Hagley Park to the Christchurch Cricket Club for a Cricket Ground.

28, Correspondence relating to the Construction of a Bridge across the Waimakariri by Mr. White, of Kaiapoi.

29, Copy of the Provincial Engineer's Letter, accompanying Account from Messrs. Smith and Knight of Expenditure of Money in connexion with the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

30, Report of the Provincial Engineer upon the Best Means and Approximate Cost of commencing the works of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

The Report of the Provincial Engineer was read.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of Message No. 1, from his Honor the Superintendent.

Motion was proposed "That the following Reply be adopted:—

"The Provincial Council desire to thank your Honor for the Address which you have transmitted to them in reference to the Construction of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

“They concur in the course which your Honor has pursued upon the abandonment, by Messrs. Smith and Knight, of their contract.

“The Council are of opinion that if the works as far as the trial shafts at both ends, and the open cuttings and earthworks could be constructed as you propose, under the direction of the Provincial Engineer, it would be eminently advantageous to the Province; but they are also of opinion that it would be dangerous to proceed to the acceptance of any Tender for the formation of the central portion of the Tunnel between the trial shafts until the negotiations for the Loan have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The Council respectfully suggests to your Honor that immediate measures should be taken with a view to ascertain if the Loan can be taken up in accordance with the terms expressed in the “Loan Bill” to the extent of £50,000 per annum.”

Motion “That the Chairman do report progress” was negatived upon division.

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Fyfe, Harman, Miln, Templer, Ward, White. Noes, 13: Messrs. Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Harston, Ollivier, Packer, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Wilkin, Wyatt.

Clauses 1, 2 passed as read.

Clause 3 was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That the Clause do stand ‘The Council are of opinion that the works, as far as the trial shafts at both ends and the open cuttings and earthworks, should be constructed as far as practicable by the present Staff; but that it would be dangerous to do more than employ the present Staff until every effort has been made to enter into a satisfactory arrangement for the completion of the work by a responsible Contractor.’”

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Alport, Fyfe, Harston, Potts, Rhodes, Templer. Noes, 16: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Harman, Miln, Ollivier, Packer, Thomson, Ward, White, Wilkin, Wyatt.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That after the word ‘Province,’ the Clause do conclude with the words ‘Provided that a sufficient amount of the Loan shall have been negotiated to supply funds for the purpose,’ and that the works be carried on to an extent not exceeding the present rate, until a reply can have been received from Mr. Stephenson.”

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Bowen, Fyfe, Harman, Miln, Packer, White, Wyatt. Noes, 13: Messrs. Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Harston, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Ward, Wilkin.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That the Clause do stand ‘The Council are of opinion that the present Staff of Workmen should be employed until a binding and satisfactory arrangement for the completion of the work can be completed with a responsible Contractor, to be recommended by Mr. Stephenson; but that no further expenditure than that absolutely necessary to keep such Workmen employed should be incurred.’”

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Alport, Bowen, Fyfe, Harston, Miln, Packer, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, White, Wyatt.

Noes, 11: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Harman, Ollivier, Thomson, Ward, Wilkin.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Noes.

Clauses 3, 4 passed as read.

The Reply passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Reply.

It was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council in Committee on the “Cattle Trespass Bill.”

Clauses 5, 6, 2 passed as amended.

Clause 37 passed as amended, “to end with the words ‘in a summary way.’”

Schedules A G passed as amended.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

It was adopted.

A Select Committee was appointed to Enquire into the Management of the Waste Lands Board, in order to ascertain if any alteration can be effected in the constitution or system of the Board of that Department, and that such Committee be instructed to enquire into all the circumstances connected with the Appropriation of Moneys alleged to have been received by the late Secretary of the Board, and to report thereon. Such Committee to consist of Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Latter, Packer, Wilkin, and Ollivier, with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers. To report fifteen days after appointment.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Alport, Cookson, Higgins, Templer, Ward.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Cattle Trespass Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1, Session XIV.

The Council in Committee on the "Municipal Council Bill."

Clauses 1—29 passed with amendment.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Message No. 2, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"The reception which the Council has been pleased to give to my Message No. 1, in which I reported to it my past and intended procedure under the powers conferred upon me by the "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Act," convinces me that I should be unwise to proceed further with the Railway Works and the arrangements incidental to their prosecution without a very decided and unmistakable popular endorsement of my scheme of operations. That scheme I have already indicated as particularly as is consistent with Executive propriety.

"The Council has affirmed my proposal by a casting vote, which is, in my opinion, an insufficient warrant for my acting in a matter involving the most weighty Executive responsibilities.

"Under this condition of affairs, I beg to submit the propriety and expediency of postponing the execution of the Railway Works on an extended basis of operations until the country has had an opportunity of expressing its ultimatum on the subject.

"I may say that after a frank and careful consideration, I hold to the course indicated by my Message.

"The Council will pardon my suggesting that, under these circumstances, perhaps the most advisable course would be to complete the ordinary business of the Session, and then join with me in a Memorial to his Excellency the Governor, praying him to immediately dissolve the Council, in order that the decided opinion of the country may be finally elicited upon the Railway question.

" W. S. MOORHOUSE,
" Superintendent."

Motion was proposed, "That the Public House Licensing Bill" be read a second time."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That that Bill be read this day six months."

Ayes, 14: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Harman, Latter, Miln, Rhodes, Ross, Westenra, White, Wilkin.

Noes, 4: Messrs. Harston, Ollivier, Thomson, Wyatt.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Fyfe, Ward.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Little Akaloa, on the State of the Roads, was presented, read and received.

A Petition from the Maori Population, that a Hostelry be provided for their use, was presented, read and received.

The Council in Committee on the "Municipal Councils Bill."

Clause 76 was struck out.

The remaining Clauses passed with amendments.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the following Address be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in answer to Message No. 2:—

'SIR,

'The Provincial Council desire to thank you for Message No. 2, which your Honor has transmitted to the Council.

'They fully concur in the opinion which your Honor has expressed, that in the present state of public opinion, as disclosed by the votes of Members of the Council, the most satisfactory course of adjusting the difference existing between the Council and yourself would be by an appeal to the Public upon the question at issue.

'The Members of the Council will gladly co-operate with your Honor in this effort to bring about a dissolution by the means prescribed by the 'Constitution Act,' which provides that two-thirds of their number should resign their seats. Having in view that the dissolution of the Council must take place in ordinary course in the month of November next, the Council agree in the prudence of the course you have suggested, that the larger works attendant upon the prosecution of the Railway and the negotiation of the Loan, should be suspended until the opinion of the Electors, generally, shall have been taken upon works of such magnitude.

'The Council will, therefore, proceed to the consideration of the Estimates, for the continuance of the ordinary Public Works, as well as to make provision for the efficient maintenance of the various Departments of the Provincial Government; after which they will be prepared to hand to you their resignations, in conformity with the desire you have expressed in the Message alluded to.' "

Ayes, 18: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Duncan, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, White, Wilkin, Westenra. Noes, 5: Messrs. Dobbs, Harman, Packer, Ross, Wyatt.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Grant in Aid of Building Churches ... £2000 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30, until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Alport, Cookson, Packer, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Municipal Councils Bill" was read a third time.

Upon division—Ayes, 8 : Messrs. Blakiston, Duncan, Harston, Latter, Ollivier, Rhodes, Thomson, Westenra. Noes, 3 : Messrs. Bishop, Ross, White.

The Bill passed, and was numbered No. 2, Session XIV.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that a Hostelry be provided for the Maori Population in the Reserve set apart for their use in Hagley Park."

Ayes, 7 : Messrs. Bishop, Dobbs, Latter, Ollivier, Rhodes, Ward, Wyatt. Noes, 9 : Messrs. Blakiston, Duncan, Harman, Harston, Ross, Thomson, White, Wilkin, Westenra.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Consideration of vote.

Superintendent's Salary was postponed.

Vote was taken, Provincial Secretary	£400	0	0
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„ Chief Clerk	250	0	0
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Vote was proposed, Assistant Clerk	175	0	0
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Amendment was negatived upon division, "That £150 be substituted for £175."

Ayes, 6 : Messrs. Fyfe, Harston, Miln, Rhodes, Ross, Wyatt. Noes, 14 : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Dobbs, Duncan, Harman, Higgins, Latter, Ollivier, Potts, Thomson, Ward, White, Wilkin.

Vote was taken, Assistant Clerk	£175	0	0
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Vote was proposed, Provincial Treasurer	200	0	0
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Amendment was negatived upon division, "That consideration be deferred."

Ayes, 9 : Messrs. Fyfe, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Ollivier, Rhodes, Ross, Ward, Wyatt. Noes, 12 : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Harman, Miln, Potts, Thomson, White, Wilkin.

Vote was taken, Provincial Treasurer	£200	0	0
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„ Clerk	180	0	0
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„ Auditor	150	0	0
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„ Provincial Solicitor	200	0	0
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„ General Expenses, Messenger	100	0	0
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„ „ Fuel	50	0	0
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„ „ Insurance and Miscellaneous	200	0	0
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„ Legislative, Speaker	150	0	0
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„ „ Clerk	150	0	0
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A ——— sum for Expenses of Members was disallowed.

Vote was taken, Legislative, Chaplain	50	0	0
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„ „ Messenger	100	0	0
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„ „ Miscellaneous	10	0	0
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„ Crown Prosecutor (also Provincial Solicitor)	100	0	0
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„ Expenses of Sessions	200	0	0
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„ Gaol Department, Chaplain	50	0	0
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„ „ Gaoler	150	0	0
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Vote was taken, Gaol Department, Gaoler, additional Gratuity } (charge of Lunatics)	£ 15	0	0
” ” ” Three Wardens at 6s. per diem	328	10	0
” ” ” Two Wardens (Charge of } Lunatics) one at 6s. } one at 5s. per diem }	200	15	0
” ” ” Matron	15	0	0
” ” ” Prisoners' Rations, Clothing, &c.	550	0	0
” ” ” Fuel	30	0	0
” ” ” Miscellaneous	100	0	0
” Registration, Registrar	200	0	0

Vote was proposed, Chief Clerk and Draughtsman, £200.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That £180 be substituted for £200.”

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Bishop, Harman, Harston, Latter, Miln, Rhodes, Ross, Wyatt. Noes, 9: Messrs. Blakiston, Bowen, Davis, Dobbs, Higgins, Potts, Thomson, White, Wilkin.

Vote was taken, Registration, Chief Clerk and Draughtsman	£200	0	0
” ” Assistant Clerk	180	0	0
” ” Contingencies	100	0	0
” ” Fuel	20	0	0
” Police, Sub-Inspector, Christchurch and } Lyttelton (also Assistant Immi- } gration Officer) }	170	0	0
” ” Travelling Expenses	50	0	0
” ” Sub-Inspector, Kaiapoi (Clerk to } Magistrate's Court) Salary, Forage } Allowance and Travelling Ex- } penses }	175	0	0
” ” Two Sergeants at 7s. per diem ...	255	10	0
” ” One Corporal at 6s. 3d. per diem ...	114	1	3
” ” Fourteen Constables at 6s. per diem	1533	0	0
” ” Two Constables, Akaroa and Peninsula	219	0	0
” ” Two Constables, Timaru (also act- } ing as Beach Master's boat's } crew) }	219	0	0
” ” Clothing and Fuel	64	16	0
” ” Contingencies, Incidental House- } hold expenditure, Horse Hire, &c. }	200	0	0
” Inspector of Sheep, Salary, Forage, &c. ...	750	0	0
” Occasional Inspection of Sheep by Sea ...	50	0	0
” Inspector of Weights and Measures	200	0	0
” Provincial Gardener	150	0	0
” Assistant Gardener	94	10	0
” Waste Lands Board, Chief Commissioner ...	350	0	0

Consideration of the remainder of that Department and of the Survey Department was postponed.

Vote was taken, Harbour Master and Outward Pilot (in } addition to Fees up to £100) ... }	£100	0	0
” One Boatman at 5s. 6d. per diem	100	7	6
” Contingencies, Extra Services, Pilot Service } (in addition to Fees up to £75) ... }	100	0	0
” Two Boatmen at 7s. 6d. per diem	273	15	0
” Charitable, Provincial Surgeon, Lyttelton ...	200	0	0
” ” ” Christchurch	200	0	0
” ” Nurse for Hospital	95	0	0
” ” Fuel	75	0	0
” ” Rations for Hospital and Out- } door Patients }	300	0	0

Vote was taken, Charitable, Washing	£ 50 0 0
" " Aid to Lunatics and Destitute ...	800 0 0
" Akaroa, Contingencies	110 0 0
" Timaru, Commissioner of Police and Beach } Master (duties performed by the Resident } Magistrate and Sub-Treasurer) ...	50 0 0
" Forage	50 0 0
" Contingencies	10 0 0

The first two items of Immigration were postponed.

Vote was taken, Collector of Bills, including Forage	£200 0 0
" Education—Forage for Inspector of Schools...	50 0 0
" Printing, Advertising, &c.	600 0 0
" Planting Hagley Park and Domain	300 0 0
" Painting, Sweeping Chimnies, &c.	100 0 0

Vote was proposed, Queen's Plate £100.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the vote be disallowed."

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Fyfe, Harston, Harman, Miln, Ross, Wyatt. Noes, 10: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Davis, Dobbs, Higgins, Latter, Rhodes, Thomson, Wilkin, White.

Vote was taken, Queen's Plate	£100 0 0
" Fire Engine, Government Buildings	250 0 0
" Furniture, including Library Shelves	200 0 0
" Public Works—Provincial Engineer's Salary	450 0 0
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" " " " " Forage	50 0 0
" Clerk of the Works' Salary	200 0 0
" " " " " Forage	60 0 0
" Draughtsman (with allowance of 5s. per diem } when on field work)	150 0 0
" Storekeeper	130 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Alport, Cookson, Packer, Ward.

The Speaker in the chair.

Leave was given to bring in an "English Agent's Ordinance Repeal Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place the sum of £200 upon the Estimates for the current year for the Forming and Metalling of Antigua Street South, from the Scotch Church to the Town Belt."

The "Gorse Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Gorse Bill."

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed with amendments.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

The Report of the Select Committee on Immigration was brought up, read, and received.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates for the current year the sum of £150 for the

Formation and Improvement of the Road leading from the Fifth-mile Peg on the Lower Lincoln Road to the Springs Track."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates for the current year such Sum as may be thought necessary by the Provincial Engineer for Forming and Metalling some one Street from Colombo Street to the Eastern Belt of the Town of Christchurch, and Forming such portion of the Eastern Belt as may be necessary for making a communication between Christchurch and the Slaughter Yards."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates for the current year the sum of £100 for Fencing in that part of the Bank of the River Avon from Inwood's Mill to the Royal Hotel."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates for the current year the sum of £1,000, to be applied in the Encouragement of Steam Navigation in the Rivers of the Province South of Banks' Peninsula."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a Sum sufficient to Defray the Expenses of Levelling the Gullies in the Harewood Road by Riccarton between the Fourth and Eighth-mile Pegs."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Superintendent	... ..	£ 700 0 0
" Residential Allowance	... ..	250 0 0
" Public Works — Contingencies, Office Expenses, Contract Roads and Drainage Survey, and Occasional Assistance...	}	820 0 0
" Current Repairs of Roads, Sumner Road 8 miles	}	600 0 0

Vote was proposed, Ferry Road 4 miles, £1,200

Amendment was carried upon division, "That £800 be substituted for £1200."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Davis, Dobbs, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Higgins, Latter, Ross, Thomson, White, Wilkin.

Vote was taken, Ferry Road	... ..	£ 800 0 0
" North Road (6 miles)	... ..	2000 0 0
" Rangiora Road (from Rangiora Junction to 19th mile)	}	300 0 0
" Current Repairs,—Rangiora Direct Road (as a Bridle Road only South of Rangiora Bush, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles)	}	200 0 0
" South Road to Rangitata Rives, 72 miles	... ..	600 0 0
" Lincoln Road, from Christchurch to 5th mile	}	300 0 0
" Heathcote Valley Road from the Ferry to Coppell's Cottage, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile	}	200 0 0
" Lyttelton Bridle Path, from Union Bank Lyttelton to Coppell's Cottage, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile	}	300 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

A Select Committee was appointed to Enquire into the Management of the Registrar's Department, to consist of Messrs. Rhodes, Latter, Westenra, Wyatt, Davis.

To Report Tuesday, 1st January, 1861.

The Council then adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Harston, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, White, Wilkin, Westenra.

In the absence of the Speaker, Mr. Cookson was elected Chairman.

Paper No. 31, Letter to his Honor the Superintendent, from Mr. Julius Haast, was laid upon the table.

The Council in Committee to receive the Report of Mr. Julius Haast.

Mr. Haast read his Report.

The Chairman in the chair.

Motion was granted "That the following Report be adopted by the House, and transmitted to his Excellency the Governor in the usual manner:—

'The Provincial Council beg respectfully to call the attention of your Excellency to the question which they regret should be still at issue between this Province and that of Otago, relating to their Common Boundary.

'They cannot refrain from bringing under your Excellency's notice the fact that no less a period than five years has elapsed since the commencement of the dispute

'That more than twelve months have elapsed since the appointment of a Commission to ascertain and report upon the boundary in question; but that no solution of the difficulty has been arrived at up to the present time.

'They cannot refrain from suggesting to your Excellency, that serious complications in the administration of the Laws of the respective Provinces have already arisen, and are likely to be greatly increased by continuation of the present state of uncertainty.

'For the consideration above mentioned, they most earnestly but respectfully solicit your Excellency's renewed attention to a question of such vital importance to the two Provinces, in the hope that your Excellency may be pleased to direct the adoption of such Measures as may have been found to be necessary, in order to bring the question at issue to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.' "

Message No. 3, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"I have paid to my Deputy the sum of £194 for the performance of my duties during my absence from the Province as Representative in the General Assembly.

"It will not be necessary for me to give detailed proofs that the above amount, unless repaid, will be a positive loss incurred by me in the discharge of duties properly attaching to my official position.

"I have not asked the Council to make any increase to the salary of Superintendent.

"I think, under any circumstances, it would have been better to have left the question of a future Superintendent's salary to the next Council.

"My Successor will find ample employment for the salary voted.

"The Council will however understand that an increased income to my Successor will not have the effect of liquidating the loss I shall have to sustain if the Council fail to recognize the propriety of granting me the sum I have disbursed in favour of my Deputy in the discharge of a public duty.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

The Council adjourned at 7.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1860.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Alport, Cookson, Davis, Fyfe, Miln, Packer, Ward.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted "That Akaroa be made a Port of Call by the Melbourne or any other Line of Steam Communication, provided that the cost shall not exceed the sum of £1,000 per annum."

Motion was carried upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorised to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £5,000, to be expended, should the Public Revenue admit thereof, in Public Works not specified in the Estimates; such sum to be distributed from time to time by direction of the Superintendent and Executive Government."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Blakiston, Dobbs, Duncan, Latter, Ollivier, Rhodes, Thomson, Westenra, Wilkin. Noes, 8: Messrs. Bishop, Harman, Harston, Potts, Ross, Templer, White, Wyatt.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £100 for the Erection of a Jetty in Governor's Bay, in accordance with the vote of last Session."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum for building a Cart Bridge over the River Avon in the line of Antigua Street."

Motion was proposed "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £100 for removing Snags from Saltwater Creek."

Amendment was carried upon division, "A sum not exceeding £100 to supplement any sum of like amount to be contributed by the Residents interested in the navigation.

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Dobbs, Harman, Latter, Ross, Templer, Westenra, White, Wilkin, Wyatt. Noes, 4: Messrs. Harston, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes.

Motion was granted "That a gratuity of £50 be presented to the Clerk of the Works, Provincial Engineer's Department."

The "English Agents Ordinance Repeal Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1, the Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

It was adopted.

The Council in Committee for the Consideration of a Reply to Message No. 3, from his Honor the Superintendent.

The following Reply passed, Clause by Clause.

"The Council are fully alive to the losses which your Honor has sustained in the promotion of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

"They consider that they would not be fulfilling their duty if they were to neglect, in some measure, recompensing your Honor for those losses.

"Being aware that the payment of one-half of your salary to the Deputy-Superintendent during your absence from the Province is only a small portion of the expense and loss you have been put to in this matter, the Council respectfully pray your Honor to place on the Estimates the sum of £194 17s. 4d., to be paid to your Honor as being the smallest amount which they feel can at all recompense your Honor for the expenses incurred by you in carrying out the Resolutions of the Council."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted in the usual way.

Motion was granted "That this Council having considered the Report of the Select Committee on Immigration, resolve as follows:—

“ That a sum of not less than £10,000 should be devoted annually for the next three years, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Immigration from England to this Province.

“ That in consideration of the fact that at least £5,000 of the year’s appropriation has been anticipated by arrangements made in England prior to September, 1860, this Council sanction the appropriation of £1,500 this year for Immigration.

“ That with a view to efficient carrying out of Immigration, it is indispensable that a Person well qualified to the Office, by education and local information, should be accredited from this Province, who should hold his Office for a period of three years.

“ That the Shipping Agency in London should be carried on as heretofore by a house of high standing.

“ That in the selection of Immigrants, the numbers of both sexes should be kept as nearly equal as possible.

“ That the Surgeons of vessels carrying Immigrants should not be entitled to gratuities, unless their appointment shall have been approved by the Immigration Agent in London.

“ That any breach or non-observance by the Masters or Officers of Immigrant Ships of the Rules laid down by the Queen’s Orders in Council, or the Government Immigration Commissioners, or the Immigration Agent of the Province, for the preservation of order and morality on board ships, should be treated here as a breach of the Charter Party.

“ That the numerous other matters connected with the subject of Immigration, which, though of great importance, are necessarily matters of detail, should be left to the consideration of the Executive.”

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Immigration	£1500	0	0
” ” Fuel and Rations	500	0	0
” Grants in Aid to Districts for Repairs of } Bridges and General Improvements ... }	2000	0	0
” Lyttelton Jetty, Wharfinger’s Salary, &c.	600	0	0
” Timaru, Shed for Whale Boat, &c. ...	200	0	0
” Navigation of River Heathcote	150	0	0
” Arterial Drainage, Papanui, and Mainten- } ance }	650	0	0
” North Road, Completion of, near Papanui } Church }	500	0	0

Motion was carried upon division, “ That the Chairman do report progress.”

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Blakiston, Bowen, Dobbs, Bishop, Harman, Ollivier, Potts, Templer, Wilkin. Noes, 5: Messrs. Harston, Higgins, Rhodes, White, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

Motion was granted “ That his Honor the Superintendent be authorised to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £250 to Defray the Expense of an Assistant Engineer’s Salary.”

Motion was negatived upon division, “ That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to Reserve not more than Three Thousand Acres of Rural Land under the provisions of Clause 43 of the Waste Lands Regulations.”

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Dobbs, Harston, Ollivier, Rhodes, Westenra. Noes, 7: Messrs. Harman Higgins, Potts, Templer, White, Wilkin, Wyatt.

The Speaker declared in favour of the Noes.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Wednesday, 2nd January, 1861.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Duncan, Thomson, Ward, White, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 32, Further Reserves to be Confirmed by the Provincial Council, was laid upon the table.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Kaiapoi, and Residents in the North District was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Residents in the District of Akaroa was presented, read, and received.

The Council in Committee on the "Gorse Bill."

Schedule A passed as amended.

Schedule B, the Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill. It was adopted.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the 'English Agent's Ordinance Repeal Bill' be read a third time."

Ayes, 9 : Messrs. Blakiston, Fyfe, Higgins, Latter, Packer, Potts, Rhodes, Westenra, Wilkin. Noes, 10 : Messrs. Alport, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Harman, Harston, Miln, Ollivier, Ross, Templer.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £300, for Painting, Cleansing, and Whitewashing the Government Buildings."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £30 for Forage Allowance, for the Police Constable, Timaru."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £150, for the Erection of a Cart Bridge over the River Avon, at the foot of Madras Street."

Motion was proposed "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £——, for the purchase of the Foot Passengers Toll over the Bridge, over the Waimakariri, at Kaiapoi."

Amendment was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to direct Inquiries to be made for the information of this Council for what sum Mr. White, the present Owner of the Kaiapoi Bridge, would be willing to Commute the Toll for Foot Passengers' Traffic over that Bridge for the remainder of the term of his lease of the same."

Motion was negatived on division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to Expend 2000 acres of Land, in lieu of Money, for Public Works during the ensuing financial year, under Clause 43 of the Waste Lands Regulations."

Ayes, 7 : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Davis, Dobbs, Harston, Ollivier, Rhodes. Noes, 11 : Messrs. Alport, Cookson, Harman, Higgins, Latter, Miln, Potts, Ross, Templer, Westenra, Wilkin.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a Sum sufficient to metal that portion of the Harewood and Riccarton Road already formed but not metalled."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,000 to Defray the Expenses of Erecting the Clock Tower now arrived from England."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,000 for making suitable provision for the Accommodation of Lunatics."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was disallowed, Claying and Metalling from Baxter's Ferry to the Kaikainui Creek, £4,000

Vote was proposed, Claying and Metalling from Baxter's Ferry to the 14th mile, £3,000

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Provincial Engineer be called in to give Evidence upon that Line of Road."

Ayes, 8 : Messrs. Blakiston, Dobbs, Harman, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Rhodes, Wilkin. Noes, 9 : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Cookson, Davis, Fyfe, Harston, Higgins, Ross, Templer.

Motion was granted "That consideration of the vote be deferred."

Vote was taken, South Road, Improvements and Partial Metal-	} £1200 0 0
ling between the River Rangatita and the	
Waikaki, 71 miles	
Waitaki Valley, Improvement of Track up to	
Hakateramea	} 300 0 0
Burke's Pass, Improvement in Aid of Repairs,	
50 miles	} 200 0 0
Upper Ashburton Cutting into Valley of Upper	
Rangitata, Grant in Aid of Subscriptions	} 100 0 0

Vote was disallowed, Road to Shipping Place at mouth of the River Ashburton, £200.

Vote was taken, Lincoln Road, Re-building Bridge over the	} £300 0 0
Heathcote	
Extension of Fendall Town Road	} 250 0 0
Bridge over the Saltwater Creek	
	} 1000 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Motion was granted "That a Copy be furnished of Certificates, if any, which have been given to Mr. D. Inwood, by the Provincial Engineer, relative to the satisfactory character of the Bridge erected by him."

Extension of time, to the 9th instant, was granted to the Committee on the Registrar's Department.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 3RD JANUARY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Alport, Cookson, Duncan, Packer, Templer, Ward, White, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 33, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Mr. W. White as to Compensation for Commuting the Foot Passenger Traffic over the Bridge at Kaiapoi was laid upon the table, and read by the Clerk.

Motion was granted "That the following Reserves, made by his Honor the Superintendent, be Confirmed by the Council."

FURTHER RESERVES TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

Quantity.	Where Situate.	Description.	For what purpose Reserved.
A. R. P. 100 0 0	Rakaia, South Bank.	No. 173 (in red), situate opposite the present Ferry Reserve, and east of Chapman's Homestead, p. right.	Ferry House.

Quantity.	Where Situate.	Description.	For what purpose Reserved.
A. R. P. 640 0 0	Rakaia, South Bank.	To be numbered 174 (in red), extending about 2½ miles westward of Chapman's Homestead, p. right, on run 90, and back southerly on the average 30 chains.	Reserve for Ferry.
100 0 0	Rangitata, South Bank.	To be numbered 175 (in red), opposite the Upper Ferry Reserve, numbered 164 (in red).	Reserve for Ferry.
100 0 0	Rangitata, North-East Bank, Deep Creek.	No. 176 (in red), at the crossing known as Scott and Gray's crossing.	Reserve for Ferry.
100 0 0	Rangitata, South-West Bank, Deep Creek.	No. 177 (in red), at the crossing known as Scott and Gray's crossing.	Reserve for Ferry.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £250, for the Construction of a Lock-up and Policeman's Residence at Rangiora; also, an additional sum of £100 for the Construction of a Dip at the Hurunui; also, £350 for the Construction of a new Bridge over the Avon at the Fendall Town Road."

Motion was negatived upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Appoint a Commission of Three Engineers to Determine on the best Line of Road leading from Kaiapoi to the 14th mile: to report without delay."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Bishop, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Higgins, Ross. Noes, 10: Messrs. Blakiston, Davis, Dobbs, Latter, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Westenra, Wilkin.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a Sum sufficient to erect a Stone or Timber Curb, and to erect the Iron Posts in Colombo Street."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £400 for Extending the Forming and Metalling of the Lower Lincoln Road."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £400 for the Improvement of the present Track from the Ohoko Road, also from Akaroa Street to the Bush."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 for the Avon Navigation."

The "Gorse Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 3, Session XIV.

The Council in Committee of Supply:—

Vote was proposed, North Road £3,000

The report of the Provincial Engineer was read.

Vote was taken, North Road	...	...	...	...	£3000	0	0
"	Peninsula: to be distributed as follows:—						
"	"	Gibbie's Bay to Akaroa	£1000	0	0		
"	"	Okain's Bay	...	500	0	0	
"	"	Little Akaloa	...	200	0	0	
"	"	Pigeon Bay	...	350	0	0	
"	"	Akaroa Road to Mill	...	120	0	0	
					£2170	0	0

Vote was taken,—

Timaru to be distributed as follows:—

„	Dray Track from the South Road near Arowenua, by Geraldine, round the foot of the hills, through Peel Forest, to a point above the first Rangitata Gorge ...	£450	0	0
„	Small Cuttings and other Temporary Improvements on Roads in the neighbourhood of Arowenua, to enable Farmers to bring their grain to market, cart timber, &c.	250	0	0
„	The same near Timaru ...	250	0	0
„	Improving Access to the Waimate Bush	50	0	0
		—————		
			£1000	0 0
„	Bridle Road, Upper Waimakariri Country, Porter's Pass by the Kowai to Lake Pearson		200	0 0
„	Towns—Lyttelton, Employment of Labour Gang		500	0 0
„	„ Christchurch, Repair of Culverts, and Grant in aid of Drainage ...		500	0 0
„	„ Kaiapoi, Repairs of Streets ...		200	0 0
„	„ Timaru, improvements of Streets ...		200	0 0
„	„ Sefton, Drainage and Culverts to open the Town for sale ...		200	0 0
„	Hospital		1,200	0 0
„	Dip at Hurunui		200	0 0
„	Pilot Boats, Purchase and Fitting		300	0 0
„	Beacon and Path, Adderley Head		100	0 0
„	Buildings, Lyttelton Gaol		500	0 0
„	„ Christchurch Gaol		500	0 0
„	„ Christchurch Government Buildings		500	0 0
„	Bonus for Steam to Melbourne		2,000	0 0
„	Refund to Canterbury Association's Estate...		2,700	0 0
„	Balance due to Union Bank		13,351	0 0
„	Interest... ..		983	8 10
„	Julius Haast, Esquire, Geologist		500	0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 9.30, until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 4TH JANUARY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Duncan, Fyfe, Templer, Ward, White, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was proposed “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £175, for the Purchase of the Foot Passenger Traffic across the Kaiapoi Bridge.”

Amendment was carried upon division, “That the words be added ‘as far as regards the Inhabitants within the limits of the town of Kaiapoi.’ ”

Ayes, 11 : Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Higgins, Latter Miln, Ross, Westenra, Wilkin. Noes, 3 : Messrs. Harston, Packer, Thomson.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £150, for Improving Communication with Port Levy."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £250, for Forming a Towing Path along the River Heathcote as far as the present Head of Navigation; also, £250 for improving the North Road, between the Weka Pass and the Hurunui."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Extension of Antigua-street South	£200	0	0
" Culverts from the 5th Mile Peg, Lower Lincoln Road to the Springs Track	250	0	0
" Forming some portion of the Road Eastward from Christchurch to the Slaughter Yards	100	0	0
" Fencing the River Avon from Inwood's Mill to the Royal Hotel	160	0	0
" Subsidy for Steam Navigation on Rivers of the Province, South of Banks' Peninsula	1000	0	0
" Harewood Road by Riccarton, Forming and Metalling, from 4th to 8th Mile Peg	300	0	0
" Jetty, Governor's Bay	100	0	0
" Cart Bridge over the Avon in line with Montreal or Antigua Street	150	0	0
" To Supplement Private Subscriptions for Removal of Snags from Salt-water Creek	20	0	0
" Gratuity to Clerk of the Works, Provincial Engineer's Department	50	0	0
" Assistant Engineer	250	0	0
" Painting, &c., Government Buildings	300	0	0
" Forage, Police Constable, Timaru	30	0	0
" Cart Bridge over the Avon, foot of Madras Street	300	0	0
" Clock Tower	500	0	0
" Accommodation of Lunatics	1000	0	0
" Rangiora Lock-up, &c.	250	0	0
" Erection of Iron Posts with Timber Curb, Colombo-street	150	0	0
" Extension Lower Lincoln Road	400	0	0
" Track to Ohoko Bush and Road up the Island	200	0	0

Vote was proposed, Avon Navigation, £150.

Division ensued.

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Harman, Harston, Higgins, Latter, Packer, Thomson, Wilkin. Noes, 6: Messrs. Alport, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Ross, Wyatt.

Vote was taken, Avon Navigation	£150	0	0
" Dip at Hurunui (in addition)	100	0	0
" Bridge over the Avon, Fendall Town Road... ..	350	0	0

Vote was proposed, Commutation of Foot Passenger Tolls over Kaiapoi Bridge, as far as regards the Inhabitants of the Town of Kaiapoi, £175.

Division ensued.

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Bishop, Blakiston, Davis, Dobbs, Higgins, Latter, Packer, Ross, Wilkin. Noes, 9: Messrs. Alport, Bowen, Cookson, Harston, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Thomson, Wyatt.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Ayes.

Vote was taken, Commutation of Foot-passenger Tolls, &c.	£175	0	0
" Improvement of Communication, Port Levy	150	0	0
" Formation of Towing Path to Head of present Navigation, River Heathcote	250	0	0
" North Road, between Weka Pass and Hurunui	250	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Message No. 4 from his Honor the Superintendent was received and read.

“ MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“ Circumstances have transpired which have induced the Superintendent to submit to the Council the following Propositions, in regard to the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway :—

“ 1st. That measures be at once taken to ascertain whether the Loan can be negotiated in the Colonies on advantageous terms.

“ 2nd. Whether, within the Colonies, a competent and responsible Contracting Firm can be found to undertake the construction of the Tunnel and Railway.

“ Failure of either of these proposals would probably have the effect of impairing the success of the other, and in such a case the Government propose to refer both Loan and Contract to England for negotiation.

“ No departure from this arrangement will be made, without the previous concurrence of the Council.

“ W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“ Superintendent.”

The Council in Committee for the Consideration of a Reply to his Honor's Message.

The following Reply passed, and was ordered to be reported :—

“ The Council thank your Honor for your Honor's Message on the subject of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, and express their entire concurrence with the proposals: ‘ That measures be at once taken to ascertain whether the Loan can be negotiated in the Colonies on advantageous terms,’ and ‘ Whether, within the Colonies, a competent and responsible Contracting Firm can be found to undertake the construction of the Tunnel and Railway, and in case of failure to refer both Loan and Contract to England for negotiation.’

“ The Council has much pleasure in concurring with your Honor in a course which removes the existence of any difference of opinion between your Honor and this Council on a matter of such vital importance to the country.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported and adopted.

The Report of the Select Committee on the Waste Lands Board was brought up and received.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken,	Other Commissioner	Waste Lands Board	...	£100	0	0
”	Clerk	...	...	250	0	0
”	Messenger	...	...	93	12	0
”	Fuel, &c.	...	...	50	0	0
”	Chief Surveyor	...	...	450	0	0
”	Forage Allowance	...	...	50	0	0
”	Two District Surveyors	...	...	700	0	0
”	Four Assistant Surveyors	...	...	1200	0	0
”	Chief Draughtsman and Clerk	...	...	250	0	0
”	First (£200) and Second (£150) Assistants	...	...	350	0	0
”	James Purvis half-Salary	...	...	125	0	0
”	Eighteen Labourers	...	...	1800	0	0
”	Occasional Assistance, including Cost of Equip- ment, Implements, &c.	...	...	500	0	0
”	Contract Surveys	...	...	1400	0	0
”	Due on Survey of Runs	...	...	1700	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee of Supply on the Items of Unvoted Expenditure.

Motion was granted "That an Act of Indemnity be given to his Honor the Superintendent for the sum of £22,009 17s. 1d. expended during year 1859-60, without the vote of the Council."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11.30, until Tuesday, 15th January.

TUESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Dobbs, Duncan, Harman, Harston, Latter, Ross, Thomson, Westenra.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Merchants and Inhabitants of Lyttelton and Christchurch, on the Amendment and Arrangements for the Signalling of Ships, was presented, read, and received.

The Select Committee on the Management of the Registrar's Department, was discharged.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a first time.

Standing Orders Nos, 111—122 were suspended.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Appropriation Bill."

Schedule A was considered first.

Vote was negatived upon division, "That the Salary of the Superintendent be £750."

Ayes, 4: Messrs. Dobbs, Harston, Latter, Thomson. Noes, 6: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Bowen, Duncan, Ross.

Vote was taken, Superintendent's Salary £700 0 0

Vote was taken upon division, Superintendent's Residential Allowance 250 0 0

Ayes, 5. Messrs. Bowen, Dobbs, Harston, Latter, Thomson. Noes, 4: Messrs. Alport, Bishop, Blakiston, Ross.

The "Estimated Revenue" for the year 1st October, 1860, to 30th September, 1861, was struck out.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

Schedule A passed as amended.

Schedule B passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 4, Session XIV."

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address:—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"On behalf of his Excellency the Governor, I have assented to

"The 'Gorse Ordinance,'

"The 'Cattle Trespass Ordinance,' and

"The 'Appropriation Ordinance.'

“ I have reserved the “ Municipal Councils Ordinance ” for the signification of his Excellency the Governor’s assent thereto.

“ Gentlemen, I have to thank you for the liberal supplies you have voted for the Public Service.

“ Your labours being for the present ended, I have now to declare that this Council is prorogued until Tuesday, the 3rd day of September next.”

SESSION XV.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XV.

TUESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 4th May, 1861.

Members present : Messrs. Birch, Bishop, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Harston, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Thomson, Ward, Westenra, Wyatt.

The Chaplain read Prayers.

The Speaker took the chair.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber, and opened the Session with the following Address :—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“It is not my intention to trouble you with any great amount of business during this special Session.

“I have to announce to you that I have concluded an agreement with a substantial and capable Contracting Firm, from Melbourne, for the Construction of the whole of the Works on the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway. I have also committed to the Union Bank of Australia the Agency for the negotiation of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan.

“I shall ask your concurrence in the monetary arrangement I have entered into with the Bank.

“You will have placed before you Papers relating to the Contract and Loan, which will fully disclose the particulars concerning each.

“It will be my pleasing duty during this Session to invite you to join me in a becoming acknowledgement of the gratuitous and disinterested services of the Railway Commissioners in London.

“The whole of the Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the English Agent, Henry Selfe Selfe, Esquire, will be transmitted to you, and you will be called upon to enact a short Bill somewhat modifying the relations between that Gentleman and the Provincial Government.

“Gentlemen, I cannot refrain from congratulating you upon the generally satisfactory state of our Finances, and the complete restoration of Commercial Prosperity.

“Gentlemen, I have now to declare this Council to be duly opened for the transaction of business.”

The Speaker notified to the Council that Josiah Birch, Esq., had been duly elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the Kaiapoi District.

Message No. 1 of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“The Superintendent transmits for the information of the Council a Copy of the Agreement with Messrs. Holmes and Company, Railway Contractors, of Melbourne, with whom he has concluded the terms of a Contract for Constructing the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“Superintendent.”

Message No. 2 of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“The Superintendent transmits to the Provincial Council the basis upon which he has agreed with the Union Bank of Australia to entrust to that establishment the Agency of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan.

“1. That the Bank shall use all proper means to dispose of the Loan for the highest market price, a Reserve of five per cent. premium being placed upon the sale of the Debentures.

“2. That the Commission on the Agency shall not exceed one per cent.

“3. That the Provincial Government of Canterbury shall pay out of the proceeds of the Loan the current exchange between London and New Zealand upon all moneys remitted from London.

“4. That in the event of Tenders for the Loan not amounting to the reserved price above mentioned, the Debentures to be held for one year after issue, and at the expiration of that period to be sold at the highest rate offered.

“5. Pending sale of the first annual issue of £50,000, the Bank will undertake to make such advances as the Government may require upon the security of the Debentures and further secured by a Resolution of the Provincial Council guaranteeing the undertaking of the Provincial Government to make good to the Union Bank any possible difference that may exist between the proceeds of the Debentures and the amount advanced upon them previously to sale.

“6. The Superintendent intimates to the Council that he will not make an over-draft on the Railway Account beyond 75 per cent. on the first instalment of £50,000, without previously taking the sense of the Provincial Council thereon.

“7. The Superintendent asks the special concurrence of the Council in the arrangements he has made with the Union Bank respecting advances on the first instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“Superintendent.”

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

No. 1, Copy of Memorandum of Agreement for Contract to Construct the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

No. 2, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire, on the question of the English Agency.

Motion was proposed “That this Council, at its rising, do adjourn until the usual hour to-morrow.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That the Council do adjourn until this day week.

Ayes, 6 : Messrs. Birch, Fyfe, Harston, Ross, Westenra, Wyatt. Noes, 11 : Messrs. Bishop, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Ward.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs, Alport, Birch, Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Harston, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Ross, Thomson, Ward, Westenra, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 3 was laid upon the table.

Correspondence with H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire, during the month of October.

Motion was proposed "That the following Resolutions be adopted":—

The Provincial Council, having considered his Honor the Superintendent's Message No. 2,

1. "Concur in the proposal of the Superintendent to take Advances from the Union Bank of Australia to the extent of 75 per cent. on the first instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan, for the purpose of the Construction of the said Railway.

2. "The Provincial Council hereby guarantee the said advance."

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Council do resolve itself into Committee for the consideration of the Resolutions."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Alport, Birch, Fyfe, Harston, Ross, Rhodes, Thomson, Ward, Westenra. Noes, 6: Messrs. Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Ollivier, Potts.

The Council in Committee.

Captain Westenra in the chair.

The Copy of Memorandum of Agreement for Contract was read by the Clerk.

Motion was proposed "That the first Resolution be adopted."

Amendment was proposed "That the Chairman do report progress, and ask leave to sit again this day week."

The Speaker took the chair, and ruled that the Amendment was contrary to the Standing Orders.

The Committee resumed.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Alport, Birch, Harston, Ross, Wyatt. Noes, 10: Messrs. Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Fyfe, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Ward.

Motion was carried upon division, "That Resolution No. 1 be adopted."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Cookson, Davis, Dobbs, Duncan, Harston, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Thomson, Ward. Noes, 5: Messrs. Alport, Birch, Fyfe, Ross, Wyatt.

The adoption of Resolution No. 2 was granted.

The Resolutions were adopted.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in the usual manner.

Motion was proposed "That the following Reply to the Address of his Honor the Superintendent be adopted:—"

"The Provincial Council thank your Honor for the Address with which you have opened the Fifteenth Session.

"They congratulate your Honor upon the result of your labours in the prosecution of the Railway Works of the Province, and are of opinion that the Agreement entered into with Messrs. Holmes and Co., is upon the whole satisfactory.

"They desire to express their satisfaction with the arrangement you have made with the Union Bank of Australia for the negotiation of the Loan, and believe that the determination you have arrived at to place the Debentures in the London Money Market will prove more advantageous in its results than would have been any endeavour to dispose of the Debentures in the Australian Colonies.

“The Provincial Council further desire to express to your Honor their high sense of the energy and of the ability which has distinguished you in the prosecution of this work. To your untiring perseverance they are indebted for the prospect of the final accomplishment of a work which, when completed, they believe will tend, in a great degree, to promote the future Commercial Prosperity of the Province.

“The Council will have pleasure in joining your Honor in any suitable acknowledgment of the gratuitous services of the Railway Commissioners in England.

“The Council receive with great satisfaction your Honor’s announcement of the restored Financial and Commercial Prosperity of the Province.”

The Council in Committee for the consideration of the Reply.

Clause 1 passed.

Clause 2 passed as amended, the words being omitted “and are of opinion that the agreement entered into with Messrs. Holmes and Co. is, upon the whole, satisfactory.”

Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in the usual manner.

Leave was given to bring in a “Volunteer Service Bill.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 16TH MAY, 1861.

Members present: Messrs. Bishop, Bowen, Duncan, Ollivier, Potts, Thomson, Ward, Westenra.

At half-past five o’clock, there not being a quorum of Members present, the Speaker declared the Council adjourned until Friday next, at the usual hour.

SESSION XVI.

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XVI.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 18th July, 1861.

Members present: Messrs. Birch, Bishop, Davis, FitzGerald, Harston, Maude, Latter, Miln, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Wilkin, Westenra, Wyatt.

The Chaplain read Prayers.

The Speaker took the chair.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and opened the Session with the following Address:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“It being certain that a Fatal and Incurable Cattle Disease, called Pleuro-pneumonia, has made its appearance in the adjoining Province of Otago, and it being of the utmost importance that the Canterbury Government should take immediate means to prevent the infection of the herds within the Canterbury boundaries, I have to ask your concurrence in a Bill intituled the “Pleuro-pneumonia Prevention Bill,” which I shall cause to be laid before you.

“I am not prepared for any further business this Session.

“His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to assent to the ‘Municipal Councils Ordinance, Session XIV., No. 2.’

“Gentlemen, I now declare the Council to be opened for the transaction of the special business of the Session.”

The Speaker notified to the Council that J. E. FitzGerald, Esq., and T. W. Maude, Esq., had been duly elected to serve as Members of the Provincial Council for the districts of Akaroa and Ashley respectively.

Paper No. 1 was laid upon the table.

Correspondence relative to the Importation of Diseased Cattle.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Birch, Bishop, Davis, Dobbs, FitzGerald, Harston, Latter, Maude, Ollivier, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Wilkin, Wyatt.

The Speaker in the chair.

Leave was given to bring in a “Pleuro-pneumonia Prevention Bill.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Standing Orders Nos. 110—120 were suspended.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Potts in the chair.

The Clauses passed with amendments.

Schedules A, B passed.

The Title and Preamble passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Bill was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1, Session XVI.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that he will direct that a Bonus of £1,000 be offered for the discovery of an available and working Gold-field in the Province of Canterbury, and also that authority be given to the Provincial Government to dispatch a Prospecting Party, headed by a competent Surveyor, to such districts as may afford indications of gold, with a view to promote such discovery."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Birch, Davis, Dobbs, FitzGerald, Latter, Ollivier. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bishop, Harston, Maude, Potts, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Wilkin, Wyatt.

The Second Motion in Mr. Ollivier's name was withdrawn by consent.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address:—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"I assent on behalf of his Excellency the Governor to the "Pleuro-pneumonia Prevention Ordinance, No. 1, Session XVI." I have to thank you for the attention which you have given to the subject which has been the occasion of the present Session, and I sincerely trust that the Measures which you have passed will tend to avert the calamity now threatening the Province. I have now to declare this Council to be prorogued until the 3rd day of September next."

SESSION XVII.

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OF THE

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XVII.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 3rd October, 1861.

Members present : all except Mr. Fyfe.

The Clerk to the Council acted as temporary Chairman.

Charles Bowen, Esquire, was elected Speaker of the Council.

A Deputation was appointed, consisting of Messrs. FitzGerald, Ollivier, Maude, Brittan, to accompany the Speaker to the Superintendent to obtain his confirmation of the Appointment.

The Deputation returned, and conducted the Speaker to the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that he had appointed the Venerable the Archdeacon of Akaroa to act as Chaplain to the Council.

The Chaplain read Prayers.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address :—

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“ In opening this, the first Session of the third Provincial Council of Canterbury, it is my privilege to state to you that the general condition of the Province is eminently prosperous.

“ Commerce and agriculture are alike steadily advancing, while the products of our splendid natural pastures are rapidly swelling the value of our export. Our Revenues are abundantly equal to the age and present necessities and engagements of the Province ; indeed at no period, since the advent of the first Settlers, has there existed such just cause for present contentment, or such manifestly solid ground upon which to base calculations for the future.

“ The past year has added greatly to our scanty knowledge of the vast field of unexplored subterranean resources ; the labours of science have disclosed the presence in the Province of considerable mineral treasures. As these latter are gradually developed, so also will be successively established new centres of settlement and labour, and fresh fields for the exertion of private capital in divers public enterprises—such as the construction of branch Railways, and other kindred aids to the development of that active commerce which is the truest test of national health.

“ During this Session I hope to be in possession of such information relative to discoveries of Coal, as may justify my inviting your assistance in devising some means of immediately acquiring the great benefits that ought to result from such a

discovery. To this end I shall probably request your co-operation in an endeavour to induce the employment of private capital under such conditions as will harmonize with a concurrent expenditure of public moneys.

“The Accounts of the past financial year I shall cause to be immediately submitted to you.

“You will be gratified to find that there remains a general balance in the Treasury amounting in the whole to near £30,000, and I am advised that there exists a reasonable prospect of the recent and present rate of Revenue being steadily maintained. You will therefore be in a position to sanction a very considerable outlay in the improvement of the country. Present prosperity, however, also suggests and justifies the propriety of reducing and consolidating the debts of the Province; accordingly, I purpose asking you to sanction the immediate redemption of the Canterbury Association's Debentures. This being effected, would leave the proper debts of the Canterbury Government comprised within two items only, viz:—the Emigration Debentures, amounting to £30,000; and the Railway Loan Debentures, not yet sold. With respect to the former amount of £30,000, I may state that a considerable sum is secured by unpaid notes of Assisted Emigrants, and that with regard to the Railway Loan, there has been as yet expended only £10,000 in anticipation of its negotiation.

“Before indicating in detail the leading items into which I shall recommend you to distribute the public income, I must earnestly ask your assistance in an endeavour to firmly engraft on the system that shall govern the future appropriation of the Revenues of this Province a great fundamental rule, to the effect that the Land Revenues shall be materially devoted to such works and outlays as are directly calculated to facilitate the beneficial use and occupation of the lands whence the Revenue is derived.

“In order to the effective maintenance of such a rule, it will, every year, be necessary to make a special allocation of a specific proportion of Revenue to rural roads, bridges, and drainage. The comparatively high price of Waste Lands in Canterbury was clearly intended by the Legislature, and is paid by the Land Purchaser as a provision, not for the establishment of luxurious cities, but for the purchase of those roads, bridges, and means of drainage which are necessary to the reasonable enjoyment of the lands sold. A just proportion of expenditure having been fully made in any particular district, such district should thenceforward mainly support the expenditure consequent on disrepairs, and also of such additional works as the Inhabitants thereof might deem it desirable to entertain; while, on the other hand, it might be held as just that Municipal Revenues, for example, the Provincial three-eighths of the Customs Duties, and various other resources of a kindred nature should be applicable principally to assisting the local efforts of Town Municipalities.

“Gentlemen, I am assured that there exists no reason for entertaining doubts as to your entire willingness to ordain an equitable apportionment of Revenue in favour of those to whom it is morally due. I am aware that it will be perfectly unnecessary for me to urge reasons of policy in this behalf. I may state, however, that complaints, in themselves natural enough, have from time to time reached me from certain outlying districts, alleging neglect of the claims of the Inhabitants of those districts upon the Treasury. These complaints, although often quite inconsistent with a liberal judgment on past attempts to effect a fair balance of conflicting demands, and the great difficulty, nay, impossibility, hitherto, of their adjustment by reference to abstract rules or axioms never as yet formally recognised by the Legislature, yet those complaints have, I believe, generally arisen out of circumstances that have excited a galling belief that the Land Revenue has not been administered fully in accordance with the uses to which they the Complainants, before they became Land Purchasers, justly considered the Land Revenue to be mainly limited.

“I believe, Gentlemen, that after your deliberations of this Session, there will be an entire absence of any substantial ground for discontent of the nature I have indicated, and am hopeful that any impulsive tendency towards dismemberment of

the Province, encouraged as it has been by the existence of a Law called 'the New Provinces Act,' may entirely disappear from Canterbury. Since the last extension of the Members of the Provincial Council in 1857, the population has not only very materially increased, but the respective populations and interests of the different districts no longer bear the same relative proportion one to the other as formerly.

"It has therefore become desirable to effect a re-adjustment of the representation. For this purpose I shall cause to be presented to you a Bill providing additional Members for both the Northern and Southern Districts of the Province, and thus increasing the number of the Council from 26 to 33.

"Recent advices from the Northern Island justify a strong hope that the late Native disturbances have definitely ceased, and that therefore Canterbury, in common with the other Provinces of this Island, at any rate will not be called upon to defend her claim to entire exemption from all charges in respect of an internal war that may perhaps be regarded, under recent circumstances, as having been necessary on various grounds; possibly it may be held by some to have been indispensable to the security of the Northern landed estate; but it could not be held as in any degree essential to the conservation of any interest of this Island. I certainly see no reason why the Government of New Zealand should be called upon to pay the costs of a war induced by a long train of circumstances which the Imperial Government had specially retained to itself the sole right to deal with. It is worthy of remark that there is no mention in the Constitutional Civil List of any provision for the costs of maintaining an army, or for the suppression of a Native rebellion. Had the Imperial Government, by the constitution handed over to the people of New Zealand, the government of the country without excepting the Maories, it is possible in such case that the late necessity for an appeal to arms might not have arisen. Certainly opportunity would have been given to the Settlers to attempt a peaceful solution of all difficulties. The Crown did, however, solely govern the Maories. Under its government causes of war arose, and that Government cannot, consistently with liberal principles, coercively exact indemnity from the Colonies against the expenses and risks of an Administration neither erected nor desired by them.

"In the very limited space allotted for brief mention of this subject, it is impossible to touch upon many reasons in support of the opinion I have expressed in reference to the costs of the Native War. A discussion of the policy of the late war would be extra-functional on our part; nevertheless, it is not only within the limits of our proper functions to discuss the legality or policy of any and all rumoured general Financial arrangements likely to affect the Revenues of the Provincial Government as settled by existing Statutes and customs, but it may also not unfrequently be your duty to give effect to your opinions on such matters by way of Memorial or Resolution.

"The recent discovery of gold in the adjoining Province of Otago will, I anticipate, be productive of immediate, as well as great ultimate advantage to Canterbury. Notwithstanding that great numbers of our ablest and most respectable working Settlers have visited the gold fields, I am well advised that no injury will result to us on that account, as it is probable that nearly every man will return to his home with increased means. Further, we may expect a very useful addition to our capitalist and labouring population from Australia, by way of Otago.

"From representations made by the Provincial Geologist, Mr. Haast, I am prepared for the discovery of a Gold-Field in the Northern, and one also in the Southern District of Canterbury.

"The Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway is satisfactorily progressing; Papers relating to the purchase of the site, together with a Statement of all disbursements on the Railway works, will be submitted to you.

"With reference to the Ocean Postal Service of Canterbury, I will only remark that its past and present condition render it desirable that the Province should make immediate provision for the more speedy transmission of its own Mails. The Otago English Mail was delivered in Dunedin a week ago, the Canterbury Mail had

not this morning arrived in Lyttelton, notwithstanding both Mails arrived in Australia per same vessel.

“The greatly increased and rapidly increasing population of the principal towns of the Province has brought with it a daily increasing necessity for the outlay of very considerable sums of money upon numerous works and appliances indispensable both in a social and sanitary point of view. As it would be eminently unjust to charge the General Revenue of the Province with the sole maintenance of towns, it is a matter of imminent necessity that they should at once assume the management of their own internal affairs.

“All the machinery at present required for this end is to be found in the ‘Municipal Councils Ordinance, Session XI., No. 12.’ It is perfectly evident that the major portion of the outlay on Public Works within the boundaries of towns in New Zealand, as in all other parts of the world, must be charged on the Inhabitants and properties therein. However distasteful or alarming the word taxation may be to colonial ears, yet it will be found that taxation is a condition inseparable from health and comfort in towns. From facts within the knowledge of the Government, I am firmly of opinion that with regard to the Inhabitants of two principal towns in Canterbury, their choice of alternatives will very shortly be limited to taxation or typhus fever.

“It is my intention to ask your concurrence in a scheme for the endowment of such towns as shall accept Municipal Government.

“I shall request your deliberation on certain Measures for Improving the Organization of the Armed Police Force, making better provision for the Diversion of Roads and the Suppression of the Dog Nuisance; an ‘English Agent’s Bill,’ ‘Housekeeper’s Bill,’ ‘Roads Diversion,’ ‘Road Ordinance,’ and ‘Public Hospital Amendment Bill.’

“In the course of this Session I shall ask you to make provision for Steam Communication with Melbourne; also, for a Coastal Service between the different Ports of this Province and Otago.

“For the Erection of a Beacon or Lighthouse on the Heads of Lyttelton Harbour.

“A Lunatic Asylum; also, a great number of minor requirements.

“The estimated Revenue of the present financial year has been, together with the estimated Expenditure for the same period, carefully compiled.

“Gentlemen, having very briefly adverted to the leading matters of business to be presented for your acceptance this Session, before leaving you to the commencement of your labours I beg to assure you of my confidence that nothing will arise to interrupt the good understanding with the Council which is necessary to promote the effective transaction of public business.

“Gentlemen, I have now to declare this Council to be duly opened.”

The Superintendent left the Council Chamber.

The Standing Orders hitherto in force were adopted temporarily.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

1, Memorandum of Agreement with the Union Bank of Australia, for the Sale of the first portion of the Railway Loan Debentures.

2, Resolution of a Committee of the Lyttelton Chamber of Commerce respecting a Bridge over the Heathcote.

3, Correspondence between the Provincial Treasurer and the Provincial Secretary on the subject of Increase of Salary to the Clerk to the Treasurer’s Department.

4, Correspondence respecting the Addition to the Library of the Gaol and Hospital at Lyttelton.

5, Petition for Proclaiming a Municipal District of Lyttelton.

6, Petition from the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese, Christchurch, in Synod, on the subject of Church Schools and Education generally.

7, Correspondence addressed to his Honor the Superintendent from the Colonial Secretary respecting the Postal Service in the several Provinces.

8, Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent, the Honourable the Postmaster General, the Postmaster of Lyttelton, and Others, respecting additional Postal Communication for Timaru and the Mackenzie Country.

9, Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent and Julius Haast, Esquire, on the subject of the Geological Survey of the Province of Canterbury.

10, The Chief Surveyor's Report of Lands Sold and Granted, and Preparation of Crown Grants, from 30th September, 1860, to 1st October, 1861.

11, Petition of Nos. 1, 2 Companies of the Canterbury Rifle Volunteers for a portion of Hagley Park to be used as a Practice Ground.

12, Journal of the Inspector of Sheep, from 30th September, 1860, to 1st October, 1861.

13, Return, showing the Attendance on Board Days of the Commissioners of Crown Lands.

14, Report of the Chief Surveyor, showing the Amount of Work Performed by the Survey Department during the past twelve months.

15, Correspondence on the subject of the Erection of the Electric Telegraph between Lyttelton and Christchurch.

16, Returns from the Waste Lands Board of Lands Sold and Granted, and Pasturage Licenses Issued from 30th September, 1860, to 1st October, 1861.

17, Petition from the Residents at Avonside for a Bridge across the River Avon, in that district.

18, Correspondence between the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, his Honor the Superintendent, and Others, on the subject of Harbour Regulations for the Port of Akaroa.

19, Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent, the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, and Others, respecting the Boundary between the Provinces of Canterbury and Otago.

20, Return of Immigration and Emigration from 30th September, 1860, to 1st October, 1862.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Rickman, Studholme, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Bishop of Christchurch, the Synod and Laity, on the subject of Education was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Christchurch on the subject of Drainage was presented, read, and received.

Leave was given to bring in a "Provincial Council Extension Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Third English Agent's Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Housekeeper's Bill."

The Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of the Resolution "The proceeds of the Sinking Fund accruing under the 'Loan Ordinance, Session VII., No. 3,' shall be invested in the purchase of Debentures issued by the Superintendent, pursuant to the 'Canterbury Association's Ordinance, Session IV., No. 6.'"

Captain Westenra in the chair.

The adoption of the Resolution was proposed.

Upon discussion the Motion was withdrawn.

The Speaker in the chair.

Leave was given to bring in a "Road Bill."

Leave was given to bring in a "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Bill be printed."

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Fyfe, Harston. Noes, 20: Messrs. Armstrong, Bradwell, Brittan, Cookson, Davis, Duncan, FitzGerald, Hargreaves, Harman, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, F. Thomson, W. Thompson, Toswill, Westenra, Wilkin, Wylde.

Motion was granted "That it is expedient that all Documents mentioned in the Schedule to the 'Canterbury Association's Ordinance, Session IV, No. 6,' be deposited in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds, in pursuance of the 10th and 12th Sections of the 'Registration Act Amendment Act, 1860.'"

Leave was given to bring in a "Public House Ordinance Amendment Bill."

A House and Library Committee was appointed, to consist of Messrs. Westenra, Duncan, Cookson, Thomson, Ollivier.

Motion was granted "That Copies of all the Acts of the General Assembly for the Sessions 1858-1860 be supplied to Members of the Provincial Council."

The Council adjourned until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: All except Messrs. Rhodes, Studholme, Toswill.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Clerical amendment was ordered to be made in the Records of 24th October.

A Petition from those interested in the Drainage of the Rangiora Swamp was presented, read, and received.

Motion was negatived "That a Reply to the Address of his Honor the Superintendent on opening the present Session of the Council be adopted, and that the Council resolve itself into Committee for the consideration of the Reply."

Consideration of the Reply was postponed until the next sitting of the Council.

Motion was proposed "That Mr. Thomson be appointed Auditor, under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly, 1861."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That consideration of the question be deferred until the Bill fixing the salary be passed."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harman, Harston, Peacock, F. Thompson. Noes, 11: Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Duncan, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Templer, Westenra, Wilkin, Wylde.

Motion was carried upon division, "That Mr. Thomson be appointed Auditor."

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Bradwell, Brittan, Davis, Duncan, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Templer, Westenra, Wilkin, Wylde. Noes, 8: Messrs. Armstrong, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harman, Harston, Peacock, F. Thompson.

Motion was proposed and withdrawn by consent, "For Copies of any recent Dispatches received from the General Government relative to the Waste Land Revenue of this Province."

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

21, Letter from H. Sewell, Esq., Secretary of Crown Lands, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch.

22, Return shewing the Expenditure of the Grant for Building and Enlarging Churches.

23, Return showing the Expenditure of the Educational Grant for the Year to 30th September, 1861.

24, School Inspection 1861. Report No. 2.

25, School Inspection 1861. Report No. 1.

26, School Inspection 1860. Report No. 3.

27, School Inspection 1860. Report No. 4.

The "Housekeeper's Bill" was read a second time.

The "Third English Agent's Bill" was read a second time.

Leave was given to bring in a "Dog Nuisance Bill."

A Select Committee was appointed to consider the question of Education, and a Draft Bill in connection therewith; to consist of Messrs. F. Thompson, Ollivier, Peacock, Wilkin, Wylde, FitzGerald, Maude; with power to call for Books, Papers, Reports and Witnesses. To report within fourteen days from appointment.

A Select Committee was appointed to revise the Standing Orders, to consist of Messrs. Ollivier, Bradwell, Rickman, Harston, Murray, Maude. To report within seven days from appointment.

Motion was proposed "That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the Resignation of the late Provincial Treasurer, and the particular transaction which led to his resignation, with power to call for Persons, Books, Papers, and Documents; to consist of the Provincial Secretary, Messrs. FitzGerald, Ollivier, Rhodes, Hargreaves, F. Thompson, J. Brittan. To report within fourteen days from appointment.

Amendment was granted "That the circumstances be enquired into in Committee of the whole House, with same powers, on Thursday next.

Motion was granted "For a Copy of any Correspondence which has taken place between the Provincial Government and the Agent or Managers of the Intercolonial Company respecting the calling of Steamers at Akaroa."

A Select Committee was appointed to revise the Ordinances of the House, with a view to their being reprinted, to consist of the Provincial Secretary, the Provincial Solicitor, Messrs. Brittan, Ollivier, Harston. To report within fourteen days from appointment.

The Council adjourned at 8.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

All the Members were present.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Committee of Wesleyan Day Schools was presented, read and received.

Motion was granted "That the Petition be transmitted to the Committee on Education.

The following Papers were laid on the table:—

28, Particulars of Moneys due to the Provincial Government for Passage Assistance, 30th September, 1861.

29, Correspondence relating to Steam Communication with Melbourne during Year ending 30th September, 1861.

30, Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and their Honors the Superintendents of Nelson, Otago, and Southland, respecting the Introduction of Infected Cattle.

Captain Westenra was appointed Chairman of Committees.

The "Provincial Council Extension Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of a Reply to the opening Address of his Honor the Superintendent.

The following reply was proposed:—

"The Provincial Council desire to thank your Honor for the Address with which your Honor opened their Seventeenth Session.

"They are gratified to hear of the continued prosperity of the Province, and of the satisfactory state of the Finances.

"The Council are of opinion that it would be desirable to extinguish the claims of the Canterbury Association's Debentures Holders, and they will give their best consideration to any Bill you may transmit to them for that purpose.

"The Council agree with your Honor that in the future allocation of Revenue for Public Works, due regard should be paid to the requirements of the localities in which the lands have been sold, and they concur in the belief that a persistence in this course will, in conjunction with the proposed extension of the representation, materially tend to remove the discontent which has led to a desire, on the part of a certain section of the Province, for separation.

"The Council desire further to assure your Honor that they will assiduously devote themselves to the various important subjects proposed for their consideration, and they sincerely trust that the good understanding which has heretofore existed between the Council and your Honor may be continued throughout this Session, and may result in the effective transaction of the public business."

Clauses 1, 2 passed.

Clause 3 passed as amended, "That the word 'may' be substituted for the word 'would' before the words 'be desirable,' in the first line of the Clause."

Clauses 4, 5 passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in the usual manner.

The Council in Committee on the "Third English Agent's Bill."

The Clauses passed as read.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The "Dog Nuisance Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Housekeeper's Bill."

Clause 1 was considered.

Amendment was granted "That the Clause do stand 'It shall be lawful for the Housekeeper for the time being, resident in the Provincial Government Buildings, in the City of Christchurch, any Act or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, to Sell Spirituous or Fermented Liquors to any Member of the Provincial Council, or to any Officer or Servant of the same during a Session of said Council, but at no other time.'"

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the words be added 'and, also, to Sell such Liquors, at such times, and in such quantities only as the Superintendent shall, by any Regulations under his hand direct, to any Officers or Servants of the Provincial Government employed in the Government Buildings.'"

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Duncan, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Studholme, Wilkin, Wylde. Noes, 16: Messrs. Armstrong, Bowen, Bradwell, Brittan, Cookson, Davis, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harman, Harston, Peacock, Rhodes, Templer, Thomson, Toswill.

The Preamble passed with amendment.

The Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee to consider the draft Regulations proposed to be issued by his Honor the Superintendent, in pursuance of the "Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," under powers delegated to him by the Governor.

Motion was negatived "That the Chairman do report progress."

Clause 1 was read: "That after the date of the Regulations hereinafter expressed, the several Colonies of Australia, that is to say the Colony of Victoria, of New South Wales, of Queensland, of South Australia, and of Western Australia, as well as the Colony of Tasmania and the Islands of Great Britain and Ireland shall be deemed to be, for the purposes of the above recited Act, Infected Districts, within the meaning of the said Act, and that no Cattle shall be allowed to be imported from the above-mentioned districts; and that in the case when any Cattle may be imported from the said districts, such Cattle shall be destroyed forthwith in such manner and at such places as the Superintendent may proclaim and appoint."

Amendment was granted "That the word 'hereof' be substituted for the words 'of the Regulations hereinafter expressed;'" also, the insertion of the words 'the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope' after the word 'Tasmania.'"

Amendment was negatived "That the words 'the several Colonies' to 'as well as' be omitted; also, that the words 'Great Britain and Ireland' be omitted."

Clause 1 passed as amended.

Clause 2 passed as follows upon division: "That after the date of these Regulations the Provinces of Otago and Southland, in the Colony of New Zealand, shall be deemed to be Infected Districts within the meaning of the said Act, and that no Cattle shall be imported from the said Provinces by land or sea."

Ayes, 18: Messrs. Armstrong, Bowen, Brittan, Cookson, Duncan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harman, Maude, Peacock, Rhodes, Studholme, Templer, Thompson, Toswill, Wilkin, Wylde. Noes, 3: Messrs. Harston, Ollivier, Rickman.

Clause 3 passed as follows: "That the following persons shall be appointed Inspectors under the second section of the said Act:—Alexander Sproul, H. S. McKellar, H. Belfield, T. W. Hall, M. Studholme, H. Wilson, H. Parker, G. B. Parker, R. M'Murdo, P. B. Boulton (with addition upon amendment granted), R. Greaves."

Clause 4 passed as follows: "That any Inspector shall furnish, upon demand to any person requiring the same, a Copy of the Act, and all Regulations appertaining thereto."

With amendment "That the word 'produce' be substituted for the word 'furnish.'"

The Regulations as a whole passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Regulations as amended.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Speaker do take the chair on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 o'clock."

Ayes, 15: Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Cookson, Davis, Duncan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harman, Maude, Peacock, Rhodes, Thompson, Wilkin, Wylde. Noes, 6: Messrs. Bradwell, Harston, Ollivier, Rickman, Toswill, Westenra.

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "For a Return of all Moneys agreed to, but not as yet paid to Landholders on the line of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway."

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "For Copies of any Correspondence between the Governments and the Landholders on the line of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, relative to the Price to be Paid for Land."

The Council adjourned at 11.15 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Bradwell, Duncan, Murray, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted "For the Production of any Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Committee of the Christchurch Mechanics' Institute in reference to the Site reserved by the Canterbury Association for the purposes of the Institute."

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to direct that an adequate Sum be placed upon the Estimates for the efficient Repair and Construction of the Roads in the Port Victoria District."

The "English Agent's Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 1, Session XVII."

The "Housekeeper's Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 2, Session XVII."

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

31, Statistical Returns for the Province of Canterbury.

32, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Secretary to the Mechanics' Institute.

The Council in Committee on the "Dog Nuisance Bill."

Clause 2 was proposed as printed and negatived. The words "Native or European were expunged."

The Clause passed as amended "The Owner of any Dog or Dogs three months old or upwards, shall, on the First day of May, 1862, and in every succeeding year, register the same in a book to be kept for that purpose at such of the following places, viz.,—the Office of the Resident Magistrate at Christchurch, Lyttelton, Kaiapoi, Timaru, Akaroa; the Police Office, Rangiora; or such other places as the Superintendent shall, from time to time, by Proclamation appoint as may be nearest to his place of abode: Provided that the Owner of any Dog or Dogs shall be at liberty to register the same at any other period of the year."

Consideration of Clause 3 was deferred.

Clause 4 was proposed and negatived as printed.

The words from "a Registration" to the end of the Clause were expunged.

The Clause passed as amended, and was numbered No. 3.

"For the Registration of every such Dog, the sum of Ten Shillings shall be paid to the Clerk to the Bench of Magistrates, or to such other person as shall be duly authorized by the Superintendent in that behalf by Proclamation in the 'Government Gazette' of the said Province. And the said Clerk to the Bench of Magistrates or such other person shall, in return for the Registration Fee, supply to each individual a Registration Badge, upon which the Registered Number shall be stamped, and which Badge shall be attached to a Collar to be worn upon the neck of the Dog so registered."

"Clause 3 was proposed, and negatived as printed.

The Clause passed as amended, and was numbered No. 4.

"In the Registry Book shall be entered the name and designation of the Owner, the name and description of the Dog, the number of the badge, and the date of registration; and the Registry Book shall be open for inspection at the Offices above mentioned during office hours."

"Clause 5 was proposed and negatived as printed.

The Clause passed as amended.

"If any person shall falsely make, or counterfeit, or knowing the same to be false, or counterfeit, purchase, use, or have in his possession any badge resembling the badge provided under the 3rd Clause of this Ordinance, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding £10, nor less than £5."

“ Clause 8 was proposed and negatived as printed.

The Clause passed as amended.

“ All Unregistered Dogs, or any Dogs at large without the Badge of Registration, wheresoever found, and all Dogs, whether registered or unregistered, which may be found molesting cattle, sheep, pigs, or other live stock, and which shall not be at the time at which they may be so found in the following or charge of any person, may be destroyed.”

Clause 6 was proposed, negatived as printed, and passed as follows : “ Any person maintaining or having in his following any Dog three months’ old unregistered, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than £1, and not more than £5.

Clause 7 was inserted, “Any person having in his following any Dog wearing a badge issued in any previous year, and which dog shall not have been registered for the then current year, shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding £5.”

Motion was negatived on division, “That the Chairman do report progress.”

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Brittan, Cookson, Davis, Harman, Harston. Noes, 11: Messrs. Armstrong, Bowen, Hargreaves, Maude, Ollivier, Packer, Rhodes, Studholme, Toswill, Wilkin, Wylde.

Clause 9 passed as printed No. 8.

Clause 10 passed “ In any proceedings under this Ordinance the onus of proof shall lie upon the Owner of the Dog.”

The consideration of Clause 11 was deferred.

Motion was granted “That the Notices not discharged do stand until to-morrow.”

The Council adjourned at 3.45, until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

All the Members were present.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Bishop of Christchurch and the Standing Commission of the Synod was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Standing Commission of the Synod of Christchurch on Native Education was presented, read and received.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Paper 33 was laid upon the table : Correspondence upon the Resignation of the Provincial Treasurer.

The Council in Committee of Enquiry into the circumstances connected with the Resignation of the late Provincial Treasurer, and the particular transaction which led to his resignation, with power to call for Persons, Books, Papers, and Documents.

Motion was negatived “That the Chairman do report progress.”

Mr. Harman attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Brittan, Harston Bradwell, Ollivier, Thompson, Armstrong, Templer, Wylde, Duncan, Maude, Fyfe FitzGerald, and by Members through the Chair.

Paper 34, Correspondence relating to the Receiver of Land Revenue, was laid upon the table.

Mr. Maude, the Provincial Secretary, attended, and was questioned by Mr. Brittan.

A Minute of the Executive Council, 15th June, was read by Mr. Maude.

Questions were asked by Messrs. FitzGerald, Harston, Harman, Ollivier, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Peacock, Rhodes, Toswill, Wilkin, and by Members through the Chair.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again, Tuesday next, at 5 p.m.

Motion was granted "That the Notices on the Board for this day do stand for the next sitting day."

The Council adjourned at 11.15 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

All the Members present except Mr. Fyfe.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of Enquiry into the circumstances connected with the Resignation of the late Provincial Treasurer, and the particular transaction which led to his Resignation; with power to call for Persons, Books, Papers, and Documents.

Major Scott attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Brittan, FitzGerald, Harston, Ollivier, and Wylde.

Mr. Duncan (the Provincial Solicitor) attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Brittan, FitzGerald, Harston, Bradwell, Ollivier, Thompson, Wylde, Wilkin, and by Members through the Chair.

Mr. Collins attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Brittan, Thompson, Rhodes, Toswill, Wylde, and Duncan.

Mr. Charlesworth attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Brittan, Harston, Thompson, Peacock, Armstrong, Wylde, FitzGerald, and by Members through the Chair.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "That the Notices on the Board do stand for the next Sitting Day."

The Council adjourned at 12.20 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Armstrong, Bowen, FitzGerald, Harman, Maude, Toswill, Westenra, Wilkin.

At 5.30 p.m., there not being a quorum of Members present, the Speaker declared the Council adjourned until Thursday next, at the usual hour.

THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Armstrong, Bradwell, Cookson, Davis, Duncan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Studholme, Templer, Thompson, Toswill, Westenra.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from those interested in the Avon and Heathcote Districts was presented, read, and received.

The Report of the Committee for the Revision of the Standing Orders was called for. Extension of time was granted to that day week.

Extension of time, to that day fortnight, was granted to the Committee on Education.

Motion was proposed "That the Council do adjourn until Friday next, at 12 o'clock."

Question was carried upon division, "That 12 o'clock do stand part of the Motion."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Armstrong, Davis, Duncan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Maude, Studholme, Templer, Thompson, Toswill. Noes, 4: Messrs. Bradwell, Harston, Ollivier, Westenra.

The Council adjourned at 5.45 p.m., until Friday next, at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bradwell, Cookson, Hargreaves, Rhodes, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from those interested in the formation of a Road between Le Bon's, Laverick's, and Okain's Bay was presented, read, and received.

The name of Mr. Brittan was added to the Committee appointed to Revise the Standing Orders.

The Council in Committee on the remaining Clauses of the "Dog Nuisance Bill."

Clause 11 was proposed, and negatived as printed.

The Clause passed "All Fees accruing under this Ordinance shall be paid to the Provincial Treasurer of the said Province for the time being."

Clause 12 passed as printed.

Clause 3 was reconsidered.

The words "the Clerk to the Bench of Magistrate's or other" in the 2nd and 3rd lines, and the words "said Clerk to the Bench of Magistrate's or other" in the 7th and 8th lines, were expunged.

Clause 1 passed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was granted "For a Copy of the Conveyance, or Agreement for Conveyance of certain Land which was purchased two years ago from Mr. Wylde, and for all Correspondence relating to the Purchase of the said Land."

The Council in Committee on the "Provincial Council Extension Bill."

Clause 2 passed as printed.

Clause 3 was considered.

The insertion of the words "Rangiora District," and the substitution of the word "Orari" for "Geraldine," were granted.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the words 'West Akaroa District' be added after words 'Bays District.'"

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Armstrong, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harman, Peacock, Wilkin. Noes, 13: Messrs. Bowen, Brittan, Davis, Duncan, Harston, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Studholme, Templer, Thomson, Toswill.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 3 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Select Committee for the Revision of the Standing Orders was brought up.

A Motion in the name of the Provincial Secretary, "To move the Council into Committee of Supply," was withdrawn by consent.

The "Dog Nuisance Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 3, Session XVII.

Leave was given to bring in a "Roads Diversion Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

The Council in Committee of Enquiry into the circumstances connected with the resignation of the late Provincial Treasurer, and the particular transaction which led to his resignation; with power to call for Persons, Books, Papers, and Documents.

Mr. Townsend attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Brittan, Rickman, Wylde, Duncan.

Mr. Richard Taylor attended and was questioned by Messrs. FitzGerald, Harston, Rickman, Wylde.

The Provincial Engineer attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Duncan, Brittan, FitzGerald, Harman, Bradwell, Ollivier, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Peacock, Armstrong, Davis, Wilkin, and by Members through the Chair.

Mr. Richardson attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Duncan, FitzGerald, Harston, Ollivier, Davis.

Captain M'Lean attended, and was questioned by Messrs. Duncan, Brittan, FitzGerald, Harston, Ollivier, and by Members through the Chair.

The Evidence here terminated.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Evidence taken.

Motion was proposed "That the Council do adjourn until to-morrow at 12 o'clock."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That numeral V. be substituted for numeral XII."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Bradwell, Cookson, Davis, Harston, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Westerra, Wilkin. Noes, 11: Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Maude, Peacock, Rhodes, Studholme, Thompson, Toswill, Wylde.

The Council adjourned at 12.20 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Duncan, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee for the Revision of the Ordinances of the House was called for.

Extension of time was granted to that day fortnight.

Message No. 1, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"Pending the passing of the 'Appropriation Bill' for the current Financial Year I have to ask you to grant me an imprest of five thousand pounds (£5000) to carry on the ordinary business of the Province.

"I have also to ask you for an imprest of five thousand pounds (£5000) from the Railway Loan Account, to Defray the Expenses of the Railway Works now in hand.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

The Council in Committee for the consideration of the remaining Clauses of the "Provincial Council Extension Bill."

Clause 3 passed as amended.

Section 1 of the Schedule passed as printed.

Section 2 as amended.

"The Town of Lyttelton District is bounded on the north by the summit of the range of hills on the north side of Lyttelton Harbour; on the east and west by lines drawn due north and south through the easternmost and westernmost points of the boundary of the town of Lyttelton, as originally laid out by the Canterbury Association, including the Town Reserves; and on the south by the sea."

Section 3 passed as amended.

"The town of Kaiapoi comprises the site of the town of Kaiapoi, as described in the Schedule to the 'Kaiapoi Town Ordinance, Session VIII., No. 7,' with the whole of rural section No. 320.

Section 4 was proposed as printed, and negatived.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Leave was given to bring in an "Education Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of the Report of the Committee for the Revision of the Standing Orders.

The Amendments of the Standing Orders as preferred by the Committee of Revision were considered seriatim, and adopted.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Standing Orders as amended.

They were adopted and ordered to be printed.

The name of Mr. Templer was added to the proposed Committee on Public Works.

Motion was granted "For any Correspondence between the Government and the Government Architects referring to Charges for the Designs of the Law Courts.

Paper No. 35 was laid upon the table; Memorandum of the Terms upon which Messrs. Mountfort and Luck performed the duties of Provincial Architects.

Motion was granted "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying him to cause a sum not exceeding £50 to be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of Constructing a Public Bathing Place on the River Avon."

The Notices of the Day not transacted were renewed.

The Council adjourned at 4 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present; all except Messrs. Hargreaves, Peacock, Rickman.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

36, the Report of the Provincial Auditor.

37, Copy of Agreement with the Provincial Architects, and a Treasury Voucher accompanying Four Drawings of Supreme Court Buildings.

38, Tender for Lower Lincoln Road Extension.

39, Correspondence on the subject of the Madras Street Bridge.

A Petition from those dwelling on the River Cam was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from Landholders and Inhabitants of the Oxford District was presented, read, and received.

The Report of the Provincial Auditor was read, received, and ordered to be printed.

The Provincial Secretary laid the Estimates for the ensuing year, and Comparative Statement of Accounts, on the table.

Paper No. 40 was laid upon the table; Annual Report of the Provincial Engineer.

A Committee was appointed to consider the present establishment of the Canterbury Armed Police Force, its future and better organization, with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers; to consist of Messrs. Wylde, Wilkin, FitzGerald, Ollivier, Hargreaves, Maude. To report within 15 days.

A Select Committee was appointed to consider the Petition of the Christchurch Volunteers for a Butt, &c., in Hagley Park; to consist of Captain Westenra, Messrs. Bradwell, Wilkin, Brittan, Ollivier.

The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of his Honor the Superintendent's Message No. 1.

The following Resolutions passed:—

“The Provincial Council having considered Message No. 1, from his Honor the Superintendent, resolve,—

“1, That an Imprest of £5,000 be granted for the ordinary Financial requirements of the Province.

“2, That an Imprest of £5,000 be granted from the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Fund to Defray the Current Expenses of the Railway Works.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.

They were adopted.

Motion was granted “That the Schedule to the ‘Provincial Council Extension Bill’ be referred to a Select Committee; to consist of Messrs. Maude, Wylde, Ollivier, Harman, FitzGerald. To report on Thursday next.”

Motion was granted “That the ‘Education Bill’ be referred to the Select Committee now sitting.”

Motion was granted “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum for the Erection of Posts and Rails on the Banks of the River Avon, from Inwood's Mill to the new Bridge at Montreal Street, also to Repair the Footway and leave proper openings to enable the public to obtain water.”

Motion was granted “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £200 for the Purchase of a Fire Engine for the Town of Lyttelton.”

A Select Committee was appointed to enquire into and report upon the desirability of Amending the Sheep Ordinance, with a view to provide for the Registration of Ear Brands or any other permanent brand by which the ownership of Sheep may be recorded. Such Committee to consist of Messrs. Wilkin, Maude, Brittan, Studholme, Harman, Ollivier, Rhodes. To report within fourteen days.

Motion was granted “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £40 for the purpose of placing Culverts in and the Levelling of the Gullies known as Ladbrooke's and Dawson's, on the Road known as the Swamp Road in the Heathcote District.”

The name of Mr. J. Brittan was added to the Library and House Committee in the place of that of Mr. W. Thomson, the late Member of the Council."

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs, Armstrong, Bradwell, Cookson, Davis, Duncan, Murray, Rickman, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Select Committee was appointed to consider the Proposed Public Works for the ensuing year; to consist of Messrs. Armstrong, Bowen, Hargreaves, Rhodes, Studholme, Wilkin, Maude, with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers. To report within seven days from appointment. Leave was given to add to their number Messrs. Wylde, Thompson, Ollivier, Tosswill, Templer.

Motion was granted "That the Council do nominate Herbert Alport, Esq., as Deputy Auditor, and do ask the Concurrence of his Honor the Superintendent in that nomination."

The consideration of the propriety of Forming and Metalling the Road from the Ferry Road to Wilson's Bridge, and the Repair of the Bridge was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Motion was granted "For Copies of any By-laws passed, by the Waste Lands Board respecting Pre-emptive Rights, for Improvements on Pasturage Runs."

Paper No. 41 was laid upon the table: Schedule of Class of Improvements by the Waste Lands Board.

The consideration of the propriety of Forming and Metalling that portion of the Harewood Road by Papanui, extending from the Bridge opposite Mr. Stoke's House, to the north corner of Mr. Harman's 50-acre section, was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The propriety of Constructing a Bridge over the Kaituna River, Lake Ellesmere, was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Interest on Immigration Loan, £2,400.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 2.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

All the Members were present.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that he had appointed H. E. Alport, Esq. to be Sub-Auditor, pursuant to the Motion of 15th November.

The Speaker notified to the Council that John Shand, Esq. had been duly Elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the Avon District.

The Report of the Committee on the "Provincial Council Extension Bill" was called for. Extension of time granted to that day week.

Motion was proposed "That the following Resolutions be adopted. :—

"1, That the Resignation of the late Provincial Treasurer was occasioned by his Refusal to make a Payment of £1,650 for Land Purchased for the purpose of Constructing a Branch of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway to a Wharf at Ferry Mead.

“2, That the object contemplated in this Expenditure of Public Money has not received the sanction of this Council, nor has the particular Sum in question been included in any Appropriation Act or Vote of Committee of Supply.

“3, That whilst this Council is at all times ready to consider any proposal made by the Government for the Extension of Railway Accommodation, it regards any action taken by the Government to anticipate its sanction as a grave violation of its Constitutional Laws and privileges.

“4, That this Council is of opinion that the mode adopted by the Government for negotiating the purchase of such Lands involves unfairness towards Private Individuals, exposes the Government to imputations calculated to diminish the confidence and respect of the public, and is open to be made available for corrupt purposes.

“5, That pending the decision of this Council on the expediency of Constructing the Line in question, the Money which has been paid out of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Fund must be forthwith repaid to the Public Chest.”

Amendment was proposed “That the following Resolutions be adopted:—

“1, That the Resignation of the late Provincial Treasurer was occasioned by his Refusal to make a payment of £1,650 for Land, purchased for the purpose of Constructing a Branch of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway to a Wharf at Ferry Mead, in accordance with a Warrant of his Honor the Superintendent issued for that purpose; and it further appears from the Evidence laid before the Council, that he had previously made payments without the Voucher of the Auditor or the Warrant of the Superintendent, contrary to the instructions for his guidance.

“2, That the payment of the Sum in question has not been included in any Appropriation Act or Vote of Committee of Supply, and has not yet received the sanction of the Council.

“3, That whilst this Council is at all times ready to consider any proposal made by the Government for the Extension of Railway Accommodation, it desires it to be distinctly understood as a general rule, that any action taken by the Government to anticipate its sanction is an encroachment on its constitutional privileges.”

“4, That this Council having considered the evidence brought before the Committee of the whole House, is of opinion that the Land in question has been purchased by the Provincial Government for the public benefit, and is in accordance with the recommendation of the Railway Commissioners, as contained in their Report of March, 1859.

“5, That this Council regrets that the desirability of effecting the purchase was lost sight of when the Railway Bill was submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly, and that a necessity should have arisen for anticipating the sanction of the Provincial Council; but under the belief that the Land which has been bought is an indispensable and useful adjunct to the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, the Council is of opinion that the amount, viz., £1,650, which has been paid for the Land in question, should be charged against the Railway Account, and respectfully requests that his Honor the Superintendent will direct the amount to be placed to that account accordingly.”

Motion was negatived upon division, “That the original Resolutions do stand.”

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Armstrong, Bradwell, Brittan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harman, Harston, Peacock, Rhodes, Thompson, Toswill. Noes, 13: Messrs. Cookson, Davis, Duncan, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Shand, Studholme, Templer, Westenra, Wilkin, Wylde.

Motion was negatived upon division, “That the Amendment do pass.”

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Davis, Duncan, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Studholme, Shand, Templer, Westenra, Wilkin, Wylde. Noes, 12: Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Cookson, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harston, Peacock, Rhodes, Thompson, Toswill.

The Speaker decided in favour of the Noes.

The Notices of Motion not transacted were renewed.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Peacock, Rickman, Studholme.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Avonside District and the Butchers of Christchurch was presented, read, and received.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Leave was given to bring in a "Volunteer Service Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of the Standing Orders.

Order 22 was considered and passed, "The Speaker shall take the chair at Five p.m., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and on Fridays at noon; or at such other hour as shall be appointed by the Council at its previous sitting.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Standing Orders as Amended were reported, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to cause a sum, not exceeding £150, to be placed on the Estimates as a Grant in Aid to the Lyttelton Colonists' Society."

Motion was granted "That the Consideration of the Propriety of Forming and Metalling the Halsewell Junction Road, from Burton's Gully to Rickman's Corner, be referred to the Committee on Public Works."

Motion was granted "That the Consideration of the Propriety of Opening up Communication across the River Halswell, about twelve miles from Christchurch, be referred to the Committee on Public Works."

A Select Committee was appointed to take into consideration the Clauses of the Land Regulations referring to Pre-emptive Rights, and the Interpretation given to those Clauses by the Waste Lands Board, with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers. To consist of Messrs. Studholme, Wylde, Toswill, Rickman, Wilkin, Templer. To report within eight days from appointment.

Leave was given to bring in a "Road Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Sinking Fund, 4 per cent. (£30,000) ...	...	£1200	0	0
" Arrears on Sinking Fund and Bank } ...	...	350	0	0
" Charges on London Remittance ... }	...			
" Railway Loan (£300,000) ...	...	3000	0	0
" Sinking Fund, 2 per cent. (£50,000) ...	...	1000	0	0

Consideration of the Vote in Aid of Education was postponed.

Vote was taken, Superintendent ...	...	£700	0	0
" Residential Allowance ...	...	250	0	0

Vote was proposed, Provincial Secretary's Department £730.

Amendment was proposed, £780.

Motion was carried upon division, "That £730 stand part of the question.

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Armstrong, Bowen, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harman, Harston, Maude, Murray, Rhodes, Thompson, Wilkin. Noes, 3: Messrs. Ollivier, Shand, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Provincial Secretary's Department ...	...	£730	0	0
" " Treasurer's " ...	...	412	10	0
" " Auditors' " ...	...	400	0	0
" " Solicitor's " ...	...	300	0	0
" " Messenger's " ...	...	100	0	0

The consideration of the Provincial Council Department was postponed.

Vote was taken, Expenses of Elections of Members of Provincial Council, including Attendance of Returning Officer, Poll Clerks, &c. }	...	£200	0	0
„ Supreme Court ... ..	...	600	0	0
„ Gaol ... ..	...	1523	10	0

Consideration of the Police Department was postponed.

Vote was taken, Inspection of Sheep	900	0	0
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The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was negatived upon division, “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum for the Erection of a Building for the Reception of a Fire Engine lately received, and for providing all Furniture and Implements necessary for rendering the same completely effective; and whenever the Company of Volunteer Firemen, known as the ‘Christchurch Volunteer Fire Brigade,’ shall have been embodied, as required by the ‘Militia Act Amendment Act, 1860,’ to cause such Building, with the Engine, its Furniture and Equipments, to be delivered into the sole custody of the Christchurch Fire Brigade: And that his Honor the Superintendent be further respectfully requested to cause a sum of £100 to be placed upon the Estimates as a Grant to the Christchurch Fire Brigade, to be paid when the said Brigade shall have been embodied, and on the following conditions:—

“That the Brigade consist of Fifty efficient Members.

“That the Brigade, at its own expense, Defray the Current Working Charges of keeping the Engine, Furniture, and Implements in the best Working Condition, and complete in number and quantity as received.

“And also, that the Brigade Provide all such Stores as may be required for the use of the Brigade and the effective Service of the Engine.”

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Davis, Fyfe, Ollivier, Rhodes, Thompson. Noes, 6: Messrs. Armstrong, Harman, Maude, Shand, Westenra, Wilkin.

Motion was granted “That it is desirable to Publish the Land Regulations of this Province in one or more of the Otago Newspapers, with a view to bringing them under the notice of Diggers from the Australian Colonies.”

The Council adjourned at 9.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Fyfe, Rickman.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Education Committee was called for.

Extension of time granted to 29th November.

Paper No. 42, Correspondence relative to the Investigation of the Coal Field was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted “That the Petition of the Incumbent and other Residents in the Parish of Avonside, praying for the Construction of a Bridge over the River Avon, opposite the Stanmore Road, be referred to the Committee on Public Works.”

Motion was granted “For a Return of all the Officers of the Provincial Government absent on leave or present, shewing the Salaries they receive, and if holding Office under the General Government, at the same time stating its nature; whether the same be Salaried or Honorary. If the former, specifying the amount, if derived from a Fixed Payment, or the average value if derived from fees, allowances or advantages of any kind: Shewing also whether the Officer carries on at the same time any private business, and if so, what; also, the Length of Service of each Officer under either the Provincial, the General Government, or

the Canterbury Association, with the Salaries received: Shewing also what Officers are entrusted with the Receipt of Public Moneys, the amount during the past year, whether Sureties are in such cases provided, and to what amount."

The name of Mr. Templer was added to the Committee on the "Sheep Ordinance."

A Select Committee was appointed to Enquire into what Lands have been acquired by Purchase, or otherwise, for the Public Service of the Province, and under what Titles such Lands are held, and how they are managed. To consist of Messrs. Maude, Harston, Hargreaves, Wilkin, FitzGerald.

Motion was granted "That it is desirable to acquire, without delay, the advantage of Steam Communication with Melbourne by Otago."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Public Plantations £250 0 0

Vote was deferred, Planting Hagley Park, &c., £500.

Vote was taken, Waste Lands Board £756 2 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 7.40 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Rickman.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from H. J. Cridland, Esq., was presented, read and received.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The Report of the Committee on Public Works was called for.

Extension of time granted to this day week.

The Report of the Committee on the "Provincial Council Extension Bill" was called for.

Extension of time granted to to-morrow.

Motion was granted "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the Value of all Lands taken under the Railway Act should be determined by Arbitration or by Jury."

Motion was granted "That the Consideration of the Education of the Maoris of the Settlement be referred the Committee on Education."

Motion was granted "That the Consideration of the Propriety of placing a sum of £1,000 upon the Estimates for the Purchase and Establishment of a Public Pleasure Ground in Lyttelton, be referred to the Committee on Public Works."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Survey Department, £10,945 0 0

„ Contingent on the sale of more than }
30,000 acres } 3,000 0 0

„ Road Surveyor (Salary £350, Contingencies, Forage, &c., £100; Staff, Labor &c., £400) } 850 0 0

„ Geological (Salary £500, Contingencies }
£1000) } 1,500 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.20 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Hargreaves.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Ordinances of the House was called for.

Extension of time granted to this day week.

The bringing up of the Report of the Committee on the "Provincial Council Extension Bill" was deferred till a later hour.

The "Road Bill" was read a second time.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to direct a Sum to be placed on the Estimates, sufficient to Defray the Travelling Expenses of Members to and from this Council."

The "Volunteer Service Bill" was read a second time.

Motion was proposed "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £96, to Defray the Losses sustained by Mr. John Birdsey, arising from the Destruction of his Property on the occasion of Turning the First Sod of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That Discussion of the Question be deferred to this day six months."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Armstrong, Bradwell, Brittan, Cookson, Davis, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Rickman, Thompson. Noes, 11: Messrs. Duncan, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Peacock, Templer, Shand, Toswill, Westenra, Wilkin, Wylde.

The original Motion was carried upon division.

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Duncan, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Templer, Shand, Toswill, Westenra, Wylde. Noes, 10: Messrs. Armstrong, Bradwell, Brittan, Cookson, Davis, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Rickman, Thompson.

Motion was granted "That the Council is of opinion that some means should be taken by the Government for Keeping Open the Dray Traffic on the Lower Lincoln Road during the Re-building of the Heathcote Bridge."

The "Roads Diversion Bill" was read a second time.

Leave was given to bring in a "Superintendent's Salary Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Civil Service Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee on the "Provincial Council Extension Bill" was brought up.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of the remaining Clauses of the "Provincial Council Extension Bill."

The Schedule of the Bill, as reported by the Committee, passed with amendments.

Clauses 3, 4 passed with amendments.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Harston, Rhodes, Thompson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the Waste Lands Board was called for.
Extension of time granted to 10th December.

The Report of the Committee on the "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill" was called for.

Extension of time granted to 11th December.

The Council in Committee on the "Roads Diversion Bill."

Clauses 1, 2 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee on the "Road Bill."

Clause 2 passed. "The Province of Canterbury, for the purposes of this Ordinance, shall be divided into Districts as set forth and described in the Schedule to this Ordinance, and delineated on the Map hereunto annexed."

Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 passed with amendments.

Clauses 12, 13 were deferred.

Clauses 14, 15 passed as printed.

Clause 16 was deferred.

Clauses 17, 18 passed as printed.

Clause 19 was deferred.

Clauses 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "That the Consideration of the Establishment of a School at Little Akaloa be submitted to the Committee on Education."

The "Superintendent's Salary Bill" was read a second time.

The "Civil Service Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Provincial Council Extension Bill."

Clause 5 passed.

This Ordinance shall come into force on the day of the next Dissolution of the Provincial Council.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Cookson, Duncan, Armstrong, Peacock, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on Education was called for.

Extension of time granted to 5th December.

The Report of the Committee on the Armed Police Force was called for.

Extension of time granted to 10th December.

A Select Committee was appointed to report upon the Subject of the Electric Telegraph, with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers. To consist of Messrs. Wyld, Peacock, Templer, Wilkin, Harman, FitzGerald. To report eight days from appointment.

Motion was granted "For the Production of any Correspondence between the General and Provincial Governments, in reference to the Appropriation of the Market Hall for the purposes of a Post Office."

The "Provincial Council Extension Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 4, Session XVII.

The Council in Committee on the "Superintendent's Salary Bill."

The Clauses, Preamble, and Title passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Consideration of the Charitable Aid Department was deferred.

Vote was taken, Immigration	... ..	£15,700	0	0
" Miscellaneous, Fuel for Departments,	}	200	0	0
Christchurch				
" Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	... ..	1250	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was proposed "That the Council do adjourn until Tuesday next."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That this Council do adjourn until Thursday next."

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Bradwell, Brittan, FitzGerald, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Westenra. Noes, 4: Messrs. Davis, Rickman, Toswill, Wylde.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Brittan, Rickman, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee for Revision of the Ordinances was called for.

Extension of time granted to 12th December.

The Report of the Committee on Public Works was brought up, read and received.

The Report of the Committee on the "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill" was brought up, read, and received.

Message No. 2, of this Session, of his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"The Superintendent, impressed with a sense of the great advantages attendant upon rapid Communications with Europe and the Australian Colonies, requests that the Council will consider the advisability of measures being taken to secure to the Province a means of answering London Letters by the return of every Mail from Melbourne. The Superintendent submits that it is quite practicable to bring Canterbury within fifty-one days of London, both for Mails and Passengers, thus effecting a saving of one month of time in each complete circle of Correspondence.

"Should the Provincial Council concur with the Superintendent as to the expediency of taking steps to secure the great Commercial convenience above indicated, he proposes, through the principal Colonial Newspapers, to invite Tenders for a Direct Monthly Steam Service between Melbourne and Lyttelton.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum, not exceeding £50, for the purpose of Establishing an Annual Regatta at Lyttelton."

The Council in Committee on the "Volunteer Service Bill."

The Clauses passed with amendments.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum, not exceeding £150, as a Contribution in Aid of the Mechanics' Institute Library, Christchurch."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Painting, Sweeping Chimnies, &c.	...	...	£300	0	0
" Queen's Plate	...	...	100	0	0
" Fire Engine, Government Buildings, Buckets...	...	...	250	0	0
" Shed for Fire Engine	...	...	45	0	0
" Maintenance of Engine	...	...	100	0	0
" Addition to Provincial Council Library	...	...	100	0	0
" Salary of Librarian	...	...	20	0	0
" Printing Catalogues	...	...	5	0	0
" Sum to Supplement Postal Service	...	...	500	0	0
" Extra Clerical Assistance as required	...	...	300	0	0
" Gaol Library	...	...	20	0	0
" Hospital Library	...	...	50	0	0
" Canterbury Museum	...	...	100	0	0
" Malvern Coal Fields	...	...	1000	0	0
" Enlarging Town Hall	...	...	300	0	0
" Mechanics' Institute	...	...	250	0	0
" Compensation to Graham	...	...	100	0	0

Motion was granted "That it is desirable that Instructions be sent to the Immigration Agent that beyond the sum of £10,500 voted for the Service of the year ending 30th September, 1862, the Agent shall not enter into any Contract or Engagement involving the Province in Expenditure, during the year ending 30th September, 1863, to a greater amount than £10,000."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The "Superintendent's Salary Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 5, Session XVII.

Motion was proposed "That the Council do adjourn until Friday, at the usual hour."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Council do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Hargreaves, Harston, Ollivier, Peacock, Thompson. Noes, 8: Messrs. Duncan, Fitzgerald, Fyfe, Harman, Maude, Murray, Westenra, Wilkin.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Duncan, Harston, Ollivier, Rickman, Studholme, Templer, Toswill, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted "That it is expedient that some steps should be taken to cause a New Electoral Roll to be made up for the Province previous to the next dissolution of the Provincial Council."

Motion was granted "For a Copy of all Correspondence upon the subject of "Peacock's Wharf Extension Bill."

Motion was granted "For a Return of all the Purchases made of Land for which no Crown Grant has been prepared, and the Date of such Purchase."

Motion was granted "For a Copy of the Correspondence that has taken place between the Provincial Government and the Inspector of Weights and Measures. Also, Copies of the Inspector's Appointment by the Provincial and General Governments, and the Amount of Salary received by that Officer since his Appointment."

The Council in Committee on Message No. 2, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent.

Motion was proposed, and withdrawn by consent, "That in the opinion of this Council it is highly desirable to arrange for a Direct Steam Service between this Province and Melbourne; and the Council authorize his Honor the Superintendent to take such steps as he may deem most advisable to conclude a Contract for securing this object."

Leave was given to bring in a "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Standing Orders Nos. 110, 111, 112, 113, 118, 119, were suspended to enable that Bill to pass through all its stages.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed with amendment.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Bill was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 6, Session XVII.

The Council adjourned at 2.15 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Cookson, Harman.

The Speaker in the chair.

Message No. 3, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"The Superintendent requests that the Council will take measures for the Establishment of a Lunatic Asylum in the neighbourhood of the capital town of the Province.

"The Superintendent, on many grounds, entertains an opinion that it would be preferable to treat Lunatics on the spot, rather than subject them to the great inconvenience of a long sea voyage. The unfortunate necessity for an Asylum has long been too apparent. A convenient site is now under offer to Government. For the information of the Council, the Superintendent transmits to the Council Copy of a Letter with which he has been favoured by his Honor Mr. Justice Gresson.

"The Superintendent requests the Council to grant the sum of Five Thousand Pounds (£5000) to be employed in the Purchasing of a Site, and the Erection of a Building equal to the entertainment of Twenty-five Lunatics.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

The Report of the Library and House Committee was brought up, read, and received.

Motion was granted "That the Members of the Executive Council be allowed the use of the Books in the Library."

The Report of the Committee on the Regulations of the Waste Lands Board, referring to Pre-emptive Rights, was brought up, read, and received.

Extension of time was granted to the Education Committee until Friday, 13th December; and to the Canterbury Armed Police Force Committee until 20th December.

The Speaker notified to the Council that the Standing Orders, 1861, had been assented to by his Honor the Superintendent.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

43, Copy of Letter from his Honor Mr. Justice Gresson, upon the subject of the proposed Lunatic Asylum.

44, Copy of Dispatches to the Immigration Agent, 4th October, 1860, to 3rd October, 1861.

45, Copy of Dispatches from the Immigration Agent, London, September, 1860, to September, 1861.

46, Dispatch from H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire, alluding to the subject of the Railway Loan Negotiation.

47, Invoice of Telegraph Materials, as supplied by Mr. Edwin Clarke, through the Immigration Agent in England.

48, Correspondence between the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Provincial Government, on the subject of Territorial Revenue for the Province of Canterbury, for the year ending 30th June, 1861.

49, Memorandum from William Thomson, Esq., concerning the Papanui Drainage.

50, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Owners of Land on the Line of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

51, Beach Master's Application for Rocket Service at Timaru.

52, Reserves to be Confirmed by the Provincial Council.

53, Correspondence relating to the Remuneration of the Provincial Sub-Treasurer at Akaroa.

The "Volunteer Service Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 7, Session XVII.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £100 to Defray the Expenses of Building a Culvert and Filling in the Earthwork in London Street, Lyttelton, votes having been passed for the performance of this work in 1859 and 1860."

Leave was given to bring in a "Bill to Provide for the Salaries of the Provincial Auditor and Deputy Auditor."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted "That in the opinion of this Council it would be very desirable that the Estimates for Public Works should in future be so arranged as to Show the Sum of Money proposed to be Expended in each separate District of the Province."

Vote was taken, Current Repairs, Great South Road to	}	£800	0	0
Ninth mile				
„ Current Repairs, Great North Road to	}	100	0	0
Twenty-second mile				
„ Current Repairs, Great North Road by	}	250	0	0
Horsley Downs to Seventy-first mile.				
„ Ordinary Repairs, Ferry Road		200	0	0
„ Re-building Bridge at Stewart's Creek...		300	0	0
„ Re-metalling Ferry Road		1700	0	0
„ Bridle-path Road from Heathcote Valley	}	200	0	0
to Lyttelton				
„ South Road, four miles, Metalling, Widen-	}	1400	0	0
ing, and Draining				

Vote was taken, Lincoln Road, five miles, Repairing and Improving	} £ 900 0 0
„ Rangiora Road, Repairing and Metalling	300 0 0
„ Rangiora Direct Road	100 0 0
„ Sumner Road, Repairing and Metalling	1000 0 0
„ Fendall Town Road	100 0 0
„ Harbour Works, Lyttelton Jetty Repairs	60 0 0
„ Harbour Works, Fixing Weigh-bridge, &c	100 0 0
„ Harbour Works, Half-year's Salary to Wharfinger	} 75 0 0
„ Occasional Assistance	12 0 0
„ River Navigation, Maintenance of Heathcote Beacons	} 100 0 0
„ River Navigation, Clearing the Avon ...	300 0 0
„ River Navigation, Removing Snags and Staking Channel Saltwater Creek ...	} 50 0 0
„ River Navigation, Erecting Beacons and Maintenance 12 miles Waimakariri...	} 100 0 0
„ Drainage, Rangiora Main Drain ...	2500 0 0

Vote was proposed, Drainage Papanui Eastern Branch, £200.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That '£300' be substituted for '£200.'"

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Armstrong, Duncan, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Shand, Toswill. Noes, 13: Messrs. Bowen, Brittan, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harston, Maude, Peacock, Rhodes, Studholme, Templer, Thompson, Wilkin, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Drainage, Papanui, Eastern Branch ...	£200 0 0
„ „ „ Main Branch ...	300 0 0
„ „ „ Rangiora Main Drain ...	2500 0 0
„ Construction of Roads North Road, Eighth and Ninth mile, Forming and Metalling	} 700 0 0
„ Construction of Roads, Felton's Ferry to Kaiapoi	} 1400 0 0
„ Construction of Roads, Kaiapoi to Fifteenth mile, Metalling	} 1000 0 0
„ Construction of Roads, Saltwater Creek to Kowai, Metalling	} 500 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30, until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Cookson, Duncan.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 54, Correspondence on the subject of a Bonded Store at Kaiapoi, was laid upon the table.

Message No. 4, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“The Superintendent requests the Council to grant him the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to be appropriated as an Honorarium in acknowledgment of the

great Services which are, and have for a long period of years, been rendered by Mr. Selve in his capacity of English Agent for Canterbury.

“ W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“ Superintendent.”

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

55, Correspondence on “ Peacock’s Wharf Extension Ordinance.”

56, Schedule of Crown Lands Sold for which no Grant has been issued.

57, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Commissioner of Crown Lands relating to Territorial Revenue to June 30, 1861.

Motion was granted “ That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that he will cause to be placed upon the Estimates, under the head of ‘ Works of Primary Importance,’ the sum of £500, to Construct that portion of the Okain’s Bay Road from the Beach to Robinson’s Bay, through Pavitt’s section.”

Motion was granted “ That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place a sufficient Sum on the Estimates for the Construction of a Crane on the Government Wharf at Akaroa.”

Motion was granted “ That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to cause a sum, not exceeding £30, to be placed upon the Estimates for the purpose of Promoting a Regatta in Akaroa Harbour.”

Motion was granted “ That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place the sum of £400 upon the Estimates, in the category of Works of Primary Importance, in Aid of the Construction of a Bridge across the Avon, opposite the Stanmore Road; to be Supplemented by the Residents of the neighbourhood to the required amount.”

Motion was granted “ That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place the sum of £300 upon the Estimates for the purpose of Forming the Oxford Road as far as the Rangiora Church.”

Motion was negatived upon division, “ That it is expedient that facilities be given for the Purchase of Lands at Timaru, and that the District Surveyor, or some other Officer, be authorized to receive Applications and Deposits for the Purchase of Waste Lands, to be transmitted in due course of confirmation and acceptance by the Waste Lands Board, pursuant to the Regulations now in force for the disposal of Waste Lands in the Province of Canterbury.”

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Armstrong, Davis, Maude, Murray, Rickman, Studholme, Templer. Noes, 12: Messrs. Bradwell, Brittan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harman, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Thompson, Toswill, Westenra.

“ The Provincial Auditor and Deputy Auditor’s Salary Bill ” was read a second time.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Grant on Account of Church Building, Lord	}	£2300	0	0
Bishop of Christchurch				
“ Grant on Account of Church Building, Due	}	400	0	0
Roman Catholics				
“ Public Works, Opening up Roads in the	}	1000	0	0
Ellesmere and North Selwyn Districts				
“ South Road, Forming and Metalling from	}	800	0	0
Fourth Mile to the Junction with the				
“ Springs Track	}	120	0	0
Improvement of Road between Selwyn and				
“ Rakaia	}	60	0	0
Clearing Track on South Bank of the Rakaia				
“ Improving Cuttings, North Bank of the	}	50	0	0
Ashburton				
“ Swamp South of the Ashburton, Out-let Drains		480	0	0

Vote was taken, From the Washdyke to Township of Timaru, including Roads to the Beach, Draining Side Cutting, Forming and Partial Metalling	£4000	0	0
„ From Timaru to Otipua, Improving Approaches to Bridges, and Partial Metalling	120	0	0
„ Otipua to Pareora, Earthwork, Culverts and Partial Metalling	375	0	0
„ From Waimati Township to Otaio, Culverts and Earthwork	400	0	0
„ From Pyke's Point to Wilson's Ferry on the Waitaki, Culverts and Metalling	150	0	0
„ Culverts and Repairs in Timaru District, South Road	200	0	0
„ M'Kenzie Country, Opening Permanent Line from foot of Burke's Pass to Stericker's Mound, including Improvement of Pass, Drainage, Culverts and Metalling	500	0	0
„ Sundry Cuttings between Stericker's Mound and the Ohou	100	0	0
„ Waitaki Country, Cutting leading to the Hekateramea Valley in extension of last year's Vote	300	0	0
„ Lincoln Road Extension, Forming, Metalling and Culverts	800	0	0
„ Springs Road, from South Road Junction to the South side of the Old River Bed, Forming, Metalling, Culverts and general Improvements as far as the Springs	1360	0	0

Grants for Formation of District Roads and Culverts.

Vote was taken, Between the Ashley and Kowai	£800	0	0
„ District North of the Kowai	300	0	0
„ Harewood Road to the Oxford Mills	150	0	0
„ Fendall Town Road, Metalling	400	0	0
„ Harewood Road by Riccarton	600	0	0
„ Communication from Lower Lincoln Road through Riccarton by M'Bratney's, across the Harewood Road, including Partial Metalling	250	0	0
„ Rangiora Direct Road	600	0	0
„ Metalling Lincoln Road and Making New Approaches to the Bridge at Third Mile	240	0	0
„ Roads in District South of the Selwyn	500	0	0
„ Harewood Road by Papanui, from Stokes' Bridge	300	0	0
„ Shand's Road, in Aid of Private Subscription	50	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Brittan, Cookson, Duncan, Rickman, Thompson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of the Electric Telegraph was called for.

Extension of time granted to 19th December.

The Report of the Committee for the Revision of the Ordinances of the House was brought up, read, and received.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

58, Return of Officers in the Employ of the Provincial Government.

59, Plan shewing the Public Reserve in the Market-place, Christchurch.

Motion was granted "That a Return having been laid on the table of this Council, by which the Council learn that nearly 1,300 sections of land have been purchased, amounting to nearly 50,000 acres of land, for which no Crown Grants have been Prepared, are of opinion that his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to direct that a Special Report be called for from the Survey Department and laid before this House, stating what means ought to be adopted in order to Prepare the Crown Grants with the least delay possible."

The Council in Committee for the consideration of a Reply to Message No. 2, from his Honor the Superintendent.

The following Reply was proposed and passed :—

"The Council beg to thank your Honor for the Message which your Honor has transmitted to the Council on the subject of Steam Communication with Melbourne.

"The Council are of opinion that so much doubt exists as to whether the Service could be performed in the manner proposed by your Honor, and that the Subsidy to be paid would be so great, that the Council regret that they are not able to coincide with your Honor in the prudence of making the experiment.

"The Council are of opinion that it is expedient that the Service between Lyttelton, Akaroa, and Timaru, should be extended to Dunedin, and that there should be besides a distinct Service direct from Lyttelton to Dunedin, which shall be carried on by a boat remaining only 24 hours in each harbour, except for the purpose of bringing on the English Mail.

"The Council think that immediate arrangements should be completed for the transmission of the Canterbury English Mail to and from Dunedin, and the Council will be prepared to vote the requisite sum for the performance of these Services."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Reply.

It was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in the usual manner.

Motion was granted "That it is the opinion of this Council that any Proposition from a Contractor to Build a Bridge over the Main Branch of the River Waimakariri on the following terms be favorably received, viz :—A Lease of Seven Years to be granted to the Contractor, who shall be allowed to Charge Tolls not to exceed Half the Amount now charged at the Ferry ; the Bridge to be given up to the Government at any time on payment of a sum of money to be fixed in the Lease. The terms of any such Contract to be submitted to this Council prior to any assent being given."

Leave was given to withdraw the "Public Service Bill."

The Council in Committee on the "Provincial Auditor and Deputy Auditor's Salary Bill."

Clauses 1, 2, 4 passed as printed.

Clause 3 was withdrawn.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Halswell Junction Road	... ..	£500	0	0
„ Ellesmere Junction Road	... ..	600	0	0
„ Swamp Road, Springs District	... ..	60	0	0
„ Road from Head of Port Victorta to Lake Ellesmere	... ..	600	0	0
„ Metalling Fendall Town Road from Dilloway's to Hagley Lodge Bridge	... ..	150	0	0
„ Improvements from Hagley Lodge Bridge to the Mill Bridge and Papanui Road...	... ..	100	0	0
„ Road to the Cemetery, Christchurch, and thence to the Horseshoe Lake	... ..	700	0	0
„ Grant in Aid of Private Subscriptions for the Road under the Hills by Wilson's Bridge	... ..	100	0	0
„ Grant in Aid of Private Subscriptions Opening of Waimakariri Valley	... ..	250	0	0
„ Road to Slaughter Yards (Grant for District Roads)	... ..	500	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bradwell, Cookson, Duncan, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harston, Murray, Ollivier, Rickman, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Kaiapoi on the subject of a Bridge, was presented and read.

Motion was proposed "That the Petition be received."

Amendment was negatived "That Consideration of the Question be Deferred till next sitting day."

The original Motion was carried.

The Petition was received.

A further Report of the Committee on the "Sheep Bill" was brought up and received.

The Report of the Education Committee was brought up, read, and received.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—

"That this Council resolve that Mr. William White should be allowed to Build a Bridge over the Waimakariri on the following terms:—

"1. The Bridge to be Built on the Line of the North Road, at or near Felton's Ferry.

"2. The Bridge to be Built on a plan approved by Colonel Mould, in 1859, for a Bridge over this River.

"3. The work to be done to the satisfaction of the Provincial Engineer.

"4. The Government to have the Right of Purchasing the Bridge on the following terms, viz. :—

" Before the end of the second year	... ..	£4000	0	0
" During the third year	... ..	3000	0	0
„ „ fourth „	... ..	2500	0	0
„ „ fifth „	... ..	2000	0	0
„ „ sixth and seventh years	... ..	1500	0	0

“ 5. If it should be necessary to Lengthen the Bridge during the term of Lease owing to the washing away of the river banks, the Government, in the event of Purchasing, to give an additional Sum in proportion to the above amounts and the additional length.

“ 6. The Bridge to be kept in Good Repair during the term of Lease, and to be given up to the Government, free of charge, at the end of the seventh year.

“ 7. Mr. White to be allowed to charge the following Tolls, viz. :—

“ From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., One-half of the Tolls now charged at the Ferry during the day-time.

“ From 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Three-fourths of the Tolls now charged at the Ferry during the day-time.”

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 passed “ The work to be done on a Plan Approved of by the Provincial Engineer, and the work to be done to his satisfaction.”

Clause 3 passed as printed, No. 4.

Clause 4 passed as printed, No. 5.

Clause 5 passed as printed, No. 6, with addition “ In the event of any accident causing a Stoppage to the Traffic on the Bridge, Mr. White to be bound to take such steps as may be necessary to Maintain the Traffic by Punt at the rates to be fixed.”

Clause 6 passed as printed, No. 7.

Clause 7 passed “ No other Bridge, except for Railway purposes, shall be built at the cost of the Government within two miles of the contemplated Bridge during the term of Lease.”

The Preamble passed “ The Council recommend that the Government should enter into a Contract with Mr. William White to Build a Bridge over the Waimakariri on the following terms. The said Bridge to be completed within twelve months from signing of the Contract.”

Clause 3 was reconsidered and amended, “ Before the end of the second year from opening of the Bridge, £4000.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions as amended.

They were adopted.

Motion was granted “ That in conformity with the 21st Clause of the Land Regulations, this Council respectfully request his Honor the Superintendent to Reserve from Sale 250 Acres of Land in the Little River Bush, for the purpose of securing the Timber thereon for the Construction of a Tramway from Little River to Christchurch; and that this Council is further of opinion that it is desirable to Promote the Formation, by Private Enterprise, of such Tramway.”

The “ Provincial Auditor's and Deputy Auditor's Salary Bill ” was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 8, Session XVII.

The Council adjourned at 3 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Murray.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted “ That the following Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent :—

‘ The Provincial Council respectfully desire to bring under your Honor's notice the Inconvenience which has been felt by the Masters of Vessels arriving at

Lyttelton from the Absence of a Lighthouse at the Heads of Lyttelton Harbour. The Council is aware that under the existing state of the Law, it is debarred from passing any Bill for that purpose. The Council therefore respectfully pray that your Honor will direct the attention of his Excellency's Government to the matter, and urge upon the Colonial Secretary the necessity of Legislation upon this subject."

Messages Nos. 5 and 6, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, were received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"The Superintendent, feeling it to be very important to the well-being of the Province that early effect should be given to the "Provincial Council Extension Ordinance," requests that the Council will, during this Session, consider the expediency of Memorializing his Excellency the Governor to forthwith Dissolve the Council.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"The Superintendent requests the Council to concur with him in the expediency of relaxing the terms of his Contract with the Union Bank of Australia for the Sale of the Railway Debentures (a Copy of which the Superintendent has already caused to be furnished to the Council).

"The mutations of the money market since the date of the Preliminary Contract made with the Union Bank of Australia, are proof that it is just possible that the Canterbury Railway Debentures may not, within the term limited by the Contract, be saleable at the price, viz., £105 reserved upon them by the said Contract.

"The Superintendent, therefore, is desirous of taking from the Council their sanction of a reduction of that limit to par, should such a course seem advisable.

"The Superintendent however takes this opportunity of expressing his conviction that a failure to realise for the Canterbury Railway Debentures a price at least equal to that obtaining for similar Securities of the Australian Colonies might be justly attributed to negligence on the part of the Agent thereof. It is not necessary for the Superintendent to remark to the Council on the real value of the Debentures. The Union Bank of Australia is equally informed of the soundness of Canterbury Securities, and will no doubt take all the proper steps for realising their full intrinsic value.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

A Select Committee was appointed to examine the Petition presented to the House on the subject of the Kaiapoi Bridge, with power to call for Persons and Papers. To consist of Messrs. Wilkin, Studholme, Toswill, Davis, FitzGerald, Wylde. To report within eight days.

Leave was given to withdraw the "Education Bill."

The Council in Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily by his Honor the Superintendent.

THE FOLLOWING RESERVES WERE CONFIRMED BY THE COMMITTEE.

No.	Quantity.			Description.	Remarks.
	A.	R.	P.		
178, in red.	200	0	0	Situate on the southern bank of the Waimakariri, below the Terrace, between the 11th and 12th mile pegs, above trig. pole c 30.	For a Ferry.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.			Description.	Remarks.
	A.	R.	P.		
179, in red.	200	0	0	Situate on the northern bank of the Waimakariri, opposite Reserve 178, at about the junction of Runs No. 119 and No. 135.	For a Ferry.
180, in red.	200	0	0	At the junction of the Tekapo River with Lake Tekapo on the eastern side of Tekapo River, and bounded on the northward by the Lake.	For a Ferry.
181, in red.	200	0	0	At the junction of the Tekapo River with Lake Tekapo on the western side of the Tekapo River, opposite Reserve 180, and bounded on the northward by the edge of the Lake.	For a Ferry.
182, in red.	200	0	0	At the junction of the Pukaki River with the Lake Pukaki on the eastern side of the Pukaki River, and bounded on the northward by the edge of the Lake.	For a Ferry.
183, in red.	200	0	0	At the junction of the Pukaki River with Lake Pukaki on the western side of the Pukaki River, opposite Reserve 182, and bounded on the northward by the edge of the Lake.	For a Ferry.
184, in red.	200	0	0	On the eastern bank of the River Tekapo at the usual crossing-place opposite Reserve 185, on Runs 269 and 290.	For a Ferry and Ford.
185, in red.	200	0	0	On the western bank of the Tekapo River at the usual crossing-place opposite Reserve 184.	For a Ferry and Ford.
186, in red.	200	0	0	On the eastern bank of the Pukaki River at the usual crossing-place, on Runs 186 and 187.	For a Ferry and Ford.
187, in red.	200	0	0	Situate on the western bank of the Pukaki river at the usual crossing-place opposite Reserve 186.	For a Ferry and Ford.
188, in red.	200	0	0	Situate on the north-eastern bank of the Ohou River at the usual crossing-place on Run 179.	For a Ferry and Ford.
189, in red.	5	0	0	In Gebbie's Flat, having frontage to the east side of the road leading from Section 447 to the south-east along the base of the hills and situate about a quarter-of-a-mile from the southern corner of Section 446.	For a Cemetery, &c., &c., Free Kirk of Scotland.
190, in red.	2560	0	0	On the north bank of the Waitangi, above or to the westward of the Reserve of 640 acres for a township.	For a Sheep Quarantine.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.			Description.	Remarks.
	A.	R.	P.		
191, in red.	10	0	0	Situate on the south side of the River Rangitata, surrounding the grave of the late Dr. Andrew Sinclair, of Auckland, lying between the first and second southern branches of the river, 23 chains and 40 links from the bank of the main river, and about 110 chains from Mr. Samuel Butler's house; bounded on the N.E. by a line bearing 135 degrees (10 chains); on the S.E. by a line bearing 225 degrees (10 chains); on the S.W. by a line bearing 315 degrees (10 chains); and on the N.W. by a line bearing 45 degrees (10 chains).	For a Cemetery, Dr. Sinclair.
192, in red.	5	0	0	In the Christchurch district, having a frontage of about 10 chains to the south-east side of the Springs Road; bounded on the N.W. by the said road; on the N.E. by Section 2488; on the S.E. by a line 10 chains from and parallel to the Springs Road, aforesaid; and on the S.W. by a line at right angles to the east boundary, so as to include the above quantity.	For Church and School purposes, &c., &c., Free Kirk Scotland.
194, in red.	5	0	0	Situate about half-way between trig. stations C 28 and L 1, on the south side of the Sandhill, bounded on the N.E. by a Road south of Section 2888; on the S.E. by the Springs Road; on the S.W. by Section 2955; and on the N.W. by a line at right angles to the first-mentioned road, to include the above quantity.	For Church and School, Church of England.
195, in red.	5	0	0	Situate in the Ashley district, bounded on the N.W. by the Rangiora and Sefton Road; on the N.E. by section 2803; on the S.W. by section 2726; and on the S.E. by the Road along the Terrace, being near what is called Brown's Bridge, between Salt-water Creek and the Kowai.	For the purposes of a Church and School. NOTE.—This piece of ground may be found on Survey to be less than 5 acres, as the adjacent acres are not yet surveyed.
196, in red.	10	0	0	Situate on the Springs Road about two miles south of the old river bed, and immediately opposite Reserve 194 (in red).	For a Gravel Pit.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Reserves as amended.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Grant in Aid of Private Subscriptions for	}	£3000	0	0
the Construction and Maintenance of				
Roads, to include Drainage and other				
Public Works				
„ Grant in Aid, Road to Treleaven's Mill by	}	150	0	0
Gardener's				
„ Ohoka Road, Formation		350	0	0
„ Grant in Aid, Road up Kaiapoi Island, ...		200	0	0
„ „ Drainage of Kaikainui	}	150	0	0
Creek				
„ Peninsula, Port Victoria Electoral District,		1700	0	0
„ „ Town of Akaroa District, ...		200	0	0
„ „ Bays District		1000	0	0
„ „ Forming Okain's Bay Road as	}	500	0	0
far as Hughes' Mill				
„ „ Wainui District		1500	0	0
„ „ Grant in Aid, Opening up a	}	50	0	0
Track between Okain's				
LeBon's and Laverick's Bay				
„ „ Grant in Aid, Road to Cumber-	}	50	0	0
land Mill				
„ „ Grant in Aid, Road to York	}	50	0	0
Mill				

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Murray.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that his Honor the Superintendent had Assented, in the name of his Excellency the Governor, to the following Bills:—

The “Third English Agent's Bill.”

The “Dog Nuisance Bill.”

The “Superintendent's Salary Bill.”

The “Sheep Bill.”

The “Volunteer Service Bill.”

A Petition from W. D. Barnard was presented, read, and received.

Message No. 7, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“The Superintendent requests that the Council will consider the Propriety of Voting an Increase of One Hundred Pounds to the Salary of the Provincial Treasurer.

“The Business of the Treasury has doubled during a very recent period. The duties of the Office are onerous and responsible. The Treasurer is also under heavy Bonds for the faithful discharge of his business. The present Treasurer is one of the Oldest Public Servants of the Province.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“Superintendent.”

The Report of the Electric Telegraph Committee was brought up, read, received and adopted.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken,—

Bridges and Ferries,	Heathcote Bridge, Lincoln Road ...	£260	0	0
„	Foot Bridge over Opihi and Temuka	400	0	0
„	Rakaia Ferry and Moorings... ..	1000	0	0
„	Bonus Upper Waimakariri Ferry ...	100	0	0
„	Pukaki Stream, Mount Cook District	100	0	0
„	Tekapo	100	0	0
„	Hurunui Ferry and Moorings ...	500	0	0
Outstanding Liabilities	to 1st October, 1861, North Road ...	960	0	0
„	Papanui Drainage	209	0	0
„	Porter's Pass, Waimakariri	49	11	4
„	Heathcote Valley Drainage... ..	80	0	0
„	Current Repairs	166	13	4
„	Weston's Bay, Akaroa	92	0	0
„	Saltwater Creek Bridge	1122	8	0
„	Ashley Foot Bridge	113	0	0
„	Timber (Stores)	130	0	0
„	Kaiapoi Street	341	5	0
„	Upper Ashburton	100	0	0
„	Timber	625	0	0
„	Bridge, Madras Street	258	10	0
„	Bridge, Montreal Street	240	0	0
„	Rangiora Direct Bridge	67	0	0
„	Kaiapoi Lagoon Drainage	30	0	0
„	Fencing Oxford Terrace	160	0	0
„	Thompson's Quarry Road	13	0	0
„	South Road to 12th Mile, Culverts... ..	50	0	0
„	Halswell Junction Road	219	9	0
„	Lincoln Road, Metalling to 6th } Mile, and Extension }	203	13	3
„	Governor's Bay Jetty	100	0	0
„	Waimate Bush, Approaches... ..	50	0	0
„	Cuttings at Hakateramea	300	0	0
„	Sumner Road, Metalling	600	0	0
„	Gould's Road, Grant in Aid	100	0	0
„	Peel Forest, Dray Track	450	0	0
„	Arowenua	250	0	0
„	Neighbourhood of Timaru	250	0	0
„	Timaru Streets	200	0	0
„	Waimakariri Road by Porter's Pass	100	0	0

Vote was reconsidered, Papanui Drainage, Eastern Branch, an Additional Sum was granted of £100.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum of £250 for the Salary of the Inspector of Weights and Measures."

The Council adjourned at 11.20 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1861.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Murray, Rickman, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the Canterbury Armed Police Force was called for. Extension of time granted to this day three weeks.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £60 for the Erection of a small Obelisk or Drinking Fountain, near the Spring on the Bridle Path, for the public benefit, the above amount having been voted in 1860 by the Council for the said purpose."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £250 to Defray the Expenses of Furnishing and Altering the Arrangements of the Council Chamber."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum sufficient to Defray the Expenses of a Surveyor of Pre-emptive Rights. Such expenses to be borne by the Holder of such Pre-emptive Rights."

Leave was given to bring in a "Canterbury Police Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Message No. 5, of his Honor the Superintendent, was read by the Clerk.

Motion was granted "That in order to give effect to the 'Provincial Council Extension Ordinance' of this Session, it is desirable that his Excellency the Governor, as soon as he shall have signified his assent to the Ordinance, should be Memorialised to Dissolve the Council.

"That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Forward these Resolutions to his Excellency the Governor immediately after the Lists of Voters shall have been formed, in accordance with the new distribution of the Electoral Districts set forth in the Schedule to the Ordinance."

The Resolutions were adopted and ordered to be forwarded.

The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of Message No. 3, from his Honor the Superintendent.

The following Reply was proposed:—

"The Council thank your Honor for your Message informing the Council of the offer to the Government of a suitable Site for a Lunatic Asylum, and recommend the offer be accepted."

Amendment was proposed and negatived "That it is not expedient to Purchase a Larger Amount than Twenty Acres of Land for a Lunatic Asylum."

Amendment was carried "That after the word 'Asylum' the words be added 'but are of opinion that it is desirable to Advertise for Sites within a circle of five or six miles from the centre, before arriving at a decision; and also to make a Reserve to meet the requirements of such an Institution.'"

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was adopted and ordered to be transmitted in the usual manner.

Message No. 8, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read:—

"TO THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"The Superintendent transmits to the Provincial Council Copy of an Offer by Messrs. Dalgety, Buckley and Company, for the Carriage of the English Mail from Melbourne *via* Otago.

"The Superintendent requests the Provincial Council to consider the proposal, and advise him as to the expediency of endeavouring to negotiate a Contract for the Service indicated in the annexed Document.

"W S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Council do adjourn until 5 p.m. of the same day.

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Armstrong, Davis, FitzGerald, Harman, Maude, Templer, Thompson, Shand, Westenra, Wilkin, Wylde. Noes, 8: Messrs. Bradwell, Brittan, Cookson, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Ollivier, Peacock, Toswill.

The Council adjourned at 2.45 p.m., until 5 p.m.

The Speaker took the chair at 5 p.m.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Steam Service, Intercolonial £3500 0 0

Captain M'Clean attended and gave evidence.

Vote was taken, Steam Service, Coastal and Intercolonial, }
 between Lyttelton, Akaroa, Timaru; and between } 5000 0 0
 Lyttelton, Dunedin, Melbourne }

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council separated at 7 p.m., until Tuesday, 7th January, 1862.

TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all but Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Harman, Maude, Peacock, Studholme, Templer, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Kaiapoi Bridge Committee was called for.

Extension of time granted to that day fortnight.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that his Honor the Superintendent should Extend the Term for which any New Contract for Printing shall be made, for a term of not less than Four years; and that at least Six Months' notice shall be given prior to the expiration of the said term, by public advertisement, calling for any fresh Contract."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Bradwell, Cookson, Ollivier, Shand, Thompson, Westenra. Noes, 8: Messrs. Duncan, Fyfe, Harston, Hargreaves, Murray, Rickman, Tosswill, Wylde.

Motion was granted "That it is expedient to Publish in the *Provincial Government Gazette* a Monthly Return of the Immigration and Emigration Returns, as well as of the Returns of the Provincial Registrar of Births and Deaths, with a view to the Record of the Progress of the Population of the Province."

Motion was negatived upon division, "That it is highly expedient that the Government shall take some steps for the Erection of a Bridge over the Heathcote at the lower end of the Ferry Road, the following being the basis of the terms:—

"1. A Swing or Draw Bridge to be Built, to open at least 32 feet.

"2. That Tolls, not exceeding in amount as at present levied, be taken for a period of not exceeding Seven Years.

"3. The Government to be allowed to Purchase the Bridge, at a valuation of the Bridge (not the Tolls), at any time after Two Years from the commencement of the Lease.

"4. The Bridge to be given up, at the expiration of Seven Years, to the Public as a Free Bridge."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Cookson, Harston, Hargreaves, Ollivier, Westenra. Noes, 9: Messrs. Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Murray, Rickman, Shand, Thompson, Toswill, Wylde.

Amendment was granted "That it is highly expedient that the Government should take some steps to get a Free Bridge Erected over the Heathcote, at the lower end of the Ferry Road."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to Supplement an

Equal Amount to be Contributed by the Inhabitants of Pigeon's Bay, Okain's Bay, and the neighbouring Bays, for the Establishment of a Public Library, to be managed under Rules approved by his Honor the Superintendent."

The "Canterbury Police Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

The Council separated at 7.40 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, FitzGerald, Harman, Wilkin, Rickman.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 60, Correspondence with H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire, was laid upon the table.

Leave was given to bring in the "Lyttelton Municipal Council Reserves Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to withdraw the Motion in the name of the Provincial Solicitor, Mr. Duncan.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken,	Honorarium to H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire	...	£200	0	0
"	Hospital, Due on Contract	... ..	922	0	0
"	Fitting up Clock and One year's Attendance		40	0	0
"	Clock Tower	... ..	1000	0	0
"	Lyttelton Hospital, including Purchase of Site		1500	0	0
"	Lyttelton Gaol, Improvements	... ..	500	0	0
"	Repairs, &c., Lock-up and Police Station	... ..	600	0	0
"	Incidental Repairs to Buildings	... ..	200	0	0
"	Diversion of Roads	... ..	4000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Message No. 9, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"The very extraordinarily prosperous condition of the Revenue, owing to the recent increase of Waste Land Sales, while affording great gratification and contentment to the Government and Inhabitants of the Province, is at the same time suggestive of a somewhat novel enquiry, viz.,—What shall be done with the money?"

"The Council are too well informed of the condition of the country to render it necessary that the Superintendent should advise them of the utter hopelessness of making, at this season, a profitable outlay of half the present balance lying in the Treasury on the ordinary works of the Province.

"The Superintendent feels, therefore, that the Council will not need any great argument to induce them to entertain the sound expediency of investing Fifty Thousand Pounds of the present balance to the credit of the Province in purchasing the first Instalment of the Railway Debentures.

"The effect of such a financial movement upon the London public must be apparent to all. The reception of future instalments of the Loan would (after the adoption of the course recommended by the Superintendent) be very much more advantageous.

Trusting that the Council will favourably entertain his proposal, the Superintendent would further request an early answer from the Council, in order that he might have an opportunity of transmitting an affirmative Resolution of the Council by the present mail *via* Otago to England.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken,—

Public Works, Salaries...	... ..	£3590	0	0
Railway, Resident Engineer	... ..	700	0	0
„ Two Tunnel Inspectors	... ..	400	0	0
„ Surveys and Occasional Assistance	... ..	200	0	0
„ Consulting Engineer and Inspection of Perma- nent Way Materials	... ..	500	0	0
„ Payments to Contractor, estimated at £4000 per Month	... ..	4800	0	0
„ Land and Compensation	... ..	10,000	0	0
„ Erection of Telegraph and Purchase of Instru- ments	... ..	1000	0	0
„ Payments on Account of Land Purchases	... ..	9728	16	3
„ Surveys, Plans, &c.	... ..	636	12	7
„ Resident Engineer, 1st June to 30th Sept., 1861	... ..	150	0	0
„ On Account of Contracts	... ..	6422	6	8
„ Miner's Gang (not under contract)	... ..	1202	16	7
„ Miscellaneous	... ..	329	14	0
„ Stores, Government Stock...	... ..	130	17	3

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, FitzGerald, Harman, Rickman, Studholme, Templer, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted “That the Committee approve of the Investment of the Sinking Fund of the £30,000 Immigration Loan in the Purchase of Canterbury Association's Debentures.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted “That the Committee thank his Honor the Superintendent for his Message, and recognizing the expediency of his proposal, resolve that the Superintendent be requested to withdraw and duly cancel, on behalf of the Canterbury Government, the first Instalment of the Railway Loan.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, A Sum to be placed to the Credit of the	} £50,000	0	0
Railway Fund			
„ Provincial Treasurer's Department (in place	} 512	10	0
of £412 10s.)			

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Leave was given to bring in a “Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Appropriation Bill.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Standing Orders Nos. 110, 113, 114, 119, 120 were suspended.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed as amended.

The Preamble, Schedules and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Appropriation Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered 9, Session XVII.

Leave was given to bring in a "Railway Severance Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Lyttelton Municipal Council Reserves Bill" was read a second time.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £250 in aid of the General Fund, as a Grant for Educating the Maoris."

The Council adjourned at 2 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all, except Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Cookson, Fitzgerald, Harman, Rickman, Studholme, Templer, Wilkin, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from John Lilly, Esq., D.D., was presented, read and received.

A Petition from Occupiers of Land on the South Bank of the Avon was presented, read and received.

Extension of time to the 21st instant was granted to the Armed Police Committee.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum to fill in the Deep Cutting, and make good the Roadway in Worcester-street."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum, not exceeding £5,000, for Erecting a Bridge over the River Heathcote, at the termination of the Ferry Road, and for Completing the Approaches to the same in accordance with the Resolution of the Council passed 7th January."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £300 for Rebuilding and Forming Approaches to the Bridge on the Road under the Hills, between Lyttelton and Christchurch, known commonly as Wilson's Bridge."

The "Railway Severance Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Canterbury Police Amendment Bill."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Leave was given to bring in a "Cattle Trespass Bill, No. 2."

The Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, To the Municipality of Christchurch	...	£3000	0	0
" " " Lyttelton	... ..	1500	0	0
" " " Kaiapoi	... ..	750	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 8.20 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Cookson, FitzGerald Murray, Rickman, Studholme, Templer, Wilkin, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Minute of the Record Book of 14th January, relating to the "Education Bill," was ordered to be expunged.

Paper No. 61 was laid upon the table.

Copy of Submission to Arbitration, and Award thereon, *in re* Mr. John Hall, Section No. 13.

Motion was proposed, "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the Proclamation Prohibiting the Importation of Cattle from Great Britain should be for the present Repealed; and further, that inasmuch as the Heifer referred to in the Petition of the Rev. Dr. Lilly was placed on board the Evening Star on the recommendation of Mr. Marshman, the Immigration Agent, prior to the passing of any Act of this Council, or the publication of the Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent Prohibiting such Importation, this Council are of opinion that any Action resulting from such Proclamation should, in this case, be Suspended, and that the Heifer in question should be permitted to be landed, if, upon the production of the Certificate of the Inspector, it can be shown that the Heifer is free from any infectious disease, and was in good health at the time of its being placed on board the said vessel."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That it is the opinion of this Council that the Government should take proper steps to ascertain the Cost of the Heifer imported by Dr. Lilly, together with her expenses from England to Lyttelton, and should place upon the Estimates a Sum sufficient to Defray the same."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Davis, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Maude, Peacock, Rhodes, Thomson, Toswill. Noes, 4: Messrs. Bradwell, Harston, Ollivier, Shand.

Motion was granted, "That the Reports of the Inspector of Schools, No. 4, 1860, and No. 2, 1861, be printed for public information."

Paper No. 62 was laid upon the table.

Letter from the Provincial Secretary to the Provincial Treasurer dated 6th June, 1854.

Motion was carried upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum, not exceeding £30, for Purchase of a Bell, and for its Erection on the Police Station, Christchurch."

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Duncan, Hargreaves, Harston, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Thompson, Toswill. Noes, 3: Messrs. Shand, Fyfe, Westenra.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £12 for the Purchase of Powder, and to enable the Persons in charge of the Gun at Lyttelton to fire the same on Saturdays at Noon, and on other Public Occasions."

The Council in Committee on the "Lyttelton Municipal Council Reserves Bill."

Clause 1 passed.

The Schedule was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the words be added 'and the Revenues derived from the Canterbury Association's Reserves on the Norwich Quay, until the said Reserves are handed over to the Corporation after the completion of the present contemplated Railway Works.'"

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Peacock, Thompson. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Duncan, Harston, Maude, Ollivier, Shand, Toswill.

The Schedule, Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee on the "Railway Severance Bill."

The Clauses passed as amended.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Cattle Trespass Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Excess of Expenditure over Votes of last year	£13,332	4	11
" Land between Lyttelton and Christchurch	}	1,650	0 0
" Railway and Ferrymead			
" Fire Engine, Town of Lyttelton	...	200	0 0
" Colonists' Society	...	150	0 0
" Subscription to Regatta	...	50	0 0

Motion was negatived upon division, "That consideration of the next vote be Postponed."

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Harston, Toswill. Noes, 11: Messrs. Ollivier, Bradwell, Hargreaves, Fyfe, Thompson, Peacock, Davis, Shand, Bowen, Duncan, Maude.

Vote was negatived upon division, Loss sustained by Mr. J. Birdsey, £96 0 0

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Duncan, Hargreaves, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Shand. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Bradwell, Davis, Fyfe, Harston, Thompson, Toswill.

Vote was taken, Library, Mechanics' Institute, Christchurch £150 0 0

The names of Captain Westenra and Mr. Thompson were added to the Armed Police Force Committee.

The Council adjourned at 11.10 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Cookson, FitzGerald, Harman, Rickman, Studholme, Templer, Toswill, Wilkin, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Lord Bishop of Christchurch was presented, read and received.

The Council in Committee on the "Canterbury Police Amendment Bill."

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed as amended.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £50 to Complete the Road across the Swamp from Rickman's corner to the bottom of the hill."

The "Lyttelton Municipal Council Reserves Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 10, Session XVII.

The "Railway Severance Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 11, Session XVII.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was proposed, "That out of the Public Revenues of the said Province there shall be paid for Educational Purposes during the year, ending on 31st day of March, 1863, a sum not exceeding £5,450, according to the provisions hereinafter contained, to the several persons and in the several proportions undermentioned, respectively, that is to say:—

"To the Bishop of Christchurch or other the Acting Head of the Church of England Schools within the said Province, £3,000."

“To the Principal Minister or other the Acting Head of the Presbyterian Body within the said Province, £1,100.

“To the Principal Minister or other the Acting Head of the Wesleyan Body within the said Province, £1,000.

“To the Inspector of Schools, as hereinafter provided, a Salary of £300 and a Forage allowance of £50.—£350.”

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That as the Population of the Province has much Increased during the period for which the Educational Grant was made, and taking into consideration the great necessity which exists for Establishing new Schools in newly formed Districts, his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates, for the present year, a sum not exceeding £5,500 for Educational purposes; and that the principle upon which the late Educational Grant was made be adhered to, but that the Grant be apportioned between the Episcopal Church of England, the Presbyterian Church, and the Wesleyan Denomination, according to the Return made of the above-named Religious Bodies in the Census just taken.”

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Bowen, Thompson. Noes, 12: Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Harston, Maude, Murray, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Shand.

Resolution 1 passed as proposed.

The following Resolutions passed:—

“2. The Provincial Treasurer shall pay such Sums to the Persons hereinbefore named, in such proportions, and in such Sums as the Superintendent shall, by any Warrants under his hand, from time to time direct, and shall be allowed Credit in his Accounts for all Sums so paid, and the Receipt of the Persons above-named or of any Persons lawfully authorized to receive such Moneys in their behalf, respectively, shall be a full discharge to the Provincial Treasurer for the Sum or Sums for which such Receipt shall be given.

“4. Every School which shall be Aided by the Grants hereby made, shall be placed under the Management of one of the Acting Heads of the Religious Bodies hereinafter named, and such Head shall have the Appointment and Removal of the Teachers, and shall have Control over all the Instruction, whether Religious or Secular, in any such School.

“5. That if any Parents Object to the attendance of their Children during the time set apart for Instruction in the Doctrines of Religion in any such School, such attendance shall not be required.

“7. There shall be an Inspector of Schools, who shall be Appointed and Removable by the Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council.

“8. Such Inspector shall have power to Inspect and Examine all Schools wholly or in part maintained out of the Grants hereby made, and to require the Managers and Teachers of any such School to Furnish full Information as to the course of Secular Instruction carried on therein, and as to the Attendance of the Children, and as to the School Fees Received, and the Expenditure of any portion of the Sums hereby Granted in the support of such School, and shall Report thereon to the Government. Provided that the Inspector shall not examine into or report upon the Religious Instruction carried on in any such School.

“9. If the Superintendent and Executive Council shall be satisfied, upon the Report of the Inspector, that the Secular Instruction carried on in any such School is not satisfactory, or that the Managers or Instructors of any such School have refused or neglected to afford such information as the Inspector is hereby authorized to require, or to afford proper facilities for the Examination and Inspection of such School, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council, to withhold the application of any portion of the Sums hereby granted to such School for so long as he shall see fit.

“10. Detailed Accounts shall be Furnished Quarterly to the Superintendent by the Head of each Religious Denomination of the Expenditure of the Grant received

by it; such Accounts, together with the Report furnished by the Inspector, shall be laid before the Provincial Council.

“3. That the Sums, or any portion of them hereby paid to the Head of the Religious Bodies above-named, shall be paid by them in Aid of the Maintenance, Establishment, Building, and Repairing of Schools within the Province of Canterbury, according to Regulations to be issued by the Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council.

“6. That the School Fees shall be the same in all Schools of the same class receiving Aid out of the Sums hereby granted, and that a Scale of Fees, together with a Scale of Salaries proportionable to average attendance, shall be determined by the Superintendent and Executive Council in consultation with the Heads of the several Religious Bodies above mentioned, and the Inspector of Schools hereinafter appointed.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Education	... ..	£5450	0	0
“ Regatta, Akaroa	... ..	30	0	0

Vote was disallowed, Damage to Mr. Hall's Section, No. 13, £621.

Vote was taken, Maori Cattle Trespass, Compensation	... ..	£ 12	10	0
“ Insurance	... ..	200	0	0
“ Honorarium Mr. Selfe Selfe	... ..	200	0	0

Vote was taken upon division, Culvert &c., London Street, Lyttelton, £100.

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Fyfe, Hargreaves, Murray, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes. Noes, 6: Messrs. Bowen, Duncan, Shand, Maude, Harston, Thompson.

Vote was taken, Metalling North Road, Approaches, Baxter's Ferry	... ..	£200	0	0
“ Drainage, Harewood Forest	... ..	350	0	0
“ Repairs, Road between Cashmere and Hoon Hay	... ..	200	0	0
“ Metalling Bridle Path	... ..	200	0	0
“ Obelisk and Fountain, Bridle-path	... ..	60	0	0
“ Re-building Wilson's Bridge and Approaches	... ..	300	0	0
“ Footway, Papanui Bridge	... ..	100	0	0

The last vote was reconsidered and passed, Foot Bridge over the River Avon, Gloucester Street, and Papanui Road } 100 0 0

Vote was taken, Crane for Government Wharf, Akaroa	... ..	25	0	0
“ Timaru, Manly's Apparatus	... ..	100	0	0
“ Okain's Bay Road	... ..	500	0	0
“ Oxford Road at Rangiora	... ..	300	0	0
“ Road through Amesbury	... ..	250	0	0
“ Bridge over the Heathcote	... ..	5000	0	0
“ Bridge over the Avon opposite Stanmore Road to be Supplemented by Subscription	... ..	400	0	0
“ Bonus Rangitata Ferry	... ..	100	0	0

Vote was negatived upon division, Addition to Resident Magistrate's Office, £150.

Ayes, 4: Messrs. Bowen, Duncan, Maude, Ollivier. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bradwell, Davis, Hargreaves, Harston, Rhodes, Peacock, Thompson.

Vote was disallowed, Addition to Resident Magistrate's Office, £130.

Vote was taken, Erection of Hurunui Dip	... ..	£300	0	0
“ Sheepyard, Nelson Frontier	... ..	50	0	0
“ Coringa Dip	... ..	20	0	0
“ Gaol, Foreman to Hard Labour Gang	... ..	127	15	0
“ Inspector of Weights and Measures (arrears and contingencies)	... ..	200	0	0

Vote was disallowed, Inspection of Weights and Measures, ensuing year, £250.

Vote was taken, Providing Dog Collars... ..	£500	0	0
„ Fitting up Market Hall as Post Office ...	500	0	0
Vote was re-considered and taken, as Road to the Slaughter } Yard (a work of primary importance) }	500	0	0
Vote was taken, to Cover Expenditure not expressly mentioned	500	0	0

Motion was granted “That in the opinion of this Council it is necessary that steps be taken by the Government to obtain Powers from the General Assembly enabling his Honor the Superintendent to Receive and Convey, by an Ordinance of the Provincial Council, certain portions of Waste Lands of the Crown as Endowments for Municipalities.”

The Council adjourned at 11.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Brittan, Cookson, Fitzgerald, Harman, Rickman, Studholme, Templer, Toswill, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Armed Police Force Committee was brought up, read and received.

The Report of the Canterbury Volunteers' Committee was brought up, read and received.

The Report of the Kaiapoi Petition Committee was called for.

The Committee was discharged.

The “Canterbury Police Amendment Bill” was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 12, Session XVII.

The Petition of Mr. Barnard was read.

Consideration deferred until next Session.

The Council in Committee on the “Cattle Trespass Bill, No. 2.”

The Clauses, Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, White's Bridge, Kaiapoi, to Commute the } Foot Passenger Traffic of the Province } to end of term	£250	0	0
„ Provincial Council	1000	0	0
„ Police	5000	0	0
„ Planting Hagley Park, &c.	500	0	0
„ Harbour	1746	10	0
„ Timaru	208	6	8
„ Charitable Aid	3175	0	0
Vote was re-considered and taken, as Harewood Road by } Riccarton	800	0	0
Vote was taken, Purchase of Site and Building Lunatic } Asylum	4000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 8.15 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bradwell, Cookson, Davis, Fyfe, Maude, Murray, Shand, Thompson, Westenra, Wylde, Harman, Ollivier, Rhodes, Duncan.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Trespass of Cattle Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 13, Session XVII.

Leave was given to bring in an "Appropriation Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Standing Orders Nos. 110, 111, 113, 114, 119, 120 were suspended.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses, Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a third time, passed, and numbered No. 14, Session XVII.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address:—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

"On behalf of his Excellency the Governor, I have assented to the following Ordinances:—

" 'Housekeeper's Ordinance.'

" 'Provincial and Deputy Auditor's Salary Ordinance.'

" 'Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Appropriation Ordinance.'

" 'Lyttelton Municipal Council Reserves Ordinance.'

" 'Railway Severance Ordinance.'

" 'Canterbury Police Amendment Ordinance.'

" 'Cattle Trespass Ordinance, No. 2.'

" 'Appropriation Ordinance.'

" 'The Provincial Council Extension Ordinance' I have, in conformity with the 'Constitution Act,' reserved for the assent of his Excellency the Governor.

"Your labours being concluded, it only remains for me to thank you, on behalf of the Province, for industry and intelligence exerted during an exceedingly protracted Sitting.

"The very liberal Supplies you have granted me shall be carefully expended.

"Gentlemen, I now declare that this Council is prorogued until Tuesday, the 15th July next."

SESSION XVIII.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XVIII.

TUESDAY, 29TH JULY, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 17th July 1862.

Members present : all except Messrs. Armstrong, Cookson, Cox, FitzGerald, Rickman, Ross, Simms, Templer, White, Wilson.

The Clerk acted as temporary chairman.

The Proclamation, dated 17th July, was read by the Clerk.

Motion was granted "That Charles Bowen, Esquire, be elected Speaker."

A Deputation, consisting of Messrs. Brittan, Bowen, Ollivier, Maude, was appointed to wait upon his Honor the Superintendent, upon his return from Wellington, and obtain his Confirmation of the Appointment of Mr. Bowen as Speaker.

The Council adjourned at 3 p.m., until Monday, 18th August.

MONDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : Messrs. Bealey, Bowen, Clark, Davis, Duncan, Harston, Lance, Maude, Ollivier, Shand, Toswill, Westenra.

The Speaker took the chair.

The Standing Orders of last Council were adopted temporarily, until a Committee be appointed for the revision of the same.

The Speaker notified to the Council that he had appointed the Venerable the Archdeacon of Akaroa to be Chaplain to the Council.

The Council adjourned at 3 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 2 p.m.

SESSION XIX.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XIX.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 26th September, 1862.

Members present: all except Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Fyfe, Peacock, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Templer, Armstrong.

The Speaker in the chair.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber, and delivered the following Address:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“In opening the First Session of the newly elected Council, I may be permitted to express a confident hope that its usefulness will be extended in a ratio proportioned to the increase of Representation.

“It is our privilege to meet in times of prosperity, amply proving the soundness of bygone predictions in reference to the progress of this part of New Zealand.

“Our Commercial, Pastoral, and Agricultural pursuits are flourishing, and on every hand appear most gratifying evidences of the rapid growth of a healthy, social organization.

“I will now briefly indicate some of the leading subjects to be presented for your consideration.

“There will be submitted to you the Draft of an ‘Education Bill’ which has been already published by my Government; a ‘Road Bill,’ for the purpose of enabling Rural Districts to undertake the Management of Roads and Drainage within their limits. Regarding the importance of these two Measures, I am aware that you are fully instructed.

“You will be asked to concur in a proposal to extend the Electric Telegraph toward the Rivers Hurunui and Waitangi.

“I am advised that the rapidly extending Commerce of the Province demands a corresponding increase of Immigration.

“It will be my duty to ask you to consider the expediency of an Extension of Railway Communication; the Improvement of our Principal Harbour; the Bridging of some of our larger Rivers; the Erection of Commodious Public Buildings, such as Gaols, Hospitals, Lunatic Asylum, Supreme Court, Public Museum, and other Offices indispensable to the efficient and economical conduct of Public Affairs.

“These last mentioned extraordinary works, together with the Construction of ordinary Highways, Bridges, and Drainage, Subsidies to Municipalities, an increase in the number and efficiency of the Armed Constabulary, and unavoidable additions to the strength of nearly every Department of the Provincial Service will call for a much larger appropriation of means than has been voted in any previous year. While contemplating so heavy a charge on future Revenue, it is very satisfactory to feel justified in expecting a continued demand for, and Sale of Waste Lands, the fund arising from which will be a resource quite equal to sustaining all such burthens, as it may, in your wisdom, be considered expedient to raise in order to secure a beneficial and well organized settlement of the Country.

“It is quite unnecessary for me to enlarge upon the entire success of the “Municipal Council Ordinance.”

“I desire. however. to express my unqualified admiration of the wise and spirited conduct of the Municipalities, whose exertions in the discharge of their duties demand grateful acknowledgment on the part of the general Public.

“During the Session I shall send down careful Estimates of Expenditure for the coming year, and shall also invite your concurrence in a proposal to effect a Financial arrangement intended to secure an uninterrupted prosecution of those Public Undertakings which may be decided upon as indispensably necessary to our Social and Mercantile Security and Profit.

“I am highly gratified to be able to report that the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, now in course of construction, is progressing in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

“It is my intention to request your approval of the Erection of a Pedestal and Statue, commemorative of the services of the venerated Founder of the Canterbury Settlement.

“In order to a more complete attainment of the advantages of Responsible Government, you will have laid before you a Bill for the purpose of extending the number of the Executive Council.

“Gentlemen, I now leave you to your labours, happily conscious that the Province is fortunate and safe in the ability and integrity of its Representatives.

“I trust that the present remarkable prosperity of this favoured Settlement may not betray us into a forgetfulness of all the contingent dangers that lie hidden in the future, and that our united labours may, under the Blessing of Providence, tend to the quiet and efficient government of the Province.”

The Speaker notified to the Council the Approval of his Honor to the Standing Orders temporarily adopted.

A Petition from W. C. Beswick was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Oxford was withdrawn.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

1, Report of the Provincial Telegraph Engineer on the State of the Line of Electric Telegraph between Lyttelton and Christchurch.

2, The Provincial Government with Messrs. Willis, Gann and Co., Contract to Provide Steerage Passages for Sixteen Hundred Adults to Lyttelton and Timaru.

3, Financial Details of the English Immigration.

4, Abstract of Immigration from 6th May, 1861, to 7th July, 1862.

5, Report of William Rolleston, Esq., B.A., on Christ's College Grammar School.

6, Return of Immigration and Emigration for Half-year ending 30th June, 1862.

7, Report of the Inspector of Schools for Half-year ending December, 1861.

8, Report of the Provincial Engineer upon the Progress of Public Works from 1st October, 1861, to 30th June, 1862.

9, Contract with Mr. William White to Erect a Bridge over the Waimakariri.

10, Central and Northern Districts, Comparative Statement of Expenditure for the Year ending 30th September, 1862.

The Council adjourned at 3.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Peacock, Rhodes, Ross, Templer, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

Captain Westenra was elected Chairman of Committees.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted "That an Imprest of £20,000 be granted to his Honor the Superintendent for carrying on the Ordinary Business of the Government of the Province, until an "Appropriation Bill" shall have been passed."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Leave was given to bring in an "Executive Government Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

Leave was given to bring in an "Immigration Barracks Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

Motion was carried upon division, "That a Copy of the Contract between Messrs. Holmes and Co. and the Provincial Government, for the Construction of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, be laid upon the table."

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Cox, Davis, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Rickman, Toswill, Wilson. Noes, 11: Messrs. Birch, Buckley, Clark, Duncan, Maude, Newton, Ollivier, Rich, Shand, Simms, Westenra.

A Select Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. FitzGerald, Westenra, Bealey, Lance, Ollivier, to revise the Standing Orders. To report this day week.

Leave was given to bring in a "Beswick Wharf Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

A Library and House Committee was appointed, to consist of Messrs. FitzGerald, Bealey, Westenra, Wilkin, Buckley, Ollivier.

Paper No. 11 was laid upon the table: Report on the River Ashley by Mr. Bray.

The Council adjourned at 7 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Buckley, Hornbrook, Newton, Peacock, Ross, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Timaru was presented, read, and received.

A Select Committee was appointed to Enquire into the Allegation contained in the Preamble to the "Beswick Wharf Bill."

Paper No. 12 was laid upon the table and read by the Clerk.

Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary relative to Copies of the Acts of the General Assembly for the use of the Provincial Council.

Motion was granted "That the 'Executive Government Amendment Bill' be read a second time this day month."

The "Immigrants' Barracks Bill" was read a second time.

Leave was given to bring in an "Electric Telegraph Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Road Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at 6.45 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Birch, Bowler, Lance, Newton, Rhodes, Ross, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

13, Journal of the Inspector of Sheep, for the Year ending 30th September, 1862.

14, Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Little River Tramway Commissioners.

15, Reserves to be Confirmed by the Provincial Government.

16, Correspondence between the Provincial Secretary and his Honor the Superintendent of Otago on the Boat Service at Oamaru.

17, Mr. Bray's Contour Survey of the Ashley District.

18, Correspondence upon the subject of the Erection of a Store upon the Beach Reserve at Akaroa.

Paper No. 18 was read by the Clerk.

Motion was granted "That it is expedient that some steps should be taken during the present Session for the Regulation of the Civil Service of the Province by this Council passing an Ordinance for that purpose."

"Motion was negatived 'That it is desirable that the Regulation of Weights and Measures in this Province should be placed under the Charge of the Police.'"

Motion was granted "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take immediate steps to Increase the Immigration to this Province."

The Address of his Honor the Superintendent on Opening the Session was read by the Clerk.

The Council in Committee to Consider a Reply to the Address.

The following Reply passed, and was ordered to be reported:—

"The Council, in replying to the Address with which your Honor was pleased to open the business of this Session, feel equally gratified with your Honor at the prosperous and rapid progress of the Settlement.

"The Council will bestow their best consideration upon the Measures which your Honor has announced your intention of submitting to them.

"It will afford them much satisfaction to entertain proposals for the Extension of the Electric Telegraph.

"The Council will carefully consider your Honor's proposition for the Extension of Immigration, and will cheerfully assent to any vote you may initiate for this purpose, if the Documents laid before them shall evidence the necessity for the adoption of such a course.

"The Council will consider the expediency of an Extension of Railway Communication, and await with interest the arrangements which your Honor intends to submit with reference to this subject, as well as to other important undertakings which have been pointed out by your Honor.

"They concur with your Honor in an admiration of the manner in which the Town Council have dealt with the important trusts reposed in them, and express their opinion that the funds entrusted to them have been used both beneficially and economically.

“They are very much pleased to learn that the progress of the Railway Works is so highly satisfactory.

“In conclusion, the Council beg to assure your Honor of their hearty and sincere co-operation in endeavouring to erect a suitable Memorial to that Gentleman to whom the Province of Canterbury lies under so deep an obligation as its Founder and best friend—John Robert Godley.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent, in the usual manner.

The Council in Committee on the “Immigrants’ Barracks Bill.”

The Clauses passed with amendment.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Leave was given to bring in a “Dog Nuisance Bill.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The “Electric Telegraph Bill” was read a second time.

Motion was proposed “That the ‘Road Bill’ be read a second time.”

The Debate was adjourned until the next sitting day.

A Select Committee was appointed to Enquire into the present Wharfage Accommodation in Port Victoria, and what provisions may be necessary to Improve the Accommodation, and especially to connect the Wharfage with the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway; to consist of Messrs. Maude, Buckley, Rhodes, Cox, FitzGerald; to report within fourteen days; with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers.

A Select Committee was appointed to Enquire into the Departments of Public Works, Survey, Geologist, Road Surveyor. To consist of Messrs. Wilkin, Clark, Ollivier, Wilson, FitzGerald; to report within fourteen days; with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers.

The Council adjourned at 9 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Birch, Bowler, Buckley, Davis, Hornbrook, Peacock, Rhodes, Rickman, Ross, Simms, Templer, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

Upon question raised, the Speaker ruled that “White’s Waimakariri Bridge Bill” was a Public Bill.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

19, Tenders of Sites for Public Buildings accepted, subject to the approval of the Council.

20, Copy of Contract and Specification with Messrs. Holmes and Co.

21, Correspondence with reference to the Appointment of the Commissioner of Police, Canterbury.

22, Return of Waste Lands Sold and Pasturage Licenses Granted from 1st October, 1861, to 30th September, 1862.

An Extension of Seven Days was granted to the Committee for Revision of the Standing Orders.

Leave was given to bring in a “White’s Waimakariri Bridge Bill.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was negatived "For a Copy of any Correspondence which may have taken place with the Church Property Trustees with reference to a Right-of-Way on the South Bank of the Waimakariri, at Kaiapoi."

The "Dog Nuisance Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

The "Immigrants' Barracks Bill" was read a third time.

Motion "That the Bill do pass" was withdrawn by consent.

The Council in Committee on the "Electric Telegraph Bill."

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 passed as printed.

Clause 5 was considered.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the words 'marked private' be inserted after the word 'communication.'"

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Cox, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Lance, Newton, Ollivier, Shand, Toswill. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bealey, Bowen, Clark, Duncan, Maude, Rich Wilkin.

Clause 5 passed as amended.

Clauses 6—12 passed as printed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Debate upon the 'Road Bill' be Adjourned."

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Duncan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Lance, Maude, Newton, Ollivier, Rich, Shand, Westenra, Wilkin. Noes, 5: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Clark, Cox, Toswill.

The Council adjourned at 7.40 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Rhodes, Ross, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that J. S. Turnbull, Esq., had been duly elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the City of Christchurch.

The Speaker notified to the Council the Receipt of the Auditor's Report of Sums Expended to 30th September, 1862.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Kaiapoi for a Bridge, was presented, read, and received.

A Petition for Drainage Extension from the Inhabitants on the Rangiora Drain was presented, read, and received.

Leave of Absence was granted to Mr. Ross, until the restoration of his health.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

23, Correspondence with reference to Police Accommodation at Christchurch."

24, Correspondence with reference to a Road taken through Section No. 321, the property of Christ's College.

25, Report of Lands Sold and Granted, and Preparation of Crown Grants, from 1st October, 1861, to 30th September, 1862.

26, Memorial on the subject of Education.

27, Schedule of Reserves for Churches, Schools, and Cemeteries.

28, General Report of the Police Commissioner.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Interest on £30,000 Loan	...	...	...	£1200	0	0
" Sinking Fund Loan	...	...	...	600	0	0
" Superintendent's Salary, 9 months	...	...	...	525	0	0
" Auditor's	"	"	...	225	0	0
" Grant to Volunteers	...	...	...	216	10	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was proposed "That 'White's Waimakariri Bridge Bill' be read a second time."

Amendment was negatived "That the Bill be read that day six months."

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Dog Nuisance Amendment Bill."

The Clauses, Preamble, and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Cost of Printing the Provincial Engineer's Report."

Motion was granted "For a Return of any Correspondence between the Heads of Departments of the Provincial Government and the Government in reference to the Departments under their Control."

Motion was proposed "That the 'Road Bill' be read a second time.

Amendment was negatived "That it be read this day six months."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the 'Road Bill' be considered this day fortnight."

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Buckley, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Ollivier, Shand, Rich, Simms, Wilson. Noes, 11: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Clark, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Maude, Turnbull, Westera, Wilkin.

The Speaker decided in favor of the Noes.

The "Road Bill" was read a second time.

The Council adjourned at 11.20 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, FitzGerald, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Toswill, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

29, Return of the Number of Sections Sold in the Township of Sefton to this date.

30, Report of the Chief Surveyor upon the Progress of Surveys during the Twelve Months ending 30th September, 1862.

Motion was granted "That a Return, shewing the Number of Sections of Land Surveyed but not Plotted, be laid upon the table, and that that Return and the Report of the Chief Surveyor be referred to the Committee on the Survey and other Departments."

Motion was granted "For a Return of all Papers relating to Mr. White's Proposal to Form a Railway or Tramway to the Little River."

Motion was proposed "For a Return, shewing the Names of all Persons who have Purchased Land during the past Financial Year, with the Quantities purchased by each."

Amendment was negatived "That a Return be laid upon the table shewing the Quantity of Waste Land Purchased during the past Financial Year, and the

Amount of Capital Expended in the Purchase; distinguishing between Capital Invested by Persons Resident and Non-resident in the Province; Non-resident Persons being held to include all newly arrived Immigrants."

The Motion was withdrawn by consent.

A Select Committee was appointed to Consider what Suitable Provision should be made for an Official Residence for the Superintendent of this Province. To consist of Messrs. Buckley, Ollivier, Templer, FitzGerald, Maude. To report within 14 days.

The Council in Committee on "White's Waimakariri Bridge Bill."

The Clauses passed as printed.

The Schedule, Preamble, and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair,

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Speaker notified to the Council that Joshua Strange Williams, Esq., had been duly Elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the Heathcote District.

The Council in Committee on the "Electric Telegraph Bill."

Clause 5 was proposed.

Amendment was granted "That the Clause do stand "every Officer, Clerk, or other Person employed in working said Line, who shall Divulge the Contents or Substance of any Dispatch, Message, or other Communication transmitted by the said Line, except to the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be Addressed, shall, on conviction, be liable for every such offence &c."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Dog Nuisance Amendment Bill" was read a third time.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Provincial Secretary	...	...	...	...	£ 600	0	0
" " Treasurer	...	...	...	...	445	6	8
" " Auditor	...	...	...	...	150	0	0
" " Solicitor	...	...	...	...	225	0	0
" " Housekeeper	...	...	...	...	97	10	0
" Expenses of Elections	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
" Provincial Council	...	...	...	...	875	0	0
" Supreme Court	...	---	...	...	600	0	0
" Gaol	...	...	...	...	1405	4	0
" Police Salaries	...	...	...	...	3604	11	6
" Police Contingencies	...	...	...	...	1224	12	0
" " Outstanding Liabilities	...	...	...	...	1311	17	0
" Inspection of Sheep	...	...	...	...	662	10	0
" Charitable Aid	...	...	...	...	1775	11	3
" Education, Liability under Resolution of } Council up to 31st March, 1862 ... }	...	...	...	...	2725	0	0
" Compensation to Mr. Hall, Ferry Road	...	...	...	...	700	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 9.20 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bealey, FitzGerald, Hornbrook, Lance, Newton, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Ross, Templer, Toswill.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that J. G. Hawkes, Esq. had been duly Elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the City of Christchurch.

The Speaker notified to the Council that W. Bowler, Esq. had been absent, during eight consecutive sitting days, from the Council.

The Report of the Committee for Revision of the Standing Orders was called for.

The Committee was discharged.

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying him to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum for the Formation of the Road in Continuation of Colombo Street South."

Motion was negatived "For a Return of the Sums Paid by the Scholars at the different Schools Receiving Aid, and the manner in which the said Money is applied."

The "Electric Telegraph Bill" was read a third time.

"White's Waimakariri Bridge Bill" was read a third time.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, North Road to 9th mile	£ 99 17 5
" Kaiapoi to 13th mile	100 0 0
" Saltwater Creek to Kowai	89 0 0
" Oxford Road	60 0 0
" Rangiora Road, Repairs... ..	28 18 10
" " Forming	360 1 2
" Rangiora Drain	161 4 6
" Navigation of Waimakariri	65 0 0
" Papanui Drainage	164 0 0
" Ohoko Road	105 0 0
" Kaikainuui Drain	93 0 0
" South Road, Repairs, 4 miles	414 9 0
" Hinds, Draining and Metalling... ..	200 0 0
" Ferry Road, Metalling	315 0 0
" Heathcote Bridge	4903 14 4
" Lincoln Road	337 0 3
" M'Bratney's Road	89 1 0
" Ellesmere Junction	437 0 0
" North Selwyn District	850 0 0
" South Selwyn, Bridge over Tent Burn... ..	100 0 0
" Cemetery Road	560 0 0
" Upper Waimakariri Road	168 5 9
" Hoon Hay Road	95 0 0
" Amesbury Road	250 0 0
" Port Victoria to Ellesmere Road	450 0 0
" Port Victoria District	529 18 0
" Grants in Aid	1598 15 2
" Saltwater Creek Bridge	1049 8 0
" Madras Street Bridge	242 9 4
" Contingencies	4842 14 0
Vote was re-considered, amended, Permanent Charges	3366 10 0

Motion was proposed "That in the opinion of this Council, the Investment of Moneys accruing as the Sinking Fund of the £30,000 Loan, be left to the discretion of Messrs. Selve, Marshman, and Morrison, the Trustees in London for the said Sinking Fund."

The Debate was adjourned.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.7 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Fyfe, Ollivier, Rhodes, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was proposed "That a fine of £20 be inflicted on Mr. Bowler for Continued Absence without leave."

Amendment was proposed "That Mr. Bowler be granted One Month's Leave of Absence, from the Commencement of the Session."

The Amendment and the Motion were withdrawn."

Leave of Absence was granted to Mr. Bowler to the end of the month.

Leave of Absence was granted to Mr. Ollivier for one month.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Rangiora, on the State of the Oxford Road was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Inhabitants on the River Cam, was presented, read, and received.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Number of Lunatics now under the Charge of the Government; and also, for a Return from the Colonial Surgeon of the Causes, so far as they may be known, which may have Occasioned the Lunacy of the several cases under his observation."

Motion was granted "For a Return of all Sums granted by the Government for Improvements in Christchurch, distinguishing those made for Provincial from those made for Municipal purposes."

Paper No. 31 was laid upon the table: Account of Expenditure on Public Works within the City of Christchurch, for Year ending 30th September, 1862."

The Correspondence in reference to the Police Accommodation at Christchurch was referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. Harston, Westenra, Bealey, Clark.

Motion was granted "That the Report of the Provincial Engineer, relative to the Formation of a Tramway to Little River, be laid upon the table."

A Select Committee, to Revise the Standing Orders, was appointed. To consist of Messrs. Westenra, Harston, Wilson, Birch, Wilkin. To report within seven days."

Leave was given to bring in "a Bill to Provide for the Making and Maintaining of Fences."

Leave was given to bring in "a Bill to Impose Tolls at the Iron Bridge at the Heathcote, when the Bridge shall be Open for Traffic."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

32, Draft Proclamation; "Diseased Cattle Act."

33, *New Zealand Gazette*, September 19, 1862.

34, "Act to Prevent the Importation of Diseased Cattle."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Paper No. 35 was laid upon the table: Copy of Tender, Bank of New Zealand.

Motion was granted "That in the opinion of this Council the Investment of Moneys accruing as the Sinking Fund of the £30,000 Loan, be made in Australasian Securities."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Resolution to the House.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, From Christchurch to Felton's £4800 0 0

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Consideration of the Estimates be adjourned until the proposed 'Loan Bill' be laid upon the table and considered."

Ayes, 9 : Messrs. Buckley, Cox, Davis, FitzGerald, Hornbrook, Lance, Peacock, Ross, Williams. Noes, 14 : Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Clark, Duncan, Hawkes, Maude, Newton, Rich, Shand, Simms, Toswill, Wilkin, Wilson.

Vote was taken, From Felton's to the Ashley...	...	...	£1500	0	0
" From the Ashley to the Kowai	...	...	1500	0	0

Vote was proposed, Kaiapoi Bridge, half-cost, £2000.

Division was called for.

A Mistake having arisen in the Lists of Division, the Speaker took the chair and ruled that in all cases of Mistake the Division should be Re-taken.

Motion was granted "That the word 'half' be struck out."

Motion was granted "That the word 'part' be inserted."

Vote was proposed, Kaiapoi Bridge, part cost, £1500.

Vote was taken, Kaiapoi Bridge, part cost	£2000	0	0
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Motion was negatived "That Consideration of the Estimates be Postponed until Wednesday next."

Vote was taken, Legatt's Swamp	...	...	...	£ 400	0	0
" Rangiora Road (including Bridges)	...	...	...	3200	0	0
" Oxford Road, past Harewood Forest	...	...	...	2800	0	0
" Mount Grey Road	...	...	...	1860	0	0
" Rangiora Ford Road	...	...	...	1050	0	0
" South Road, Christchurch to Water Holes	...	...	...	6500	0	0
" Water Holes to Rangitata	...	...	...	500	0	0
" Ferry Road, Metalling and Repairs	...	...	...	3000	0	0
" Bridle Path, Heathcote to Summit	...	...	...	300	0	0
" Sumner Road	...	...	...	5000	0	0
" From Rangitata to Washdyke	...	...	...	2000	0	0
" Washdyke to Timaru	...	...	...	1000	0	0
" Timaru to Waitaki, Tyler's Ferry	...	...	...	4000	0	0

Vote was considered, Spring's Road, £1500.

Division was called for. Ayes, 12 : Messrs. Bealey, Birch, Bowen, Clark, Cox, Hornbrook, Maude, Ross, Toswill, Williams, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 6 : Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Lance, Peacock, Turnbull, Hawkes.

Vote was taken, Spring's Road	...	...	...	£1500	0	0
" Lincoln Road	...	...	...	2000	0	0
" Establishment of Ferries, Mount Cook	...	...	...	500	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 9.45 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Buckley, Duncan, Fyfe, Lance, Newton, Ollivier, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Ross, Shand, Toswill, Turnbull, White, Williams.

The Speaker in the chair.

In the Minutes of 23rd October, the word 'Securities' was substituted for the word 'Debentures.'

The Report of the Committee on Public Works was called for. Extension of Time granted to Tuesday, 5th November.

The Report of the Committee on Wharfage Accommodation was called for. Extension of time granted for seven days.

A Select Committee was appointed to Consider the expediency of Closing the Township of Sefton from further Sales, Re-purchasing the Land Sold, or protecting

the Town from being Flooded To consist of Messrs. Bealey, Clark, Lance, Maude, Birch. To report within seven days.

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to cause to be placed upon the Estimates a sum, not exceeding £50, for the Lyttelton Regatta."

Motion was negatived "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum, not exceeding £70, to Complete a Culvert across London Street, Lyttelton, the construction of which was undertaken by the Provincial Council of last Session."

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent to cause a sum, not exceeding £600, to be placed upon the Estimates, for Rendering Efficient the Road from the Heathcote Bridge, on the Lower Lincoln Road, to Riccarton Church."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to obtain a Return from the Municipal Council of Christchurch, shewing the Length, in chains, of the Streets already made in Christchurch City, and the Length of those requiring to be made; together with an Estimate of the Cost of Constructing the same."

Motion was granted "For a Return of all Sums granted by the Government for Improvements in Christchurch, distinguishing those made for Provincial from those made for Municipal purposes."

Motion was granted "That it is desirable that this House should resolve itself into Committee of Supply, for the Consideration of the Estimates, every Tuesday and Thursday during the present Session of Council, at 8 p.m."

The "Heathcote Bridge Bill" was read a second time.

Leave was given to bring in "a Bill for the Suppression of Thistles."

The Council adjourned at 1.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Templer, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Bill to Provide for the Making and Maintaining of Fences" was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was asked to bring in a Bill to Provide for Education.

Motion was granted "That the Council do resolve itself into Committee to consider the following Resolutions" :—

1. "That before the passing of any permanent Law providing for Education in the Province of Canterbury, it is desirable that further information be obtained as to the operation of the existing system, and as to the future requirements of the Province, and also as to the Funds out of which permanent provision ought to be made for the Establishment and Maintenance of Schools."

2. "That for this purpose it is desirable that Commissioners should be appointed by his Honor the Superintendent for the purpose of acquiring such information, and that the Report of such Commissioners be laid upon the table at its next Session."

3. "That a Bill be brought in during the present Session Conferring on the said Commissioners such Powers as may enable them to make the necessary enquiry."

The Council in Committee on the Resolutions.

Resolution No. 1 passed.

Upon division: Ayes, 15: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Turnbull, Fitzgerald, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Newton, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross,

Toswill, Wilson. Noes, 14: Messrs. Bealey, Buckley, Armstrong, Clark, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Maude, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Simms, Wilkin.

Resolutions Nos. 2, 3 passed.

The Resolutions passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported and adopted.

Message No. 1, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“The Superintendent transmits to the Council a Bill, intituled the “Canterbury Loan Bill.” Upon perusal of the Bill, the Council will gather that the object of the Superintendent, after repealing the “Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Ordinance,” (which has not been availed of,) is to borrow money for Immigration, Railways, Bridges, Wharves, Arterial Drainage, and great public works; and that the money to be raised will be limited strictly to the uses indicated in the Preamble. Assuming that the Council agrees to pay Six per cent. for interest, and accept the proposal to extend the Loan over a period of Fifty Years, the amount of Annual Sinking Fund need not be more than One per cent. per annum, making the total net charge upon the Province in respect of the Loan Seven per cent. per annum. The Superintendent does not recommend the Council to indicate positively by this Bill the place or places in London where the Interest to accrue to the Holders of the Debentures shall be paid. Material reasons exist why it would be politic to leave the Government for the present unfettered in their choice of a London Banking Agency in connection with the proposed Loan. The Superintendent deems it expedient to provide for the payment of Interest at Christchurch as well as in London.

“The Council being so thoroughly conversant with the history, present condition, and prospects of the Province, it would appear almost unnecessary for the Superintendent to enlarge upon the very great desirability of exerting considerable expenditure upon the various objects indicated in the Preamble of the Bill. With reference to Immigration, no special reasoning is needed to force a perception of the necessity for a copious inpouring of Labour to utilize the broad tracts of country recently purchased from the Crown. In addition to labour, the best Commercial Highways are indispensable to the land proposed to be occupied and cultivated. The Geographical peculiarities of the Settlement are conclusive arguments why the Railroad is at once the most convenient and at the same time inexpensive medium of communication between the only available Port and the immense tract of country extending along a seaboard of 230 miles. The Port itself is comparatively inaccessible (in a commercial sense) except by Tunnel and Railway.

“The Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway has been determined on, and is now more than a quarter finished, under conditions promising a successful and speedy completion. When this work is finished, all the remaining route, to the bulk of the agricultural lands, is a perfectly flat and unbroken surface, except where intersected by rivers presenting no material difficulty in the extension of the Lyttelton Line of Railway to the Northern and Southern portions of the Province.

“It is certainly impossible for Settlers to effect a beneficial occupation of the rich arable tracts at a distance from Port if they are to remain dependent upon the slow and highly expensive transit of produce by the old fashioned macadamized road. A Railroad and bridges across the rivers is but slightly more expensive in construction than would be a metalled highway and bridges fit for heavy dray traffic. In point of maintenance and ordinary repairs much less expensive.

“The majority of the lands sold during the last two years have been purchased in the belief that they would be speedily served by Railway Communication with Port. Already many thousands of acres of land are in active cultivation at a distance from Port, which, in the absence of a Railway, precludes a profit being obtained upon their productions.

“In short, there are cogent reasons, doubtless perceived by the Council, and too numerous to notice in the narrow limits of a Message, why the Superintendent feels it his duty to urge the securing of means that will enable the Province,

independently of natural fluctuations of Revenue, to steadily progress in the construction of those permanent highways, without which we cannot, in these days, compete successfully with other commercial countries.

“Wharfage accommodation at Lyttelton is reported, in and out of the Province, to be miserably insufficient. The Superintendent needs not to urge upon the Council to sanction means partly intended to remove the reproach and loss involved in the very imperfect and ruinously expensive Harbour arrangements of the Province.

“In connection with the Railway, the Government propose to construct a Jetty or Wharf suitable for large shipping. The obvious economy of such an arrangement will at once suggest itself to the Council.

“The ordinary Roads, Bridges, and Highways of the Country, although very materially in advance of those of many other Colonies, are still insufficient to a profitable and convenient transaction of business.

“The construction of these, and the Cutting of Arterial Drainage, will engross the major part of the Land Revenue. Public Buildings: for example, a Gaol, Court House, Lunatic Asylum, new Council Chamber, and Hospitals in different parts of the Province will press heavily upon the balance. It is the Superintendent's desire to see the rule persistently observed, viz., that Land Revenue shall be, as far as possible, expended in Public Works and Immigration. By Public Works are meant constructive works, not repairs; these last must naturally devolve upon local effort. What have been called Extraordinary Works may properly and quite consistently be paid for out of the proceeds of Loans. Among many very sufficient reasons, it may be urged in favour of borrowing, that although the Projectors of such works may be very materially benefited by them, yet, on the other hand, the same works remain for the use of posterity, who, being so benefited will not demur to the inheritance of a reasonable and proportionate burthen of the cost. The time is slowly but surely approaching when such burthens, indeed all the expenses and charges of social and political Government, must be met by taxation in some form. Anticipating that time, the Legislature of Canterbury providently fixed the price of Waste Land at a rate which has secured three great good results.

“1stly. The Prevention of Over-speculation in Land.

“Secondly. The means of Making ordinary Roads, Bridges, and Drainage borrowing.

“Thirdly. The means of Importing Population in numbers sufficient to work the lands sold, and to be a growing guarantee of popular credit in support of Loans, the advantage of which is to be at least equally shared by posterity.

“The experience of the last seven years in New Zealand, shews that the Revenues of each of the Provinces (Canterbury not excepted) have been subject to very considerable fluctuations, owing to the fact that these Revenues arise principally from the Waste Lands. So many contingent conditions govern the demand for Waste Land, that no prudent Financier would presume to offer a prediction as to the quantity of income to be derived from that source as a reliable means of punctual payment of a greatly increased scale of expenditure. At the same time, it is certain that neither trade nor population can be materially increased without a correspondingly increased purchase and occupation of lands. There is every certainty that exports from Canterbury must increase, and also population; so it will be perfectly sound to estimate a large amount of money as being certain to flow into the Treasury during a period of time extending over four or five years, although it would be idle to attempt to accurately distribute to each year of the term its proportion of contribution to the aggregate amount.

“The Superintendent is anxious to see the Province in a position to certainly and evenly sustain a sound and rational progression, and after very long and careful consideration, he ventures to submit to the Council that it would be advisable to borrow a sum of money to be always available to prevent the inconvenience and evil that would result from a temporary decline of Land Revenue.

“The Superintendent desires to assure the Council that no real difficulty stands in the way of procuring the assent of the General Government to such a Loan, because it is not the policy of the Colony to obstruct any Measure that is calculated to result in the increase of the population, wealth and commerce of any part of the territory. In the interest of the several Provinces, and as guardians of the common credit, the Governor’s Advisers are called upon to inquire into and be judges of the solvency of all proposals by Provincial Governments to raise Loans. Abundant evidence exists that the Province of Canterbury is pre-eminently able to sustain the burden of Loans such as that projected by the Bill now submitted to the Council.

“If the Council join the Superintendent in believing that an attempt should be made to acquire for the people increased facilities for trade and the enjoyment of property, then it will be obviously necessary to make a financial provision for certainly and uninterruptedly carrying out whatever enterprises may be determined upon. One positive effect of Government being secure of means to carry out its works, will be a corresponding confidence on the part of Land Purchasers, whose operations are naturally materially dependent upon the movements of the Government.

“If, then, there be an assurance that great mercantile values are to be imparted to the Waste Lands by the action of Government, those lands will speedily be sold. If, on the other hand, there is in the administration no financial assurance of power to prosecute great works to certain completion, it is submitted that in such a case the said works are best let alone.

“With regard to the Issue and Negotiation of the Debentures, the Superintendent desires to express an opinion that it is quite within the power of Government to secure the Sale of the whole on exceedingly advantageous terms, involving no expense whatever to the Treasury beyond the actual Interest and Sinking Fund due in respect of such proportion as may be actually expended pursuant of votes of the Council.

“In the event of the Loan Bill becoming Law, the Superintendent will, after taking all due means to effect an arrangement for the Sale of the Debentures, submit to the Council, for their sanction, a scheme of re-investment.

“It is perhaps as well to remark that the balance in the Treasury, on the 30th September, amounted to £80,883 16s. 3d.

“The whole public debt of Canterbury is represented by a part of the £30,000 Loan, contracted at an early age of the Settlement. The Canterbury Association’s claims are all satisfied. The Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan has never been operated upon and is now sought to be repealed. The Canterbury Government is relatively less in debt than any other New Zealand Government.

“With reference to the prospect of selling the Loan in England, the Superintendent is well advised that the present is a remarkably favourable state of the Money Market, and that there is a daily growing confidence in New Zealand securities.

“In laying the Loan Bill before the Council, the Superintendent desires it to be particularly understood that he proposes the Loan more as a Reserved Fund, to secure the Province from the possibility of temporary inaction, resulting from a momentary cessation of land sales, than as a principal means of carrying on Works.

“There appears to be every justification of a very confident regard of the future financial condition of the country. The raising of the proposed Loan is intended as a further and material assurance.

“ W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“ Superintendent.”

Leave was given to bring in a “Canterbury Loan Bill.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted "That this Council, desiring to record its deep sense of the Loss which the Province of Canterbury has sustained by the Death of its Founder, and deeming it right to preserve, for ever, among the Inhabitants of the Province, the memory of labours to which it is so deeply indebted, as well as an example of worth and excellence in private life, and of wisdom and uprightness in the administration of public affairs, resolve that a Statue of the late John Robert Godley be Erected in the City of Christchurch, in such public place as his Honor the Superintendent shall direct; and that his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to take such steps as may be necessary to carry this Resolution into effect, and this Council undertakes to make due provision for the cost of such a work out of the Public Revenues of the Province."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was considered, Immigration, £31,953 15s.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the sum of £10,000 be added to the £30,000 now placed on the Estimates under Clause XI., for Promoting Immigration."

Ayes, 17: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Clark, Duncan, FitzGerald, Lance, Maude, Newton, Rhodes, Rich, Shand, Toswill, Wilkin, Wilson, Williams. Noes, 13: Messrs. Armstrong, Buckley, Cox, Fyfe, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Davis, Ollivier, Peacock, Rickman, Ross, Simms, Turnbull.

Motion was carried upon division, "That in the Conduct of the Immigration it is desirable that the Number of Single Women should be at least as great as the Number of Single Men, and that, as a rule, One-sixth of the Immigration Funds should be employed in the introduction of Female Domestic Servants.

Ayes, 14: Messrs. Armstrong, Bealey, Clarke, Hawkes, Cox, FitzGerald, Hornbrook, Lance, Williams, Rickman, Shand, Simms, Toswill, Wilson. Noes, 14: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Buckley, Davis, Duncan, Maude, Newton, Ollivier, Peacock, Rich, Ross, Turnbull, Wilkin.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Ayes.

Vote was taken, Immigration £41,953 15 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "That the Notices on the Board do stand for the next Sitting Day.

The Council adjourned at 11.10 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Ollivier, Templer, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on Standing Orders was brought up.

An Extension of Seven Days was granted to the Committee on an Official Residence for his Honor the Superintendent.

Paper No. 36 was laid upon the table: Return of Lunatics, Lyttelton.

A Petition from the Warden of Christchurch College was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Akaroa was presented, read and received.

The Council in Committee on the Reserves to be Confirmed by the Council.

The Chief Surveyor attended and gave Evidence as to the Reserves.

THE FOLLOWING RESERVES WERE CONFIRMED.

No.	Quantity.			Description.	Remarks.
	A.	R.	P.		
206, in red.	50	0	0	Situatè on the south bank of the River Selwyn, where it runs into Lake Ellesmere, being bounded on the N. and E. by the Selwyn, on the S. by a road, and on the W. to the extent of fifty acres.	For a Wharf and Depôt for Timber.
	More or less.				
207, in red.	50	0	0	Situatè at the mouth of Birdling's Creek, Lake Ellesmere, commencing at Trig. Station, E 20, and running down the northern side of the Creek towards the Lake, a distance of 50 chains with an average depth of 10 chains.	Wharves and Timber Depôts.
	More or less.				
208, in red.	50	0	0	Situatè at the mouth of Birdling's Creek, Lake Ellesmere, commencing immediately opposite Trig. Station, E 20; and running down south side of the Creek towards the Lake, about 50 chains with an average depth of 10 chains.	For Wharves and Timber Depôts.
	More or less.				
209, in red.	30	0	0	Near the Horse Shoe Lagoon, N. of the Avon; bounded on the S. and S.E. by a road separating this from Sections 557 and 593; on the N.W. by Section 3099; and on the N.E. by another road along the western side of the Lagoon, subject to a road running through the Reserve from east to west.	Municipal Council of Christchurch.
	More or less.				
210, in red.	18	0	0	Situatè south of the Avon; bounded on the N. by a road separating this from the Slaughter-house Reserve, No. 107; on the E. by a road separating this from Sections 1145 and 1148; and on the W. by a road separating this from Section 1144.	Municipal Council of Christchurch.
	More or less.				
211, in red.	22	0	0	Situatè S. of the Avon; bounded on the E. and S.E. by a road separating this from Sections 1145 and 1146; on the W. by section 1144; and on the S.W. by a road separating this from the Canal Reserve.	Municipal Council of Christchurch.
	More or less.				
212, in red.	30	0	0	Situatè S. of the Avon, being bounded on the W. and S.W. by a road separating this from Sections 273, 901, 1148; and on the N.E. and S.E. by the ridge of sandy hills.	Municipal Council of Christchurch.
	More or less.				

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.	Description.	Remarks.
213, in red.	A. R. P.	All those Sections situate in the Town of Sefton and numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the Map of the Chief Surveyor, setting out and describing the Town of Sefton aforesaid; Section No. 1, being situate in and fronting upon the Northern and Western Boulevard; No. 2, upon the Western Boulevard and Talfourd Street; Nos. 3, 5 and 7 upon the Northern Boulevard; and Sections Nos. 4, 6 and 8 upon Talfourd Street.	For Public Offices.
214, in red.	20 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Lincoln district, bounded on the N.W. by the Springs Road; on the N.E. by a road S.W. of and adjoining Section 2811; on the S.W. by 2956; and on the S.E. by a line parallel to the N.W. boundary of this Reserve, so as to contain the above quantity.	For a Gravel Pit.
215, in red.	10 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Lincoln district, bounded on the N.W. by the road leading past Trig. Station C 28; on the westward by 3825; on the N.E. by the continuation of the road forming the S.W. boundary of Section 4031, extending southerly between the last mentioned road and Section 3825, so as to include the above quantity.	For a Gravel Pit.
216, in red.	10 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Lincoln district, bounded on the N.E. by Section 3184; on the S.W. by the road separating this Reserve from Reserve No. 215 (in red), extending south-easterly between said road and the before-mentioned Section 3184, so as to include the above quantity.	For a Gravel Pit.
217, in red.	20 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Lincoln district, bounded on the N.W. by the road leading past Trig. Pole C 28, and extending south-easterly between Sections 3281 and 3686, so as to include the above-mentioned quantity.	For a Gravel Pit.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.	Description.	Remarks.
218, in red.	A. R. P. 20 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Christchurch district, bounded on the N.W. by the South Road, extending south-easterly between Section 3646 and a road on the north-eastern boundary of Pre-emptive Right No. 224, so as to contain the above-mentioned quantity.	For a Gravel Pit.
219, in red.	20 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Christchurch district, bounded on the S.E. by the road leading past Trig. Pole C 28; on the S.W. by a road N.E. of and adjoining Section 3732; on the N.E. by another road forming the S.W. boundary of Section 4496, extending north-westerly between the two last-mentioned roads, so as to include the above quantity.	For a Gravel Pit.
224, in red.	42 0 0 More or less.	On that Sandspit opposite the Shag Rock, bounded on the northward by section 3954; and on the E., S., and W. by high-water mark	For a Beacon and Light-house.
243, in red.	200,000 0 0 More or less.	West Coast, (exclusive of Reserve 171 and Township Reserve No. 118,) situate on the West Coast of the Province of Canterbury, being bounded on the N.W. by the sea coast, from the mouth of the River Grey to the mouth of the Taramakau, and by the River Grey from its mouth to the junction of the Kotaura Haoka; on the N.E. by the boundary line between the Provinces of Nelson and Canterbury, to the saddle dividing the head waters of the Taramakau from the waters of the Hurunui; and on the southward and south-westward by the Taramakau to the sea.	For a Mineral Reserve.
247, in red.	200 0 0	Near the Gorge on the northern side of the north bank of the River Rakaia, fronting the river for a distance of about 50 chains, and running back northerly a distance, on the average, of about 40 chains, adjoining section 523.	For Ferry Purposes.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.	Description.	Remarks.
248, in red.	A. R. P. 200 0 0	On the southern side of the south bank of the River Rakaia, fronting the river for a distance of 50 chains, and running back southerly a distance, on the average, of 40 chains eastward of and adjoining Homestead Pre-emptive Right, on Run No. 148, and situate nearly opposite the Ferry Reserve, on the north bank of the river.	For Ferry Purposes.
249, in red.	45 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Christchurch district, commencing at the junction of the southern side of the Great South Road with the northern boundary of the South Railway Reserve; thence south-westerly along the northern boundary of said Reserve a distance of about 68 chains, 75 links; thence north-westerly at a right angle, a distance of about 13 chains 40 links to the Great South Road before-mentioned, and returning north-easterly along the southern side thereof to the commencing point, and numbered 249 (in red) on the Map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the Christchurch district.	For Railway Station.
250, in red.	84 0 0 More or less.	Situate at Little River, bounded on the N.W. by the road forming the southern boundary of Section 2878; on the N.E. and S.E. by the edge of Lake Forsyth or Wairewa; and on the S.W. by a line at an angle of 60 deg. with the above-mentioned road, and numbered 250 (in red) on the Map of the Chief Surveyor, setting out and describing the Rural Land at Little River as aforesaid.	For a Railway Station and Timber Depôt.
251, in red.	200 0 0	In the Timaru district, commencing at a point on Mr. Rhodes' boundary line, the same being the north-western corner of Section 3789; thence north-westerly along the said boundary line a distance of 29 chains 80 links; thence north-easterly at an angle of 132 deg. 10 min.,	For Timaru Race-course.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.	Description.	Remarks.
252, in red.	A. R. P. 20 0 0 More or less.	a distance of 39 chains 98 links ; thence south-easterly at a right angle, a distance of 35 chains 50 links to the South Road ; thence south-westerly and south- easterly along the said road, dis- tances of 41 chains and 21 chains 75 links respectively, to the north-eastern corner of the before-mentioned Section, No. 3789, and returning along the northern boundary of said Sec- tion a distance of 21 chains 18 links to the commencing point. Situate in the Ashley district, bounded on the N.W. by road forming the south-eastern bound- ary of Section 4599 ; on the eastward by Road and Railway Reserve, extending southerly between the two before-men- tioned boundaries from their junction, so as to include the above quantity.	For a Gravel Pit.
260, in red.	29 0 0 More or less.	Situate in the Ashley district, bounded on the N.W. by the main line of road between Marshman's Road and the Upper Sefton Road ; on the eastward by the Road and Railway Re- serve, and on the southward by section 2538.	For a Gravel Pit.
261, in red.	640 0 0	Situate on the north bank of the Waitangi River, having two miles frontage to include the crossing place immediately above the junction of the Hakatera- mea, having an average depth of half-a-mile.	For Ferry Purposes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reserves were reported by the Chairman, and confirmed by the House.

Mr. Newton's name was added to the Committee on Police Accommodation.

Leave was given to bring in a Bill for the "Amendment of the Canterbury Armed Police Ordinance."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum of money, not exceeding £250, to be granted to his Honor for the purpose of Promoting Public Amusements within the Province.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Reserve a Section of Land, not less than 10 acres, within the Township of Timaru, for a Pleasure Ground for the Inhabitants."

Leave was given to bring in a "Public House Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Thistle Bill" was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Canterbury Loan Bill" was read a second time.

The Council adjourned at 8.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Ollivier, Rhodes, Toswill, White, Rickman.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the Township of Sefton was brought up, read, and received.

Motion was granted "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying him to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum for the Formation and Metalling of the Road in Continuation of Colombo Street South."

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying him to place upon the Estimates the sum of £100 for the Improvement of the Towing Path and the Erection of a Sluice and Bridge at the mouth of the Creek flowing from Gilbert's Farm at the Lower Heathcote, and falling into the Heathcote at Kennaway's Farm."

Motion was granted "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying him to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum for the Metalling of the Halswell Junction Road."

The Council in Committee to Consider the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders."

The Standing Orders passed as amended by the Committee.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Standing Orders as passed were reported and adopted.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a Sum of Money sufficient for Forming the Road called Shand's Road, between the Great South Road and the Springs Track."

A Select Committee was appointed to take into consideration the Desirability of Completing the Purchases of the Sites offered for Provincial Government Purposes in the Town of Christchurch. To consist of Messrs. Davis, Newton, Bealey, Hawkes, the Provincial Solicitor. To report within seven days.

The "Thistle Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee of Supply to consider the "Canterbury Loan Bill."

Clause 1 passed.

Upon division: Ayes, 16: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Clark, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Maude, Rich, Shand, Simms, Templer, Turnbull, Wilkin, Williams. Noes, 12: Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Buckley, Cox, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Newton, Peacock Ross.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 passed as printed.

Clause 9 considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the last four lines be struck out."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Buckley, Cox, Davis, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Lance, Ross, Turnbull, Wilson. Noes, 18: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Bowler, Clark, Duncan, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Newton, Peacock, Ross, Shand, Simms, Templer, Wilkin, Williams.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the words 'Immigration in' be struck out."

Ayes, 10 : Messrs. Armstrong, Buckley, Cox, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Lance, Ross, Turnbull, Wilson, Williams. Noes, 18 : Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Bowen, Bowler, Clark, Davis, Duncan, Harston, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Newton, Peacock, Rich, Shand, Simms, Templer, Wilkin.

Clause 9 passed as amended, the words "necessary buildings" being struck out, and the words "Provided that not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds be Expended solely on the Construction of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway."

Clause 10 passed as amended, the word "only" being omitted, and the words "all such Revenue as shall become payable under any Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council" being inserted.

Clause 11 passed with amendment.

The Schedule and Coupon passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.40 p.m., until Friday, next.

FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Harston, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Newton, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Toswill, White, Wilkin, Williams.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted "That the Explanation of the honorable Member for Lyttelton, Mr. Bowler, respecting his Absence from the Council without leave, be satisfactory to the Council."

The Report of the "Beswick Wharf Bill" Committee was brought up.

The Council in Committee on the "Thistle Bill."

Clauses 1—6 passed.

Clause 7 was struck out.

Clause 8 passed as amended.

Schedules A B passed.

The Title and Preamble passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council adjourned at 1.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Lance, White, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on Wharfage Accommodation was called for.

Extension of time granted to 11th November.

The Report of the Committee on Police Accommodation was brought up.

The Speaker notified to the Council the Assent of his Honor the Superintendent to the Standing Orders of 1862.

Motion was proposed "That the 'Police Bill' be read a second time."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the Bill be read a second time this day six months."

Ayes, 16 : Messrs. Armstrong, Beswick, Bealey, Bowler, Clark, Cox, Davis, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Newton, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Rickman, Ross, Simms.

Noes, 13 : Messrs. Buckley, Duncan, FitzGerald, Harston, Hawkes, Maude, Rich, Shand, Toswill, Turnbull, Westenra, Wilkin, Wilson.

The Report of the Police Accommodation Committee was read, received, and adopted.

Leave was given to bring in a "Cattle Trespass Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "That a Plan of the Road from Akaroa to the Head of the Bay, in the Wainui District, shewing the Gradient and the Amount of Work Done on the said Road during the past Year be laid on the table."

Leave was given to bring in a "Christchurch Hospital Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to obtain from the Municipal Council of Christchurch an Estimate, so far as the same may be obtained, of the Cost of Completing the Streets of Christchurch, the Cost of Completing the Underground Sewerage of the Town, and the Cost of Supplying the same with Water from a high-water level."

The "Thistle Bill" was read a third time.

The "Public House Bill" was read a second time.

The Council adjourned at 8.20 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Fyfe, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the Public Works, Survey, and Geological Departments, was called for.

Extension of time granted to 20th November.

The Report of the Committee on the Desirability of Providing an Official Residence for his Honor the Superintendent was called for.

Extension of time granted to 13th November.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

37, Correspondence with the Pound-keeper, Akaroa.

38, Addition to the Report of the Chief Surveyor.

39, Correspondence, Mr. Edwin Clark on the Electric Telegraph.

40, Dispatches from H. Selve Selve, Esq.

41, Correspondence, Immigration Agent to 30th September, 1862.

42, Report of the Provincial Geologist on the Kowai Coal Field.

The "Bill for the Making and Maintaining of Fences" was read a second time.

The "Beswick Wharf Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the following Resolutions :—

"1. The Council desire to thank your Honor for the Message, No. 1, transmitting the 'Canterbury Loan Bill.'"

"2. The Council, while concurring with your Honor in the expediency of Borrowing, for the purposes set forth in the Preamble of the Bill, are of opinion that it would not be expedient to disturb the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan."

"3. And that it would be highly expedient to Borrow, for the purposes indicated in your Honor's Message, £500,000, by a Substantive Bill."

Clauses 1, 2 passed as read.

Clause 3 was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That for '£500,000,' '£250,000' be read."

Ayes, 15: Messrs. Bowen, Armstrong, Cox, Davis, FitzGerald, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Rickman, Ross, Simms, Wilson. Noes, 17: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Buckley, Clark, Duncan, Hawkes, Maude, Newton, Rich, Shand, Templer, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin, Williams.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That to Clause 3 be added 'But the Council is of opinion that such Loan should not be brought to account as Annual Revenue, to be Expended by Annual Votes by the Council upon ordinary Public Works, which, in the opinion of this Council, ought to be executed out of the Land Fund from time to time accruing, but ought to be solely appropriated to Immigration, such larger Public Works as require a larger outlay than can be Supplied from the Annual Land Fund, and to such Works as will, when completed, supply Funds for the Liquidation of the Interest and Sinking Fund of the Loan so raised.'"

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Armstrong, Cox, Davis, FitzGerald, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Peacock, Ross, Simms, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilson. Noes, 19: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Bowler, Buckley, Clark, Duncan, Hawkes, Maude, Newton, Ollivier, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Shand, Templer, Wilkin, Williams.

Amendment was granted "That the following words be added 'But the Council is of opinion that such Moneys ought to be solely appropriated to Immigration, and such larger Public Works as require a larger outlay than can be appropriated from the Current Land Fund.'"

Clause 3 passed as amended.

The Reply passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported and adopted.

The Speaker notified to the Council the continued Absence of the honorable Member for Oxford, Major White.

The Council in Committee for the Re-consideration of the "Canterbury Loan Bill."

Clause 1 was struck out.

Clauses 2, 3, 4 passed.

Clause 5 passed as originally printed.

Clauses 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 passed as amended.

The Schedule, Coupon, Preamble Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

A Select Committee was appointed to Consider the Proposal of Mr. William White to Construct a Tramway or Railroad from the Bush, Little River, to Christchurch. To consist of Messrs. Harston, Ollivier, Turnbull, Toswill, Shand, Beswick, Bealey; with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers. To report 20th November.

Leave was given to bring in a "Municipal Council Bill" for the City of Christchurch.

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was negatived "That it is the opinion of this House that it will facilitate the Business of the Session if, for the future, the Friday Sitting be Abolished, and that the Three Evening Sittings per Week, as at present constituted, be earnestly devoted to Business; and that it would be desirable for the Government always to have Sufficient Business upon the table to Prevent an Early Adjournment of the House upon Sitting Days."

The Council adjourned at 11.30 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Buckley, Williams, Clark, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Newton, Ollivier, Rhodes, Rich, Templer, White, Duncan, Hawkes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The word 'Bill' was substituted for the word 'Loan' in the first page of the Minutes of the last Sitting Day.

Motion was granted "That Mr. Speaker do Issue his Order Commanding the Attendance of Major White, the Member for Oxford, on Friday, 14th November, at Noon.

Motion was granted "That in the opinion of this House a more Ample Supply of Medical Comforts, especially of those required for the use of Women and Children, should be Furnished to the Ships bringing Immigrants to this Province, and that Instructions ought forthwith to be sent to the Immigration Agent to make Provision for this purpose in all future Contracts to be entered into by him."

The Council in Committee on the "Bill to Provide for the Making and Maintaining of Fences."

Clause 1 was deferred.

Clause 2 passed as amended.

Clauses 3, 4 passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to present a Copy of all Council Papers connected with the 'Canterbury Loan Bill' to his Excellency the Governor."

The "Cattle Trespass Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the "Cattle Trespass Bill."

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed.

The Schedule, Title and Preamble passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee on the "Public House Bill."

Clauses 1—20 passed as printed.

Clause 21 passed as amended, 'three miles' being read for 'five miles.'

Clauses 21—28 passed with amendment.

Clause 29 was proposed.

Amendment negatived on division, "That the Clause as it now stands in the existing Ordinance be substituted."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Beswick, Rickman, Davis, Shand, Simms. Noes, 12: Messrs. Armstrong, Bealey, Bowen, Turnbull, Cox, FitzGerald, Maude, Peacock, Ross, Toswill, Wilkin, Wilson.

Clauses 30, 31, 32, passed as printed.

Clause 33 as inserted, "If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of two Justices of the Peace that any Person has become an Habitual Drunkard, and is injuring his health, or wasting his substance by Dxccessive Drinking, such Justices shall thereupon issue a Notice, in writing, under their hands, setting forth the Name, Personal Appearance, Calling, and usual Place of Abode of such Person, and Prohibiting all Persons from Supplying to the Person named in such Notice any Spirituous or Fermented Liquors whatever, and shall cause such Notice to be Published in all the Newspapers, and a Copy thereof to be sent to every Holder of a License under this Ordinance within the Province."

Clause 34 passed as inserted: "Every Person who shall, during the space of Two Years after the date of such Notice, knowingly Supply, or cause to be Supplied, to any Person named in such Notice, any Intoxicating Liquor of any kind or in any quantity whatsoever, shall, upon conviction before any two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding £20, or to be Imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for any period not exceeding Three Months. Provided also, that it shall be lawful for any one to Supply such Liquor to the Person named in such Notice, upon the Certificate, in writing, of Two duly qualified Medical Practitioners, that such Liquor is required by such Person as a Medicine; and provided that such Liquor shall have been supplied in such quantities and at such times only as those named in such Certificate."

Clause 35 passed as printed 33.

The Schedules, Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council adjourned at 4.55 until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Newton.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Wharfage Accommodation Committee was called for.

The Report of the Committee on the Desirability of Purchasing the Sites offered to the Government was called for. Extension of time granted to 18th November.

The name of Mr. Ollivier was removed from the Library and House Committee, and that of Mr. Lance was substituted.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Wharfage Accommodation Committee be discharged."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Cox, FitzGerald, Maude, Rhodes, Templer, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin. Noes, 18: Messrs. Bealey, Bowler, Buckley, Clark, Hawkes, Davis, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Williams, Ollivier, Rich, Rickman, Ross, Shand, Westenra, White, Wilson.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

43, Correspondence; the Provincial Government and the Acclimatization Society.

44, Copy of Dispatches, H. Selfe Selfe, Esq., the English Agent.

45, Correspondence on the subject of the Steam Service.

The Council in Committee on the following Resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this Council the time has now arrived for Constructing that portion of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway between Christchurch and Ferry Mead, and that a Request be presented to his Honor the Superintendent asking him to take immediate steps to carry out that work."

The Resolution was proposed, and passed upon division.

Ayes, 21: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Bowler, Clark, Hawkes, Cox, Duncan, Lance, Maude, Williams, Ollivier, Rich, Rickman, Shand, Simms, Templer, Toswill, Turnbull, White, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 10: Messrs. Armstrong, Birch, Bowen, Davis, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Peacock, Rhodes, Ross.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted in the usual manner.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Fuel for various Departments	...	...	£350	0	0
„ Printing, Advertising, Stationery, &c.	...	...	2000	0	0
„ Registration of Deeds	...	...	150	0	0
„ Dog Collars	...	...	500	0	0
„ Postage, Cartage, &c.	...	...	100	0	0
„ Painting, Cleansing, &c.	...	...	600	0	0

Vote was withdrawn, Queen's Plate, £100.

Vote was taken, Maintenance of Fire Engine	...	...	100	0	0
„ Furniture, including Provincial Council Chamber	...	...	200	0	0
„ Law Library	...	...	300	0	0
„ Addition to Provincial Council Library	...	...	200	0	0
„ Proposed Salary to Librarian	...	...	15	0	0
„ Extra Clerical Aid	...	...	300	0	0

Vote was proposed, Maori Cattle Trespass Compensation, £12 10s.

Division was called for.

Ayes, 21 : Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Hawkes, Cox, Davis, Duncan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Maude, Williams, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Ross, Simms, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 8 : Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Bowler, Buckley, Harston, Hornbrook, Shand.

Vote was taken, Insurance	...	...	£200	0	0
„ Bank Charges, Remittances to London	...	...	50	0	0
„ Adjustment of Accounts, Sub-Treasurer, Timaru	...	...	10	0	0
„ Purchase of Site for Lyttelton Hospital	...	...	900	0	0

The following Resolutions were proposed on the subject of Grants to the Municipalities of Christchurch and Lyttelton :—

1. “That in the opinion of this Council the City of Christchurch and the Town of Lyttelton have Claims upon the Revenues of the Province for the Execution of necessary Public Works, which it would be unjust to disregard.

2. “That irrespective of all claims of a specific character, it is of great Sanitary Importance, as well as of General Public Policy, that considerable Improvements should be Effected without delay in the Streets of the Capital City and Port Town of the Province.

3. “That with a view of Assisting the Municipalities of these Towns in effecting the above object, the following gross Sums should be set apart from the Public Revenues of the Province, that is to say,—

For the City of Christchurch	...	...	£20,000	0	0
„ Town of Lyttelton	...	...	8,000	0	0

4. That such Sums be payable during a term of four years, from 1st October, 1862, that is to say,—

For the first year to Christchurch	...	...	£8000	0	0
„ „ Lyttelton	...	...	2500	0	0
For the second year to Christchurch	...	...	5000	0	0
„ „ Lyttelton	...	...	2500	0	0
For the third year to Christchurch	...	...	4000	0	0
„ „ Lyttelton	...	...	1500	0	0
For the fourth year to Christchurch	...	...	3000	0	0
„ „ Lyttelton	...	...	1500	0	0

“5. That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates, in each of the said years, the several Sums of Money above specified, to be appropriated by this Council in the ordinary course of Law.”

Resolutions 1, 2 passed.

Resolution 3 considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That after the word 'Province' there be added 'on condition that a rate of at least 6d. in the Pound be levied and raised under the "Municipal Act" during each year for which these votes are granted.'"

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Buckley, Ross, Shand, Simms, Toswill. Noes, 18: Messrs. Bealey, Bowler, Turnbull, Clark, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Rickman, Templer, Wilkin, Wilson.

Amendment was negatived "That the word 'four' be struck out, and the word 'six' inserted."

Resolutions 3, 4, 5 passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in the usual manner.

The Council in Committee on the "Peacock's Wharf Bill."

The Clauses passed.

The Schedule, Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The "Bill to Provide for the Making and Maintaining of Fences" was referred to a Select Committee; to consist of Messrs. Wilson, Shand, Beswick, Bealey, Toswill. To report within fourteen days.

The "Christchurch Hospital Bill" was read a second time.

The "Canterbury Loan Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Public House Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee on the following Resolutions:—

"1. That Portions of the Townships of Ashburton and Geraldine be laid out for Sale.

"2. That the Size and Upset Price of Sections within these Towns shall be Quarter-acres, at £12 each Section."

The Resolutions passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in the usual manner.

Mr. George Turner was appointed Clerk to Select Committees of this Council.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Turnbull, FitzGerald, Lance, Newton, Ross, Rich.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the "Bill to Provide for the Making and Maintaining of Fences" was brought up, read, and received.

The Council in Committee on the "Christchurch City Council Bill."

Clauses 1—77 passed with amendment.

Clause 78 as inserted, "The Council may, for the purpose of Indicating the Name of any Street, or for other like purpose, Affix a Board, having the Name of such Street printed thereon, to any House, Building, Wall, or Fence within the City; and every Person who shall Wilfully Remove, Injure, or Deface such Board, shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds."

Clauses 79—94 passed as printed.

The Schedule, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Beswick Wharf Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Report of the Committee to Consider the Sites offered for Public Purposes was brought up, read, and received.

Motion was granted "That the Provincial Secretary do lay upon the table of this Council the Agreement entered into by the late Superintendent with the Kaiapoi Maoris to the effect that they should receive £12 10s. per annum; and a List of Arrears due by certain Inhabitants of Kaiapoi and its vicinity, on account of the said sum."

The "Cattle Trespass Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Cattle Driving Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee to Confirm the Reserves made during the Recess over the River Beds of the Province.

The following Reserve was proposed to be Confirmed:—

"The Unsold Land situate between the high banks of the following and other tributaries liable to be flooded during the freshes: Waipara, Kowai, Ashley, Waimakariri, Rakaia, Selwyn, Ashburton, Hinds, Orari, Hae Hae Te Mona, Tamakaka, Opihi, Opawaha Te Ngawai, Pareora, Otaio, Hook, Waihoo, Waihai, Rangitata, and such portions of the Hurunui and Waitangi Rivers and their tributaries as are in the Province of Canterbury."

The Debate was adjourned until Tuesday evening next.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee to consider the following Resolution:—

"That this Council recommend his Honor the Superintendent to Extend the Operation of the "Cattle Trespass Ordinance," now or hereafter to be in force, to the part of the Timaru District to be described as follows: Bounded on the north by the Washdyke Creek, and by the south edge of the Waitarakao Lagoon; on the east by the sea; on the south by the north edge of the Otipua Lagoon and Otipua Creek, and its northern branch to the south-west corner of Section 4319; on the west by the west boundaries of Sections 4319, 3987, 3989, 8301.

The Resolution passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

Motion was granted "That the names of Dr. Turnbull and Mr. Birch be added to the Committee on an Official Residence for his Honor the Superintendent."

Leave was given to bring in "a Bill for Withdrawing the Town of Sefton from Sale."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bealey, Bowler, Ollivier, Peacock.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Superintendent's Official Residence Committee was called for. Extension of time granted to 20th November.

The "Cattle Driving Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1—6 passed with amendment.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "For a Return of the Reserves Originally Selected by the Municipal Councils of Christchurch and Lyttelton."

The "Bill to Provide for the Making and Maintaining of Fences" was re-committed."

Clauses 1—25 were amended and passed.

Clauses 27—32 as printed were struck out.

Clauses 26, 27, 28 passed as proposed.

The Schedule, Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Message No. 2, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"The Superintendent recommends the Council to grant him the Sum of Fifty Thousand Pounds out of Ordinary Revenue for Expenditure upon the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway and Tunnel.

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The Items of Unvoted Expenditure were considered.

Vote was taken,	Interest on Immigration Loan	£1212	0	0
"	Registration	138	4	7
"	Contract Surveys... ..	724	13	0
"	Charitable Aid	230	9	3
"	Hospital Buildings	112	10	0
"	Immigration	3757	1	3
"	Printing, &c.	646	9	6
"	Postages, &c.	156	8	4
"	Shed for Fire Engine	4	17	6
"	Furniture, Government Buildings	103	3	6
"	Travelling Expenses, Provincial Secretary	6	13	0
"	Targets, Volunteers	15	0	0
"	Expenses of Signal Gun, Lyttelton	6	0	0
"	Repairs to Pound	5	0	0
"	Census Tracings	7	12	0
"	Plan of Otago Boundary... ..	2	0	0
"	Registration of Deeds	15	18	9
"	Refund on Survey, Kennaway and Acton	7	0	0
"	Bonus, Waitangi Ferry	50	0	0
"	Compensation for Horse, Ward... ..	50	0	0
"	" Cow, Dr. Lilley	50	0	0
"	Salary, Clerk to the Superintendent	52	3	10
"	Copy of Register of Births, Deaths, &c.	2	3	0
"	Captain Forsyth, Charge of Red Deer... ..	10	0	0
"	Mr. Carter, Mate	5	0	0
"	Disbursements on Account	3	10	0
"	Cleaning Clock	0	8	0
"	Rolleston, Inspector of Christ's College	5	5	0
"	Imprest for Public Works	200	0	0
"	Maintenance of Telegraph	187	3	10

Vote was taken, Christchurch Hospital	£782	11	3
„ Road and Drainage Survey	473	11	10
„ Current Repairs, North Road	31	3	0
„ Bridle Path, Heathcote Valley	42	7	11
„ Wharfinger's Salary	66	5	0
„ Metalling, Springs Track	322	19	6
„ „ Fendall Town Road... ..	15	10	0
„ Works in Bays' District... ..	42	7	6
„ Christchurch Municipality	20	12	6
„ Lyttelton „	100	8	9
„ Heathcote Bridge	189	2	0
„ Gloucester Street Foot Bridge	0	15	8

The Report of the Committee on the Purchase of Sites for Public Purposes was read by the Clerk.

Vote was proposed, Purchase of Three Acres from Mr. Harris, £1500

Motion was disallowed "That the Debate be adjourned."

Vote was taken, Purchase of Three Acres from Mr. Harris ... £1500 0 0

Vote was proposed and negatived upon division, Quarter-Acre for Court House, £500.

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Bowen, Turnbull, Maude, Williams, Rich, Rickman, Shand, White. Noes, 15: Messrs. Armstrong, Beswick, Birch, Buckley, Clark, Hawkes, Cox, Davis, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Rhodes, Simms, Toswill, Wilson.

Vote was taken, Police Buildings £5870 0 0

The Council adjourned at 10 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Hornbrook, Peacock, Rich.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Landed Proprietors on Shand's Road was not received on account of informality.

The "Christchurch Municipal Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Cattle Driving Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Motion was granted "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £100 for the purpose of Bridging the River Halswell, adjoining the Sections of Messrs. Barton and Whincop, and Levelling and Placing Culverts in the Gullies on the north-east side of the said River."

The Council in Committee to Consider the following Reply to Message No. 2, from his Honor the Superintendent.

1. "The Council thank your Honor for your Message, recommending that an Appropriation of £50,000 be made for Railway Works, but the Council are of opinion that all Railway Charges should be made matters of separate account, and that no Advances should be made unless an early repayment is made to Ordinary Revenue from the Loan, so soon as the Governor shall have signified his assent thereto.

2. "The Council are of opinion that the Ordinary Public Works of the Province should not suffer from the Expenditure of Funds properly appropriated to such objects."

Resolution No. 1 was proposed, amended, and passed as follows:—

1. "The Council thank your Honor for your Message No. 2, recommending that an Appropriation of £50,000 be made for Railway Works, and is of opinion that it is desirable that the sum of £50,000 should be appropriated to the Purchase of

that amount of Debentures under the 'Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Ordinance.'"

Resolution No. 2 was withdrawn.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted in the usual manner.

The Council in Committee on the "Heathcote Bridge Bill."

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 passed as printed.

Clause 5 passed as inserted, "Any person refusing or evading, or attempting to evade the Payment of any Toll leviable under this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding £5, to be recoverable in a summary way."

The Schedule, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Bill for the Making and Maintaining of Fences" was read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the River-bed Reserves was resumed in Committee.

The Chief Surveyor attended and gave evidence.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the River-bed Reserves be Confirmed by the Committee."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Beswick, Duncan, Fyfe, Lance, Maude, Rickman, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 19: Messrs. Bealey, Bowen, Bowler, Buckley, Clark, Hawkes, Cox, FitzGerald, Harston, Williams, Newton, Ollivier, Rhodes, Ross, Shand, Simms, Turnbull, Toswill, White.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The following Resolutions were proposed:—

1. "That it is the opinion of this Council that it is Desirable to Encourage the Volunteer Movement in this Province.

2. "That for promoting this object, his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £1,050, such sum to be distributed as follows:—

"For the Erection of a Butt at Kaiapoi, £300.

"For Purchasing a Range at Lyttelton, £200.

"For Providing the Payment of a Band-Master, the Purchase of Musical Instruments, &c., at Christchurch, £200.

"For Incidental Expenses in proportion to the strength of Companies, £350."

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Chairman do report progress."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Buckley, Cox, Davis, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Ross, Shand, Toswill. Noes, 13: Messrs. Bealey, Turnbull, Clark, Hawkes, Duncan, Harston, Lance, Maude, Newton, Williams, Simms, Wilkin, Wilson.

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2 passed as read.

Vote was taken upon division, "To Discharge the Expenses of the Volunteers, £1,050. To be distributed as follows:—

"For Providing a Butt or Range at Kaiapoi, £300.

"For Purchasing a Range at Lyttelton, £200.

"For Payment of a Bandmaster, Purchasing Instruments, Music, &c., Christchurch, &c., £200.

"Grants in proportion to the strength of Companies for Incidental Expenses."

Ayes, 22: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Bowen, Bowler, Clark, Hawkes, Turnbull, Cox, Duncan, FitzGerald, Harston, Lance, Maude, Williams, Rhodes, Rickman,

Shand, Simms, Toswill, White, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 5: Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Fyfe, Newton, Ollivier.

Resolution No. 3 passed "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to apply to his Excellency the Governor for a further Supply of 500 Rifles and Sets of Accoutrements."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent."

Leave was given to bring in a "Municipal Reserves Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at 12.15 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bealey, Bowler, Williams, Hornbrook, Lance, Newton, Ollivier, Peacock, Rich, Templer, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The first Report of the Library and House Committee was brought up, read, received, and adopted.

The name of Mr. Ross was added to the Library and House Committee.

Motion was granted "That it is expedient that some steps should be taken to place his Honor the Superintendent in a position to hold Lands conveyed to him for Public puposes as Superintendent."

Motion was negatived "That the 'Heathcote Bridge Bill' be re-committed."

Motion was granted "For Copies of any Correspondence which has taken place with Mr. M. B. Hart, or with the Agent, or Immigration Agent in England in reference to the Employment of the former Gentleman in connection with the Immigration Agency in England."

Paper No. 46, Copy of Letter from his Honor the Superintendent to the Immigration Agent, was laid upon the table.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Peacock to the end of the Session.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £500 for the purpose of Acclimatizing Plants and Animals from Countries other than New Zealand."

The "Municipal Council Reserves Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clauses 1, 2 passed as printed.

Clause 3 passed with addition of the words "Such Rents be Rack Rents, and such Leases be for any term not exceeding 21 years, to take effect from the time of the execution thereof."

The Schedule, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Heathcote Bridge Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee on the "Christchurch Hospital Bill."

The Clauses passed.

The Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

Motion was granted "That the following Bills do now pass: 'The Immigrant's Barracks Bill,' 'The Dog Nuisance Amendment Bill,' 'The Thistle Bill,' 'The Electric Telegraph Bill,' 'The White's Waimakariri Bridge Bill.'"

The Council in Committee on the "Sefton Township Bill."

Clause 1, the Preamble, Title, passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee for the Consideration of the following Resolution :—

"That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable to make provision for the Endowment of future Municipalities by Reserves of Waste Lands, made within the Boundaries of the several Towns. That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Reserve, in every Township where the Allotments are not yet sold, One-tenth of the whole quantity of Sections comprised within the limits of such Town, and that such Reserves should be set apart as an Inalienable Property for the Public Municipal uses of the Town."

The Resolution was proposed, and passed, amended as follows :—

"That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable to make provision for the Endowment of future Municipalities by Reserves of Waste Lands made within the Boundaries of the several Towns, and for Sites for Religious and Educational purposes. That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Reserve in every Township where the Allotments are not yet Sold, One-tenth of the whole quantity of Sections comprised within the limits of such Town, and that such Reserves should be set apart as an Inalienable Property for the Public Municipal Uses of the Town ; and that in all cases in which Townships are formed by Private Parties, Reserves, equal to those above-mentioned, should be made before the said Townships are Gazetted by the Superintendent as such."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council adjourned at 10.9 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Ollivier, Peacock, Rich, Templer.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Little River Tramroad Committee was brought up, read, received, and adopted.

Extension of time, to 27th November, was granted to the Superintendent's Official Residence Committee.

The Report of the Public Works and other Departments Committee was brought up.

The Report and Evidence were ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee to consider the following Resolution :—

"That it is expedient that a sum of £10,000 be appropriated out of Public Revenues during the next two years, in four equal payments, towards the Building of Places of Religious Worship, and that such sums should be divided amongst the several Religious Bodies that have already received Grants in Aid for a similar object ; provided that no such payment should be made unless an equal Sum be raised by private contributions.

The Resolution was withdrawn, and Motion was granted "That it is expedient that a sum of £10,000 be appropriated out of the Public Revenues during the next two years, towards the Building of New Places of Public Worship, and that such Sum shall be divided amongst the several Religious Bodies existing in the Province, provided that no application for any portion of the Sum be entertained by the Superintendent and Executive Council, unless an equal amount to that asked for has been already raised by Private Subscription ; and that a Satisfactory Guarantee

be given that suitable Maintenance be provided for a Clergyman to Officiate in the Church proposed to be erected, for a period of at least Three Years; provided also that the Superintendent and Executive Council shall have a discretionary power in granting any portion of the said sum for the purposes aforesaid."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Motion to the House.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Motion be adopted as a Resolution."

Ayes, 25: Messrs. Bealey, Birch, Hawkes, Buckley, Clark, Turnbull, Cox, Duncan, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Lance, Maude, Newton, Williams, Rhodes, Rickman, Ross, Shand, Simms, Toswill, Westenra, Wilkin, Wilson. No, 1: Mr. Davis.

The "Municipal Council Reserves Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Paper No. 47 was laid upon the table: Copy of Correspondence—John Marshman, Esq., Immigration Agent to the Provincial Government.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Southern District,	Outstanding Liabilities as } per Schedule B	£2513	7	7
"	" Stores, Timber, &c. ...	1500	0	0
"	" Immigration Barracks, Ti- } maru ...	500	0	0
"	" Survey and Public Works' } Office, Timaru ...	300	0	0
"	" Hospital, Timaru ...	300	0	0

Vote was proposed, Timaru to Mount Cook District, £5000.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That for '£5000' '£2000' be read."

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Birch, Bowen, Buckley, Clark, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Rhodes, Ross, Shand, Toswill, Wilson, Williams. Noes, 11: Messrs. Bealey, Hawkes, Cox, Duncan, Hornbrook, Maude, Newton, Rickman, Simms, White, Wilkin.

Vote was taken, Timaru to Mount Cook District	... ..	£2000	0	0
"	Improvements between Otago boundary and } Burke's Pass	500	0	0
"	Improvements, Burke's Pass to Tekapo } District	500	0	0
"	Arrowhenua to Marshall's Ferry	600	0	0
"	District Roads	500	0	0
"	Banks' Peninsula, Outstanding Liabilities as } per Schedule C	1006	14	0
"	Bridle Path from Purau to Akaroa	1200	0	0
"	Town of Akaroa	100	0	0
"	Wainui District	2000	0	0
"	Okain's Bay	500	0	0
"	Pigeon Bay	500	0	0
"	Little Akaroa	300	0	0
"	Port Levy	200	0	0

Vote was negatived upon division, Opening Purau Bush, £500.

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Cox, Davis, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Maude, Williams, Rickman, Ross, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 13: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Clark, Hawkes, Turnbull, FitzGerald, Newton, Shand, Simms, Toswill, White.

Vote was taken, Central and Northern Districts, Timber, Iron }	Girders, &c.	£4000	0	0
"	Public Buildings, Supreme Court	1500	0	0
"	" Gaol	2000	0	0
"	" Provincial Council Cham- } ber (wood for) ...	500	0	0

Vote was taken, Public Buildings, Clock Tower	...	...	£1000	0	0
" " Lunatic Asylum	...	...	2000	0	0
" " Immigration Barracks	...	...	1000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Beswick, Birch, Buckley, Clark, Harston, Duncan, Hornbrook, Lance, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Rich, Templer, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Owners and Leaseholders of Land on Shand's Road was not received on account of informality.

Leave was given to bring in a "Roads Diversion Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee on the "Road Bill."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum of £500 for the Improvement of the Road between Port and Governor's Bay."

Motion was negatived "That Leave of Absence be granted to Mr. George Armstrong, the Member for Wainui, for the remainder of the Session."

Motion was negatived "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £200 for the Improvement and Extension of Burke's Forest Road."

The "Town of Sefton Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council adjourned at 1.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Birch, Newton, Peacock, Ross.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Owners and Occupiers of Land on the Ferry Road was presented, read, and received.

Paper No. 48 was laid upon the table: Copy of a Letter from the Provincial Engineer, on the subject of the Ferry Road Drain.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a Sum sufficient to Construct such Works as may be found necessary for Relieving the Ferry Road from the extensive Drainage which has hitherto been emptied into that District to the serious Damage of numerous Properties."

The "Road Bill" was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Williams, Cox, Shand, Duncan, Bealey, FitzGerald. To report on Wednesday next.

Leave was given to bring in a "Local Marine Boards Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Roads Diversion Bill" was read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Harston, Hawkes, Beswick, Simms, Duncan.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was proposed, Public Works Office, £3,000.

„ „ Orphan Asylum, Christchurch, £750.

Vote was taken, Christchurch Hospital, Addition £ 750 0 0

„ Lyttelton Hospital 1500 0 0

Vote was taken upon division, Canterbury Museum 1000 0 0

Ayes, 14: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Bowen, Hawkes, Turnbull, Cox, Lance, Maude, Rich, Rickman, Simms, White, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 10: Messrs. Bowler, Buckley, Clark, Davis, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Rhodes, Shand, Templer.

Vote was taken, Powder Magazine £ 500 0 0

„ Weka Pass 2500 0 0

„ Amesbury Road 1850 0 0

„ East Christchurch Road 500 0 0

„ Ellesmere Junction Road 2000 0 0

„ Bridge, Stewart's Creek 900 0 0

„ Governor's Bay Road... .. 1500 0 0

„ Gebbie's Pass Road 2000 0 0

Vote was taken upon division, Dyer's Pass Road, £1000.

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Bealey, Bowen, Bowler, Clark, Fyfe, Hawkes, Maude, Rickman, Templer, Turnbull, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Cox, Davis, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Rhodes, Shand, Simms, White.

Vote was taken, Harewood Road £1920 0 0

„ Hoon Hay Road 500 0 0

„ Grey River Road and Exploration of Coal Field 1200 0 0

„ Towns, Christchurch 8572 10 0

„ „ Papanui Bridge Rebuilding 2000 0 0

„ „ Lyttelton 2700 0 0

„ „ Kaiapoi 750 0 0

„ Rangiora Swamp 3000 0 0

„ Cust Valley 500 0 0

„ Lower Lincoln District £2000 0 0

„ North Selwyn 1500 0 0

„ Papanui, Eastern Branch 300 0 0

„ Heathcote, Drainage 500 0 0

„ Cleaning Avon 500 0 0

Vote was negatived, Clearing Halswell, £500.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11.10 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Newton, Peacock, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Ross, Toswill.

The Speaker in the chair.

Message No. 3, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read:—

“The Superintendent transmits, for the Consideration of the Council, a Memorial from the Warden and Fellows of Christ's College, praying for Assistance, by way of Grant, from the Council.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“Superintendent.”

A Petition from the Managing Committee of the Church of England Schools, Lyttelton, was presented, read and received.

The Report of the Library and House Committee was brought up, read and received.

The Council in Committee to Consider the Report.

The Clauses passed with the erasure of all words after the word 'Library' in the 6th Clause.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee was reported and adopted.

Message No. 4, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read :—

“The Superintendent transmits, for the Information of the Council, the case of an Award made in favour of Mr. Peacock for Compensation for Tenant-Right over Eight Perches of Land in Lyttelton required by the Provincial Government for Railway Purposes.

“Some short time since, the Superintendent Purchased from Mr. George Leslie Lee, Attorney for the Proprietor of certain Freeholds required for Railway Purposes, of which the above 8 perches was under Lease to Mr. Peacock, 17 years of which were then unexpired.

“Mr. Lee Conveyed 8a. 2r. 22p. of Land, inclusive of the above 8 perches, to the Superintendent, Free of all Incumbrances whatever, the Consideration Money being Nine Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

“Mr. Lee appointed the Superintendent as his Attorney to Purchase the Tenant-Right of Mr. Peacock, agreeing to indemnify the Superintendent in the price paid by him for so doing.

“It was necessary to adopt this course, as the Promoters of the Railway were the only persons who had Powers at Law to compel the surrender of interests affected by the Railway.

“The result of the Arbitration is, that a Compensation of £1,300, for the Surrender of the Tenant-Right has been awarded to Mr. Peacock, which, with the Fees for Arbitration, amounting to £112 15s., makes a sum of £1,412 15s. as the price to be paid for a Lease of Sixteen Years over Eight Perches of Land.

“The Superintendent requests the opinion of the Council :

“1st. As to whether the Award is to be Accepted by the Government or not.

“A considerable doubt exists in the mind of the Superintendent as to the equity of paying so large a Compensation as awarded by the Arbitrators.

“2nd. In the event of the Award being Accepted and Paid by the Government as a fair Equivalent for the Surrender of the Leasehold Interest of only a small portion of the Estate purchased from Mr. Lee, whether the Council think it reasonable and just to hold Mr. Lee harmless of loss involved in so great a misconception of value of property the subject of a Contract with the Government.

“ W. S. MOORHOUSE,
“ Superintendent.”

The “ Road Bill ” was brought up by the Committee of Revision.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

49, Correspondence Relative to the Holding of Mr. Brittan of the Heathcote Wharf Reserve.

50, Approximate Return of Timber and Firewood Imported into Lyttelton and the Heathcote River during Year ending 30th June, 1862.

51, Christchurch Hospital: Return of Patients Admitted and Discharged, and Expenditure during Four Months ending 31st October, 1862.

52, Copy of Correspondence—the Provincial Government with the Honorary Secretary of the River Grey Coal Company.

The Report of the Committee on the Desirability of Providing an Official Residence for his Honor the Superintendent, was brought up, read and received.

The Council in Committee to Consider the following Resolutions :—

"Whereas an additional Wharfage Accommodation is urgently required at Lyttelton, and it is expedient that some steps be at once undertaken to effect this object, it is resolved,—

1. "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Issue a Commission to Inquire as to the best Site and Form for a Wharf at Lyttelton.

2. "That his Honor the Superintendent be authorized to Proceed with such Works as may be recommended by the said Commission, to an extent not exceeding £50,000, pending the further approval of this Council.

3. "That any Works to be undertaken should be of a Permanent Character, and Subservient to the Traffic of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway."

Resolutions Nos. 1, 3, passed.

Resolution No. 2 was withdrawn

The Preamble passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent, in the usual manner.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £250 as a Grant for a Mechanics' Institute at Kaiapoi."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £500 for the purpose of making a Road from Kaiapoi to the Beach."

The "Local Marine Boards Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

Paper No. 53 was laid upon the table: Return of Sections forming One-tenth of Sections already laid out in the Town of Timaru.

Motion was granted "That this Council recommend his Honor the Superintendent to Reserve, for Municipal Purposes, Forty-four Sections in the Town of Timaru, being 10 per cent. of the Sections already pegged out."

Paper No. 54 was laid upon the table: Schedule of Extension of the Agricultural Districts around Timaru.

Motion was granted "That the Agricultural Districts around Timaru be extended as per Schedule."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken,	Provincial Secretary (for £300)	...	...	£ 450	0	0
"	District Roads	...	...	5500	0	0
"	Special Surveys for Opening up Reserves of			1000	0	0
	Timber	...	...	

The Additional Estimates were Considered.

Vote was taken,	Executive...	...	...	£189	3	4
"	Police	...	...	106	15	4
"	Dip for newly-landed Sheep	...	...	35	0	0
"	Weights and Measures	...	...	350	0	0
"	Public Plantations	...	...	688	0	0
"	Mechanics' Institute, Christchurch, Compen-			250	0	0
	sation for Site	...	...	
"	Mechanics' Institute, Christchurch, Grant			250	0	0
	for Library	...	...	
"	Mechanics' Institute, Timaru, Grant in Aid	...	...	300	0	0
"	" Kaiapoi	...	...	250	0	0
"	Libraries, Grant in Aid	...	...	500	0	0

Vote was taken, Maori Industrial School, Kaiapoi	...	...	£250	0	0
” Refund to Mr. Cameron for Sections at Sefton	...	...	100	0	0
Vote was negatived upon division, Compensation to Mr. Brittan, £50					
Ayes, 6: Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Fyfe, Maude, White, Wilkin. Noes, 9: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Clark, Cox, Davis, Hornbrook, Shand, Simms, Wilson.					
Vote was taken, Grant to Berry, the Miner	...	...	£ 50	0	0
” Meteorological Station	...	...	300	0	0
” Acclimatization	...	...	500	0	0
” Part of Grant for Building New Places of Worship	...	...	5000	0	0
” Grant for Public Amusements	...	...	250	0	0
” Lincoln Road, Re-metalling	...	...	2000	0	0
” Slaughteryards Road, Metalling	...	...	500	0	0
” Oxford Road, from Waimakiriri Ferry	...	...	100	0	0
” Footpaths, Hagley Park...	...	...	100	0	0
” Road from Mill Bridge to Fendall Town Bridge	...	...	350	0	0
” Stokes’ Road, Continuation	...	...	150	0	0
” Fendall Town Road	...	...	40	0	0
” Ohoko Road	...	...	80	0	0
” Ashburton Swamp	...	...	275	0	0
” Wilson’s Bridge	...	...	5	0	0
” Baxter’s Ferry, Purchase of Plant	...	...	114	2	0
” Avonside Bridge	...	...	276	9	0
” Road from Archer’s Bridge to Riccarton	...	...	600	0	0
” Halswell Junction Road	...	...	500	0	0
” Shand’s Road	...	...	200	0	0
” Bridge on the Halswell	...	...	100	0	0
” Rakaia Ferry	...	...	1000	0	0
” Colombo Street South, Grant in Aid	...	...	500	0	0
” Beach Road, Kaiapoi	...	...	500	0	0
” Governor’s Bay Road	...	...	500	0	0
” Timaru Town, Improvements	...	...	500	0	0
” ” Sinking Wells	...	...	200	0	0
” Old South Road	...	...	500	0	0
” Punt on the Opihi	...	...	30	0	0
” Electric Telegraph	...	...	1100	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11.10 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Duncan, Lance, Newton, Ollivier, Peacock, Rhodes, Rickman, Ross, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on the “Roads Diversion Bill” was brought up, read, and received.

The Council in Committee to Consider the following Resolutions:—

“That this Council resolves that Mr. William White shall be allowed to build a Tramroad from the Timbered Land at Little River on the following terms:—

1. “That Mr. White shall be Permitted to Make a Tramway along the Line reserved for a Railway from the Little River to Rickman’s Corner, or thereabouts; and from Section 1755 to Section 1593 inclusive, may, at his option, place the Tramway along the side of the Road, parallel, or nearly so, to the Reserve for a Railway. That from Rickman’s Corner to Christchurch, Mr. White shall place the Tramway

along such side of the Lincoln Road as he shall judge most suitable. Also, from Section 789 to Section 1581 inclusive, that Mr. White shall be allowed to place a Branch Line along the side of the Road, running westerly, for the convenience of the District adjacent. That where the Railway Reserve passes over Land not alienated from the Crown, Mr. White shall, at his option, vary his Line from the Line reserved for a Railway.

2. "That the Work, when completed, shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Provincial Engineer.

3. "That from the point where the Tramway first reaches Lake Forsyth, and where it leaves Lake Ellesmere, the Rails shall be Plated with Iron.

4. "That the Reserve of Timber Land and the Timber standing upon Roads at Little River, shall be made use of by Mr. White, so far as may be required for the Tramway and for any necessary Works connected therewith.

5. "That during the term of Ten Years from the Completion of the Line no Competing Line shall be formed by the Provincial Government, or conceded to any Private Individual or Company.

6. "That Mr. White undertakes to Open the Line throughout, within Two and a-half Years from the consent of the Provincial Government to these Resolutions.

7. "That the Provincial Government shall, upon Resolution of the Provincial Council, have the option of Purchasing the Tramway on the following Terms, from the Opening of the Line:—

"At the end of the 3rd year for the sum of	...	...	...	£49,000	0	0
"	4th	"	...	42,000	0	0
"	5th	"	...	35,000	0	0
"	6th	"	...	28,000	0	0
"	7th	"	...	21,000	0	0
"	8th	"	...	14,000	0	0
"	9th	"	...	7,000	0	0

"That at the end of the Tenth Year the Tramway shall be Given Up to the Government free of all charges and obligations.

8. "That during the time of this Concession, the Tramway shall at all times be Open for the Use of the Public, at least One Train running each way per diem from the time of Opening the Line, subject to such reasonable delays as shall arise from necessary repairs.

9. "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to make all such Reserves as may be necessary for the Line of Tramway.

10. "That Mr. White shall be Allowed to Charge the following Tolls upon Timber, Merchandize, and Passengers from Little River to Christchurch:—

On Firewood, per cord	...	...	...	...	£1	6	0
On Sawn Timber, per 1000 feet	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
On Shingles, per 10,000	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
On Posts and Rails, per 100	...	...	...	...	1	14	0
On Palings, per 1000	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
On Merchandise, at per ton, per mile	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
On Passengers, per mile	...	...	...	...	0	0	4

"The Tolls upon Timber and Firewood shall be at the same proportion for shorter distances; provided that no distance shall be charged less than for five miles for Timber, Firewood, Merchandize, or Passengers, and the same condition shall be observed upon the Branch Lines of the Tramway."

The Preamble passed as printed.

Clause 1 passed with the addition, "Provided that Mr. White shall be bound to take satisfactory steps for the Acquirement of the Freehold of the Land over which the Tramway passes before opening the same for traffic."

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 passed as printed.

Clause 6 as inserted "That at the end of such time the Government shall be at liberty to resume Possession of any Reserves Occupied by Mr. White, or to Charge

such Rent as it may think fit for the use thereof, and may require Mr. White to Remove the Tramway from any Reserve or Road over which it may pass."

Clause 7 passed as printed 6, with addition, "Failing which the Government be empowered to enter upon the work without any payment whatever."

Clause 7 as printed was struck out.

Clauses 8, 9 passed as printed.

Clause 10 was postponed.

Clause 11 was proposed and negatived upon division, "That before being put in Possession of the Line of Road, Mr. White shall give a Satisfactory Guarantee to the Superintendent and Executive Council that Capital will be forthcoming sufficient for the Completion of the Work."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Beswick, Clark, Hawkes, Maude, Wilkin. Noes, 14: Messrs. Bealey, Birch, Bowen, Buckley, Turnbull, Cox, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Williams, Rhodes, Shand, Toswill.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Leave was given to bring in a "Bail for Petty Offences Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Canterbury Local Marine Boards Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Motion was granted "That the Resolutions of this Council on the Subject of Education be Extended for Six Months from 6th April next.

The Report and Evidence taken before the Committee, on the Desirability of Providing an Official Residence for his Honor the Superintendent, was read.

The Council in Committee to Consider the Report.

Clause 1 passed as read.

Clause 2 passed.

Upon division: Ayes, 14: Messrs. Bealey, Birch, Bowen, Bowler, Buckley, Turnbull, Hawkes, Clark, Maude, Rhodes, Rich, Shand, Templer, Wilkin. Noes, 7: Messrs. Beswick, Cox, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Simms, Toswill, Wilson.

Clause 3 passed as read.

Clause 4 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived on division, "That the figures '£1000' be substituted for '£1500.'"

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Cox, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Shand, Simms, Toswill, Wilson. Noes, 10: Messrs. Bealey, Bowler, Turnbull, Buckley, Clark, Hawkes, Maude, Rich, Templer, Wilkin.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Noes.

Clause 5 passed.

Upon division: Ayes, 10: Messrs. Bealey, Bowler, Buckley, Clark, Hawkes, Maude, Rich, Templer, Turnbull, Wilkin. Noes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Cox, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Shand, Simms, Toswill, Wilson.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Ayes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Committee was brought up and adopted.

The "Superintendent's Salary Ordinance Amendment Bill" was introduced and read a first time.

The Council in Committee to Consider a Reply to Message No. 4, of his Honor the Superintendent.

The following Reply was proposed, "That this Council thanks your Honor for your Message No. 4, and is of opinion that Mr. George Leslie Lee should suffer no Loss from the transaction. The Council cannot but regret the result of the Arbitration."

The Debate was adjourned.

The Council resumed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Harbour Department	...	...	...	...	£3600	0	0
„ Light House	...	...	...	...	5000	0	0
„ Surgeon, Timaru	...	...	...	...	37	10	0
„ Public Hospital, Christchurch	...	...	...	...	2200	0	0
„ Education	...	...	...	...	2725	0	0

Vote was proposed, Education Commission, £1000.

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Turnbull, Clark, Cox, Fyfe, Hawkes, Maude, Toswill, Wilkin. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bealey, Bowler, Buckley, Hornbrook, Shand, Simms, Wilson.

Vote was taken, Commutation of the Foot Passenger Tolls of the Province, White's Kaiapoi Bridge	...}	£ 175	0	0
„ Salary, Librarian	... ..	15	0	0

Vote was proposed, Orphan Asylum, £750.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the words be added 'provided that the Rules of the Asylum be Revised, and the Management thereof thrown open to the Public, the same to be submitted to the Approval of the Provincial Government.'"

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowler, Turnbull, Buckley, Maude, Wilkin. Noes, 12: Messrs. Bealey, Bowen, Clark, Hawkes, Cox, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Rich, Shand, Simms, Templer, Wilson.

Vote was taken, Orphan Asylum	£750	0	0
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The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11.30 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Armstrong, Birch, Williams, Duncan, Newton, Peacock, Rickman, Ross, Toswill.

The Speaker in the chair.

The "Bail for Petty Offences Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as read.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The Council in Committee on the "Diversion of Roads Bill, 1862."

The Clauses and Schedules A. B. passed as read.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The "Executive Government Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as read.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

Leave was given to bring in an "Education Commissioners' Bill."

The "Superintendent's Salary Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

Leave was given to bring in an "Appropriation Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee to Consider Resolutions on White's Tramway.

Clause 10 was considered and passed as inserted, "That Mr. White shall be allowed to Charge Tolls not exceeding the following rates, from Little River to Christchurch :—

On Firewood, per cord	...	...	...	...	...	£1	6	0
„ Sawn Timber, per 1000 feet	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
„ Shingles, per 10,000	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
„ Ordinary Posts and Rails, per 100	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	0
„ Palings, per 1000	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
„ Merchandise, per ton, per mile	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0
„ Passengers, per mile, for distances not less than five miles	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	4
„ Stone, per ton, per mile, for distances not less than ten miles	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	9
„ Grain, per ton, per mile, for distances not less than five miles	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0
„ Wool, per bale, of 3 cwt.	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
„ Sheep, for a truck load of not fewer than 20	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
„ Slaughtered Carcases, per ton	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0

With the exception for distances as above, the Tolls shall be in the same proportion for shorter distances, and the same conditions shall be observed on the Branch Line of the Tramway.

The above charges shall remain in force for the first three years from the opening of the line.

From the third year to the sixth, at a reduction of 10 per cent. on the above.

From the sixth year to the ninth, at a further reduction of 5 per cent.

From the ninth year at a further reduction of 5 per cent.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Clause was reported and adopted.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted "That the Committee approve of the Distribution of the Items under the head of Contingencies for the Year ending 30th September, 1862; and resolve that the sum of £4,848 8s. 3d. be placed to the account of £5,000 voted last year for Contingencies."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

It was adopted.

The Report of the Library and House Committee was brought up, read, received, and adopted.

Paper No. 55 was laid upon the table: Copy of Correspondence with reference to the Arrangements for Landing the Immigrants, per "Echunga," at Timaru.

Message No. 3, from his Honor the Superintendent, was read by the Clerk.

The Council in Committee to Consider the Message.

The following Reply was proposed and carried upon division, "The Council beg to thank your Honor for transmitting to them the Memorial of the Warden and Fellows of Christ's College, and are of opinion that the Prayer of the Warden and Fellows ought to be Granted so far as the Enlargement of the Building is concerned, and respectfully request your Honor to place such a Sum upon the Estimates as will suffice for that purpose."

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Bealey, Bowen, Bowler, Hawkes, Clark, Cox, FitzGerald, Hornbrook, Lance, Rhodes, Rich, White, Wilson. Noes, 7: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Maude, Turnbull, Shand, Templer, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

Motion was carried upon division "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the value of all Lands taken or required under the Railway Act, should be determined only by Jury in the Supreme Court of the Province, unless previously arranged between the Executive Government and the Owners."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Turnbull, Davis, Maude, Rhodes, Westenra, Wilkin. Noes, 4: Messrs. Clark, FitzGerald, Hornbrook, Wilson.

The Council in Committee to Resume the Debate on a Reply to his Honor the Superintendent's Message on the subject of Peacock's Compensation Award.

Motion was granted "That the Debate be Adjourned until Tuesday evening and that the Arbitrators and Witnesses in the Case be examined at the Bar of the Council. That power be given to call for Persons, Books, and Papers."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

The Council in Committee on the "Superintendent's Salary Bill."

The Clauses passed as read.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was reconsidered and taken, Superintendent's Salary, ... £1125 0 0

Vote was taken, Clerk to Superintendent ... £187 10 0

" Waste Lands Board ... 557 14 0

" Survey Office ... 15842 1 8

" Road Surveys ... 920 0 0

Vote was taken upon division, Geological Survey ... £1125 0 0

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Bowen, Bowler, Hawkes, Buckley, Cox, Turnbull, Maude, Rhodes, Rich, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 4: Messrs. Clark, Davis, Hornbrook, Shand.

Vote was taken, Contingencies ... £5000 0 0

" Public Works, Provincial Engineer ... 1212 10 0

" " Assistant Engineer ... 412 10 0

" " North District Engineer ... 300 0 0

" " Surveyor ... 225 0 0

" " Head Draughtsman ... 165 0 0

" " Two Assistant do. ... 300 0 0

" " Clerk of Works ... 210 0 0

" " Pay Clerk ... 187 10 0

" " Accountant ... 112 10 0

" " Storekeeper ... 112 10 0

" " Rent, Expenses, Contingencies ... 300 0 0

" " Clerk of Works, North District ... 150 0 0

" " South District Engineer ... 390 0 0

" " Draughtsman ... 112 10 0

" " Clerk of Works ... 375 0 0

" " Pay Clerk ... 187 10 0

" " Rent, Offices, &c. ... 100 0 0

" " Banks' Peninsula Engineer ... 312 10 0

Vote was taken upon division, Steam Bonus ... 3750 0 0

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Buckley, Clark, Cox, Davis, Hornbrook, Maude, Ross, Shand, Wilson. Noes, 5: Messrs. Bowen, Bowler, Hawkes, Turnbull, Wilkin.

Vote was taken, Railway Tunnel ... £50000 0 0

" " Siding ... 50000 0 0

" Telegraph Extension to Waitaki ... 7500 0 0

Vote was taken, Bridges, Hurunui, Ashley, Opihi	...	...	£7500	0	0
" Diversion of Roads	...	...	2500	0	0
" Building Christ's College	...	...	1000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.5 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowen, Cox, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Wilkin.

Mr. Bealey was appointed temporary Chairman.

The Council in Committee on the "Christchurch Hospital Bill."

Clause 4 passed as read.

Upon division: Ayes, 16: Messrs. Bealey, Beswick, Bowen, Buckley, Clark, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Newton, Rhodes, Rich, Simms, Templer, Turnbull, Williams, Wilson. Noes, 3: Messrs. Davis, Shand, Toswill.

Motion was proposed "That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place upon the Estimates the sum of £2000, to be applied to the Enlargement of Existing Schools, or for Building new ones: Provided that no application be entertained by the Provincial Government unless it can be satisfactorily shewn that necessity exists for such Extension of School Accommodation."

The Council in Committee to Consider the Resolution.

Amendment was granted "That after the words 'new ones' be added 'and out of this sum £500 shall be allowed to the Christchurch Academy.'"

Amendment was negatived "That the words be added 'and a further sum of £350 towards Erecting a School in the Heathcote Valley for the Children employed therein.'"

The Resolution passed as amended.

Upon division. Ayes, 18: Messrs. Armstrong, Bealey, Hawkes, Clark, Turnbull, Davis, FitzGerald, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Lance, Williams, Newton, Rhodes, Rich, Rickman, Simms, Templer, Wilson. Noes, 7: Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Buckley, Maude, Shand, Toswill, White.

The Council resumed.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

The remaining Notices were postponed until the adjourned Debate on the subject of the Compensation to be paid to Mr. Peacock for the Land taken out of his Section for the Railway had been concluded.

The Council in Committee.

The Debate was resumed.

Mr. Hargreaves attended. His objections to answer questions were entertained by the Committee.

All the Witnesses were discharged.

The Reply to Message No. 4, proposed 27th November, was proposed.

Amendment was carried upon division, "The Council thanks your Honor for your Message, and is of opinion that, as the Arbitrators' Award appears to be open to legal objections, that this Council should refuse to pay the sum awarded, and requests that, if Mr. Peacock institute Proceedings in the Supreme Court, your Honor do defend the Suit."

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Armstrong, Bowler, Buckley, Davis, Hornbrook, Lance, Rhodes, Shand, Simms, White, Wilson. Noes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Hawkes, Clark, Duncan, Fyfe, Maude, Rich, Rickman, Templer, Toswill.

The Council resumed.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £500 as an acknowledgement of the Long and Valuable Services of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury."

The "Superintendent's Salary Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a third time.

Motion was granted "That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the House meet for the transaction of business to-morrow, at noon."

Motion was granted "That the Standing Orders, as amended, be Re-printed before the next Session of this Council."

Motion was granted "That it is Expedient that Newly Landed Immigrants who may be unable to obtain work should be Employed by the Government."

Motion was granted "That a Site for a Gaol be Purchased by the Provincial Government, and that such Site should be without the boundary of the City of Christchurch, and not exceeding 5 acres in extent."

The "Diversion of Roads Special Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Executive Government Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Grant for Schools	...	...	...	...	£2000	0	0
„ Honorarium to Chief Surveyor	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
„ Town of Akaroa	...	...	...	...	100	0	0

The Council resumed.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1862.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Turnbull, Cox, Duncan, Fitzgerald, Harston, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Simms, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

Standing Orders Nos. 114, 119, 120, 121 were suspended in order to pass the "Appropriation Bill" through all its stages.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a second time.

Motion was granted "That the Government be requested by this House to take immediate steps to Provide Additional Temporary Accommodation in the Gaol of Lyttelton, pending the Erection of the New Gaol."

Motion was granted "That the Money voted by this Council for the Wainui District be spent in accordance with the wishes of the people of that District."

The "Bail for Petty Offences Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee on the "Appropriation Bill."

The Clauses passed as read.

Schedules A, B, C, D, the Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Christchurch Hospital Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Superintendent's Salary Bill" passed.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address :—

“ MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“ In accordance with the powers conferred upon me by the “ Constitution Act,” I have now to prorogue this Council ; but before closing this Session, let me express my acknowledgements for your cordial co-operation with me in the transaction of the business which I have had the pleasure of submitting to you.

“ The Supplies which you have voted for the Public Service of the Province shall be administered with every care and prudence that a sound economy requires.

“ It may be considered a matter of regret that no decided action has been taken in Education, and that the subject has been again deferred, but if delay will lead to a more thorough sifting of the question, and thereby produce measures more generally acceptable with the Public at large, I shall, no doubt, in common with many others, cease to regret that such delay has taken place.

“ Measures have been taken to ascertain the Traffic Returns between Lyttelton and Christchurch, and I have every reason to believe that the information which induced you to express an opinion in favor of the Construction of the Railway to Ferrymead will prove to be substantially correct.

“ I have now to declare, on behalf of his Excellency the Governor, my assent to the following Measures passed by you, and which have received my consideration, namely—

“ ‘ The Executive Government Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.’

“ ‘ Immigration Barracks Ordinance.’

“ ‘ Electric Telegraph Ordinance.’

“ ‘ Dog Nuisance Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.’

“ ‘ White’s Waimakariri Bridge Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Fencing Ordinance, 1862.’

“ ‘ Heathcote Bridge Ordinance.’

“ ‘ Thistle Ordinance.’

“ ‘ Public-house Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Trespass of Cattle Ordinance, No. 3, 1862.’

“ ‘ The Christchurch Hospital Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Cattle Driving Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Sefton Township Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Municipal Council Reserves Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Roads Diversion Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Local Marine Board Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Bail for Petty Offences Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Appropriation Ordinance.’

“ The following Bills I have reserved for the consideration of his Excellency the Governor :—

“ ‘ The Beswick Wharf Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Canterbury Loan Ordinance.’

“ ‘ The Christchurch City Council Ordinance.’

“ On behalf of his Excellency the Governor I withhold my assent to ‘ The Superintendent’s Salary Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.’

“ Gentlemen, I have now to declare this Council prorogued until the 4th day of June next.”

SESSION XX.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

SESSION XX.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of his Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 3rd June, 1863.

Members present: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Davis, Harston, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Haylock, Lance, Maude, Moorhouse, Peacock, Stoddart, Wilkinson, Rowe, Turnbull, Ross, Shand, Templer, Toswill, Westenra, Wilkin, Wilson,

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chaplain read Prayers.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“The change in the termination of the Financial Year necessitates your assembling together at an earlier period than usual. Independently, however, of the great general advantage to the Public Works for the forthcoming year which will result from their being undertaken in the earlier part of the summer season, there are other important matters, which I shall presently allude to, which demand your attention.

“Our large and increasing Revenues are such as have amply justified past predictions, and are rapidly attracting attention from without, confirming, by the best evidence, the fact of the stability of the Province.

“The reply to the invitations for Tenders for the first issue of Debentures under the Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862, has been highly satisfactory. It has proved beyond doubt that the public credit of the Province stands high amongst those who are best acquainted with its condition. The result of the course adopted by my Government has been to stamp our Securities with a value which must prepare for a success more than usual in first placing a Colonial Loan upon the London Market.

“I shall ask your concurrence in a short Amendment of the Ordinance in order to Facilitate the Signing and Issuing of the Debentures.

“The Immigration Operations have been pressed on with all the dispatch which the existing machinery would allow of, and advices have arrived to the effect that her Majesty's Commissioners of Immigration have arranged to expend at once the sum of £10,000, which has been placed at their disposal in accordance with your vote. As the first ship dispatched by those Gentlemen is expected to arrive shortly, an opportunity will be presented of testing the comparative advantages of

each system. It is probable that a combination of the two will prove the most serviceable to the Interests of the Province—the Commissioners undertaking the Shipping Arrangements, while the Provincial Agent is left Free to Select the Emigrants.

“Notwithstanding the Large Appropriations made last year for Surveys, the Chief Surveyor still reports that a much larger amount will be required to keep pace with the Land Sales, and to maintain faith with those who have Invested their money in the Purchase of Waste Lands.

“I would more especially draw your attention to the necessity which arises to provide for and continue a thorough Survey of our Harbours, Roadsteads, and Navigable Rivers, in order to meet the demands of our largely increasing Foreign and Local Commerce.

“In connection with this subject, Papers will be laid before you relating to the Expedition which has been Dispatched to the West Coast of this Province, to form the Depôt for a Survey Establishment, and also for the Protection and Relief of such casual Travellers as may be in need of assistance.

“It is my painful duty to notice the death of Mr. Whitcombe, the late Surveyor, who has unfortunately been drowned at the mouth of the Taramakau, on his return from having Explored a Pass to the West Coast from the Head Waters of the Rakaia. This is the first instance of an Officer in the Employment of the Provincial Government meeting his death in the Discharge of his Duty, and I shall recommend you to make such provision for the benefit of his family as will recognize the obligation which rests upon the State of caring for the Widows and Children of those who lose their lives in the Public Service.

“The conduct of Louper, his attendant, deserves to be marked by the Council as Worthy of Reward, exhibiting, as it did, a rare and persevering fidelity.

“A pleasing proof of the elasticity of the Resources of the Province is afforded by the fact, that not only the Ordinary Works have been carried out on an increased scale, but that up to the end of the late financial period, the Payments for the Railway Works, including the Ferrymead Branch and the Main Line from the Junction to Christchurch, have been borne by the Ordinary Revenue.

“The Line to Ferrymead will probably be ready for Traffic very shortly, and I shall transmit for your consideration a Bill to confer the powers of Imposing Tolls, and the Enforcing of the usual By-laws and Regulations on Railways. The Progress of the Tunnel Works is most encouraging; there remains now less than a mile to connect the workings. The Accounts of Expenditure for Railway Works will be laid before you in due course.

“The development of any well devised plan for Extending the Lines of Railway to the North and the South, will be very materially assisted by at once taking steps to extinguish existing Private Rights on the Line required; but in order to effect this most advantageously for the public, it is desirable that the Lines at present projected should not of necessity be exactly adhered to.

“I am of opinion that the Construction of Extension Lines may be wisely left to the operation of Private Enterprise, assisted by such facilities as it may be found desirable to offer.

“I shall, in due course, request your Sanction to enable me to Extinguish the Rights of Private Persons on the Lines both to the North and to the South.

“The Commission appointed to consider the Works in Lyttelton necessary for a Wharf in Continuation of the Railway, have presented their Report, which will, with all convenient dispatch be laid before you in a printed form. The importance of this subject must commend itself to you as being a necessary addition to the Railway, and it is advisable, in consequence of the great increase of traffic, that some temporary expedients shall be adopted at once, pending the completion of the greater work.

“The Extension of the Electric Telegraph to the South Boundary of the Province has so far been provided for that the Material and Instruments for the Line may be expected to arrive very shortly; negotiations have also been entered

into with the Otago Provincial Government which, with some slight adjustments, will enable the Line to be Extended to the Province of Southland. I have taken further measures also to procure material for the Erection of a Line to the West Coast.

“I shall ask you to Appropriate Sufficient Funds for a Complete Engineering Survey of the Road to the West Coast from the Northern Part of the Province. I do not contemplate for the present, unless necessity should arise, to form more than a good and practicable Bridle Track.

“The time has now come for opening up the rich Agricultural District to the South of the Rakaia, and the preliminary step to this is the possibility of Bridging the River.

“I am advised that there is no Engineering Difficulty to be apprehended. The question to be settled is whether the Traffic will suffice to pay a reasonable amount of Interest upon the Capital to be expended. I have caused careful Estimates of the Traffic to be prepared, which I shall transmit to you, and I propose for the present an Appropriation of Money only so far as will suffice for collecting the proper amount of Professional Advice, and the preparation of the Plans and Drawings ready for the acceptance of a Contract.

“The very generally recognized necessity for a Local Control over Public Works not of primary importance, renders it a matter of urgency to provide for giving the Districts Powers at Law to Manage the Funds at their disposal. A Bill will be laid before you for this purpose, which I trust will be as successful in its operation as those Ordinances which are now in force within the City of Christchurch and the Town of Lyttelton. The result of this Bill, when passed, will lead to a reorganization of the Public Works Department, relieving it from matters of minor importance, and thus enabling it to give more undivided attention to those larger Works which the state of the Province now demands.

“I cannot but regard, with great apprehension, the Spread of Disease amongst the Sheep in this Province, and notwithstanding the stringent enactments which have hitherto been in Force, and the active measures which have been taken to carry them out, the Disease has lately shown itself to an alarming extent.

“The present ‘Sheep Ordinance’ will be submitted to you for Consolidation and Amendment; no radical change appears to me to be necessary, but rather an enlargement of those remedial powers already provided for by the Law.

“I have ordered to be presented to you a Copy of the Interim Report of the Commissioners of Education. Thus far, most important results have been arrived at by the Commission, whose investigations have extended to every part of the Province, and shew that we have been fortunate in securing such valuable services for the object in view.

“The final Report will not be presented during this Session; the importance of the most extreme accuracy in arranging the system upon which the future Education of the Province shall be conducted, requires at present rather a temporary modification of the existing plan than a permanent system which might display the imperfections of hasty Legislation.

“Measures will be placed before you for the purpose of Empowering the present Commissioners to Administer the Funds devoted to Education.

“It will give me great pleasure to concur with you in a Loyal Address to her Majesty the Queen on the recent happy occasion of the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, an event of the deepest import to the future well-being of the British Empire. The Province of Canterbury has recently given the most Loyal Demonstration of Affection to the Throne in Commemoration of this event.

“Gentlemen, I will now leave you to your labours, in the firm hope that under Divine Providence the same success will attend them as heretofore; and I now declare this Council to be duly opened for the dispatch of business.”

His Honor then left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker notified to the Council that the following Gentlemen had been duly Elected to serve as Members of the Provincial Council for the several Districts :—

T. W. Wilkinson, for the Heathcote District.

R. Rowe, for the Town of Akaroa.

G. Haylock, for the Wainui District.

J. Ollivier, for the City of Christchurch.

W. S. Moorhouse, for the Town of Kaiapoi.

M. P. Stoddart, for the Bays District.

The Speaker then called upon Messrs. Wilkinson, Rowe, Haylock, Ollivier, Moorhouse, and Stoddart to take their seats.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

1, Return relating to the Electric Telegraph Department.

2, Journal of the Inspector of Sheep.

3, Monthly Report of the Chief Surveyor to 30th June, 1863.

4, Return of Lands Sold and Granted, 1st October, 1862, to 30th June, 1863.

The Council adjourned at 3.15 p.m., until Friday next.

FRIDAY, 17TH JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowler, Buckley, Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Harston, Moorhouse, Peacock, Rickman, Shand, Simms, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council the Election of Messrs. J. S. Williams and R. Rickman to serve as Members of the Provincial Council for the Heathcote and Mandeville Districts respectively.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Cost of the Foot Bridge over the River Avon, in Gloucester Street.

Leave was granted to bring in a "Superintendent's Corporate Powers Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Canterbury Marine Boards Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Road Districts Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

5, Report of Dr. Stedman on the Christchurch Hospital.

6, Interim Report of the Education Commission.

7, Return of the Traffic across the River Rakaia.

8, Return of Immigration and Emigration to 30th June, 1863.

9, Return of Immigration and Emigration from 1st October, 1861, to 30th September, 1862.

The Council adjourned at 1 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 21ST JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Bowler, Davis, Duncan, Haylock, Ross, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Lyttelton, on the State of the Law with regard to the Licensing of Public Houses, was presented, read, and received.

The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

10, Correspondence showing the steps taken to Provide Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of the Province.

11, Papers referring to the West Coast Expedition.

12, Report of the Harbour Master, Lyttelton.

13, Returns showing the Amount Expended on the Erection, Painting, &c., of the Gloucester Street Foot Bridge.

14, Report of the Inspector of Schools for the period ending March, 1863.

15, Chief Surveyor's Report to June 30, 1863.

16, Correspondence from the Provincial Government to John Marshman, Esq., Immigration Agent.

17, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure by the Provincial Treasurer for Nine Months, ending 30th June, 1863.

Leave was given to bring in an "Amended Public House Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Superintendent's Corporate Powers Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Captain Westenra in the chair.

The Clauses passed as printed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The "Canterbury Marine Boards Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1 was proposed.

Amendment was granted "That the words 'shall be' be struck out, and the words 'are hereby' substituted. That the words 'Port of Akaroa and Port of Timaru respectively' be struck out."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Leave of Absence was granted to Mr. Bowler for one month.

The Report of the Education Committee was ordered to be printed.

The Report on the Hospital was ordered to be printed.

The "Road Bill" was read a second time.

Leave was given to bring in a Bill to Impose Tolls upon the New Bridge over the North Branch of the Waimakariri, at Kaiapoi."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted "That an Imprest of £25,000 be granted to his Honor the Superintendent for the purpose of Defraying the Ordinary Expenditure of the Government until the passing of the Estimates.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 7.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Duncan, Ross, Templer, White, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 18, Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent and the Chief Marine Board, with reference to a Light House at Lyttelton Heads, was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Cost of Construction of the Iron Girder Bridge over the North Branch of the Waimakariri."

Paper No. 19, Amended Return of the Cost of the Gloucester Street Foot Bridge, and Cost of the Iron Girder Bridge over the Waimakariri, was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "For a Return of Amounts paid by way of Compensation, either for Land or otherwise, in connection with the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway. Also, a Return of Claims of a similar nature still outstanding, or in course of settlement."

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Cost of Advertising Habitual Drunkards, under Clauses 33, 34 of the "Public House Ordinance, 1862," setting forth the amount charged in each case."

Paper No. 20, Return of the Cost of Advertising Habitual Drunkards, was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £5,000 to Defray the Expenses of Procuring 1000 Enfield Rifles, with Ammunition."

Paper No. 21, Return of the Strength of the Canterbury Volunteers, was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "That an Amended Return of the Gloucester Street Foot Bridge be laid on the table, showing the Cost of—1. Large Logs of Wood for Uprights. 2. Timber. 3. Stage on which the Bridge was built. 4. Ironwork. 5. Cement. 6. Bolts, &c. 7. Gravel and Cartage. 8. Shewing also, not only the actual Amount of Money drawn out of the Provincial Treasury in cash, but the Amount and Value of Stores consumed thereon."

Leave was given to bring in a "Sheep Ordinance Consolidation Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time.

The Superintendent's "Corporate Powers Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee to Consider an Address to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

The following Address passed, and was adopted:—

"TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY, VICTORIA, QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,—

"MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

"We, your Majesty's Dutiful, Loyal Subjects, the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Canterbury, New Zealand, in Session assembled, humbly desire to offer our most heartfelt and loyal congratulations on the recent auspicious and joyful Marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

"Conscious of a profound sentiment of loyalty and veneration for your Majesty, we rejoice to recognize, in this happy event, an additional Bond of Union between this distant Colony and your Majesty's august Family.

"We hasten to take this opportunity of testifying our respect and devotion to your Majesty, and join, with all our hearts, in the unanimous and sincere assurance of all your Majesty's subjects, that the Marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, will tend to promote the continued prosperity of a reign with which the welfare and happiness of all your Majesty's Dominions are so intimately associated."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Address was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to her Majesty the Queen, in the usual manner.

The Council in Committee to Consider an Address to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The following Address passed and was adopted:—

“ TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES,—
“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES,

“ We, the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Canterbury, New Zealand, in Session assembled, desire most earnestly to give expression to the loyal feelings with which we regard the joyful celebration of the Marriage of your Royal Highnesses.

“ We hail with deep satisfaction a union so fortunate and sacred, sincerely trusting that it will prove a source of happiness to our beloved Queen, while we feel confident that it will justify the highest expectation for the British Empire.

“ We feel the greatest confidence in the confirming of the Alliance between the Ancient Kingdoms of Great Britain and Denmark, and feel assured that the auspicious Marriage of your Royal Highnesses will be the means of long continued friendship and concord between two nations owning one common origin.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Address was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted in the usual manner.

Motion was granted “ That it is desirable to appoint a Commission to Enquire into and Report upon the Necessity for Establishing an Efficient System of Landing Goods, &c., at the Port of Timaru.”

The “ Kaiapoi Bridge Tolls Bill ” was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clauses 1—5 passed as printed.

The Schedule was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “ That the words ‘ double the tolls before the hours of 6 a.m., and after 9 p.m., ’ be expunged.”

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Cox, Fyfe, Harston, Hornbrook, Rickman, Stoddart, Toswill, Wilson. Noes, 14: Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Clark, Davis, Hawkes, Haylock, Maude, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Shand, Wilkin, Williams.

Amendment was granted “ That the words ‘ before the hours of 6 a.m. and after 9 p.m. ’ be expunged, and the words ‘ between sunset and sunrise ’ inserted.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

Leave was given to bring in a “ Bill to Impose Tolls at White’s Waimakariri Bridge.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council separated at 10.8 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Duncan, Ross, Lance, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The “ Public House Bill ” was read a second time.

The Council in Committee to Consider a Reply to the Address of his Honor the Superintendent.

The following Reply passed :—

“The Council have great pleasure in meeting your Honor in the proud position to which you have been called by the unanimous voice of the people.

“The Council thank your Honor for the Address with which you opened the present Session.

“It is gratifying to hear that the Finances of the country maintain their accustomed stability.

“The Council is glad to observe that your effort to place the Debentures in the Colonial Market has satisfactorily shown the value of our Securities in the neighbouring Colonies, and agree with your Honor in believing that this local appreciation of our progress in wealth and stability must have a beneficial effect on any future issue in the English Money Market, but at the same time deems that any further issue in the Colonial Market would be impolitic.

“The importance of a much larger Survey Establishment will be weighed by the Council with the full desire to recognize the duty which rests upon it of making such provision as will give possession of Land to the Purchaser with the least possible delay.

“The desirability also of at once obtaining reliable information regarding the Western Coast of this Province points to the necessity for a more extended scale of operation in the Survey Department.

“The Council join with your Honor in deploring the loss of Mr. Whitcombe, and cordially approve your recommendation that a provision should be made for the benefit of his Family, and that the faithful services of his attendant, Jacob Louper, should not be overlooked.

“The continued progress of the Railway Works is a fact which cannot fail to sustain the confidence that has always been felt, that this great work will be brought to a successful termination.

“The Council begs to express its readiness to consider any proposals your Honor may think fit to submit for at once Extinguishing the Rights of Individuals on the lines of future Railways, and trusts that immediate steps may be taken for the Efficient Survey of the best Lines of Road for their Extension, that you may thus be enabled to purchase the Lands, and so prevent the extravagant demands which the Government has thus far had to meet.

“The Council has much pleasure in testifying to the earnestness with which the Gentlemen appointed by your Honor, as an Education Commission, have entered on their duties.

“The Council will gladly avail itself of the opportunity of joining your Honor in Loyal Addresses to her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the subject of the late happy event—the Marriage of their Royal Highnesses.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

Motion was carried upon division, “That in the opinion of this Council, the Clauses of the “Waste Lands Regulations” should be Reconsidered, with a view to Raising the Price of the Waste Lands of the Crown in this Province.”

Ayes : —.

Noes : All the Members present.

Motion was granted “For a Return shewing the Amount Expended by the Government during the past year in Bonuses to Accommodation House Keepers, and in Purchasing Buildings and Improvements made by Accommodation House Keepers on Government Reserves.”

The Council in Committee to Consider Clause 2, and the Schedule to the “Kaiapoi Bridge Bill.”

Clause 2 was proposed.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That there be added to the Clause the words 'Provided that not more than one Toll be levied on the same Beast or Vehicle between the hours of 12 o'clock at night and 12 o'clock on the following night.'"

Ayes, 14: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Clark, Cox, Fyfe, Harston, Rickman, Shand, Stoddart, Turnbull, Wilkinson, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 12: Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Hawkes, Haylock, Hornbrook, Maude, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Toswill, Williams.

The Schedule was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That in the 1st, 2nd, 4th lines of the Schedule, '6d.,' '6d.,' '9d.' be read respectively."

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Hawkes, Haylock, Hornbrook, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkinson, Williams. Noes, 14: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowen, Clark, Cox, Fyfe, Harston, Moorhouse, Simms, Stoddart, Templer, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson.

The last line of the Schedule was struck out.

The Schedule passed.

The Title, Preamble passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was granted "That Members be allowed to remove Books from the Library of the Council under Regulations to be made by Mr. Speaker and the Librarian."

The Council in Committee to Consider the "Marine Boards Bill."

Clause 1 passed with addition, "and there are hereby constituted for the Ports of Akaroa and Timaru respectively, Marine Boards to consist of Three Wardens each."

Clause 2 passed as read.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Sheep Ordinance Consolidation Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

A Library and House Committee was appointed, to consist of Messrs. Westenra, Ollivier, Harston, Shand, Wilkin, Maude.

Motion was granted "That the Orders of the Day not discharged do stand for the next Sitting Day."

The Council adjourned at 10.20 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Mr. Bowler.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Publicans of Canterbury was presented, read, and received.

The "Public House Bill" was referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. Ollivier, Cox, Hawkes, Stoddart, J. Beswick, Harston, Maude. To report within 14 days.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Cost of the Breakwater in the Waimakariri between Felton's Ferry and Kaiapoi."

Paper No. 22, Cost of the Breakwater in the Waimakariri was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Sheepowners' Names appended, who have been Fined for having Scabby Sheep since the "Sheep Ordinance" has been in force, together with the number of Sheep owned respectively by the Proprietors whose names are appended, the Amount of Fines Inflicted and the Period Allowed for Cleaning; and stating what Extension or Extensions of Time have been allowed to each; and giving the Actual Amount Paid by each Sheep-owner for Fines."

The "Canterbury Marine Boards Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Council do go into Committee for the Consideration of the Clauses of the "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill."

Ayes, 24: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Buckley, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Lance, Maude, Moorhouse, Peacock, Rickman, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Simms, Stoddart, Toswill, White, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson. Noes, 6: Messrs. Clark, Harston, Ollivier, Templer, Westenra, Wilkinson.

The Council in Committee.

Clauses 1, 11 passed as printed.

Clause 12 passed with addition "Provided that if any Owner of Sheep, convicted on an information under this Clause, shall show, to the satisfaction of two Justices of the Peace, that from causes beyond his control it was impossible for him to erect such dipping apparatus, it shall be lawful for such Justices to suspend the penalty inflicted under such information for a period not exceeding three calendar months. Provided always, that if any Owner of Sheep shall, within such period of suspension, produce a Certificate, under the hand of an Inspector of Sheep, that such dipping apparatus has been erected, such penalty shall be altogether remitted."

Clause 13 passed as amended, "For 'week' to be read 'fifteen days.'"

Clause 14 as printed.

Clause 15 with addition "Provided, however, that if at any time during such period of suspension, it shall be proved, upon the evidence of an Inspector of Sheep, to the satisfaction of any two Justices, that the Owner of such Sheep is not making reasonable exertion to clean the same, then such Suspension shall, by such Justices, be declared to be null and void, and the payment of the penalty shall be enforced in the usual way."

Clause 16 passed with addition "Provided, however, that if at any time or times during such period of six months, it be proved to the satisfaction of two Justices of the Peace, that such Owner is not making reasonable exertion to clean his sheep, he shall, forthwith, be liable to a further information under the provisions of the preceding Section, notwithstanding such period of six months shall not have expired."

Clauses 17, 18, 19 passed with amendment.

Clause 20 was ordered to be struck out.

Upon division: Ayes, 12: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Davis, Hornbrook, Lance, Simms, Toswill, White, Wilson. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Harston, Hawkes, Maude, Rowe, Wilkin, Williams.

Clauses 21—51 passed as printed with Amendment.

Clause 52 was struck out.

Clauses 53, 54, 55 passed as printed.

The Schedule passed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The "Waimakariri Bridge Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as read.

The Schedule, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The Council in Committee on the "Road Bill."

Clauses 1, 2 passed as printed.

Clause 3 was postponed.

Clauses 4—15 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Duncan, Haylock, Lance, Ross, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Paper No. 23, Correspondence between Miss M. S. Rye and the Provincial Government on Female Immigration, was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "That a Return be laid upon the table, shewing the Number of Horses Purchased by the Provincial Government during the year ending 1st July, 1863; the Names of Persons from whom they were Purchased; by whom they were Purchased for the Government; the Price of each Horse, and the Department for which they were Purchased."

Motion was granted "That a Nominal Return be laid on the table, shewing the Number and respective Amounts of Vouchers for which Moneys have been received for third parties by Officers of the Government during the year ending 1st July, 1863."

Motion was granted "For a Copy of the Conditions under which the Lyttelton Wharf is Leased."

Motion was granted "For a Copy of any Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Colonial Secretary, in reference to the Appointment of a Resident Magistrate for the District of Christchurch."

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Resident Magistrate's Office, relative to Fees and Fines."

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

24, Correspondence between the Resident Magistrate's Office and the Provincial Government relative to Fines.

25, Return of Bonusses afforded to Accommodation House Keepers during the past year.

26, Return of the Expenditure of part of Grant for Building New Places of Worship.

27, Report of the Provincial Engineer on the Progress of Public Works for Financial Year 1862-63.

28, Report of the Provincial Engineer on the Re-organization of the Public Works Department.

29, Reserves to be Confirmed by the Provincial Council.

Motion was granted "For the Appointment of a Select Committee to take Evidence as to whether any Promise, direct or implied, was given to Mr. William White that his Interest in White's Kaiapoi Bridge should not be interfered with by the Erection of a New Bridge in Kaiapoi from the Public Funds. To consist of Messrs. Shand, Rickman, Clark, Maude; with power to call for Persons, Books, and Papers. To report within fourteen days."

The Council in Committee on the "Road Bill."

Clause 16 was proposed, the words from 'and shall' to 'such works' were ordered to be struck out.

Further amendment was negatived upon division, "That all words from 'and shall expend' to the end of the Clause be struck out."

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Birch, Buckley, Cox, Fyfe, Harston, Turnbull, White. Noes, 12: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Davis, Hornbrook, Maude, Peacock, Rowe, Shand, Stoddart, Toswill, Wilkin, Williams.

Clause 16 passed with amendments.

Clause 17 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 7.45 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 30TH JULY, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Duncan, Harston, Haylock, Hornbrook, Moorhouse, Rickman, Templer, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Message No. 1, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"The Superintendent has great pleasure in concurring with the terms of the Address to her Majesty the Queen, on the subject of the late Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

"The Superintendent also fully concurs with the Address to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

"The Addresses will be forwarded through the proper channel.

"S. BEALEY,
"Superintendent."

The Report of the Auditor was received, read, and ordered to be printed.

The name of the Provincial Solicitor was added to the "Public House Bill" Committee.

Motion was granted "For a Numerical List of Patients received into the Christchurch Hospital; the Liabilities incurred by and the Moneys received from each Patient. The Return to extend from 27th May, 1862, to 1st July, 1863."

Leave of Absence was granted to Major White for Fourteen Days.

The Council in Committee on the "Road Bill."

Clause 18 passed with amendment.

Clause 19 as inserted, "It shall not be lawful to make or levy any Rates on any Land or Premises belonging to and in the occupation of her Majesty, or of the Provincial Government of Canterbury, or on any Lands or Buildings used exclusively for Public, Charitable, or Literary, or Scientific purposes; or on any Building used exclusively for Public Worship, or for a Public School, or School House, provided it be inhabited only by the Master or Mistress of such School, or his or her Family."

Clauses 21, 22, 23 passed as printed.

Clause 24 considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Clause do read 'if nett annual value up to £50, one vote; up to £100, two votes; exceeding £100, three votes.'"

Ayes, 4: Messrs. Davis, Ollivier, Rowe, White. Noes, 15: Messrs. Birch, Bowen, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Fyfe, Lance, Maude, Peacock, Ross, Shand, Toswill, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson.

Clauses 24—29 passed with amendment.

Clause 16 was re-considered.

Motion was granted "That the Clause do stand ending with the words 'in that behalf.'"

Clauses 30, 31 passed.

Clause 32 was postponed.

Clauses 33—39 passed.

The Schedule passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 8.20 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Haylock, Lance, Moorhouse, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Lyttelton, praying for a Reserve for Purposes of Recreation, was presented, read, and received.

The Speaker notified to the Council the Receipt of an additional Report from the Provincial Auditor.

The Report was read.

Leave was given to bring in a "Bill to Establish a Board of Education."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

A Select Committee was appointed to Consider the Division of the Districts under the "Road Bill;" to consist of Messrs. Toswill, Shand, Clark, Rickman, Rowe, Cox, Maude. To report within 14 days.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Permanent Charges £14,041 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 8.15 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Harston, Haylock, Rickman, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council the Assent of his Honor the Superintendent to the "Superintendent's Corporate Powers Bill," and that the "Canterbury Marine Boards Bill" had been Reserved for the Assent of his Excellency the Governor.

A Petition from the Christchurch Young Men's Christian Association was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Christchurch Total Abstinence Society was presented, read, and received.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

30, Return of Patients Admitted into Christchurch Hospital, with Amounts Due by and Received from each.

31, Return Shewing the Number of Horses Purchased by the Provincial Government during Year ending 1st July, 1863.

32, Return of Items composing the £198 8s., Expenses Incurred in getting Deeds Signed at Melbourne.

33, Letter from Mr. Harry Kenrick, offering to Erect a Bridge over the Waimakariri at Pass Hill.

Motion was granted "That a Portion of the Sum specified in the Estimates for Metalling the Lincoln Road be at once Expended on that portion of the said Road intervening between the Scotch Church and the Town Belt."

Motion was negatived upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sum not exceeding £600, to Defray the Expenses of Providing a Site for the Recreation of Youth, and Drill of Volunteers and other Corps, in the Town of Lyttelton."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Davis, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Peacock, Rowe, Stoddart, Toswill. Noes, 15: Messrs. Clark, Cox, Duncan, Hawkes, Lance, Maude, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Ross, Shand, Turnbull, Westenra, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Items composing the £198 1s. for Expenses of getting Deeds Signed at Melbourne."

The "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 was considered. The words 'Clerk to the Superintendent' were struck out. The words 'Keeper of the Public Records' were inserted.

Upon division: Ayes, 15: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Ross, Rowe, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin, Williams. Noes, 3: Messrs. Ollivier, Peacock, Shand.

Further amendment was negatived upon division, "To add the words 'and sealed and countersigned by the Clerk to the Superintendent.'"

Ayes, 3: Messrs. Ollivier, Peacock, Shand. Noes, 14: Messrs. Buckley, Clark, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Ross, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin, Wilson, Williams.

The Clause passed as amended.

Clause 3 was struck out.

The Schedule, Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Leave was given to bring in a "Fencing Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "That the House do go into Committee of Supply for the Consideration of the Estimates, on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, at Eight o'clock, or earlier, if the Order of the Day shall have been discharged."

The "Kaiapoi Bridge Tolls Bill" was read a third time and passed.

"White's Waimakariri Bridge Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Superintendent's Salary Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Provincial Auditor's and Deputy Auditor's Salary Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council adjourned at 8.15 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Cox, Haylock, Hornbrook, Moorhouse, Rickman, Simms, Templer, White, Wilkin, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Akaroa was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Magistrates and others of Christchurch was presented, read, and received.

Motion was granted "For a Return from the Resident Magistrate's Court of the Number of Cases under the head of Criminal Prosecutions, shewing those for which Convictions have been obtained and otherwise, from 1st October, 1861, to 30th September, 1862; and also during the Nine Months from 1st October, 1862, to 30th June, 1863."

Motion was granted "For a Return shewing the Names of the Persons who Tendered for any portion of the £500,000 Loan, and shewing what Tenders have or have not been accepted."

Paper No. 34, Return of Tenders for Loan under the "Canterbury Loan Ordinance, 1862," was laid upon the table.

The "Fencing Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1—21 passed with amendment.

Clause 22 was considered. Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Bill come into operation 1st October, 1863."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Buckley, Fyfe, Harston, Shand, Wilson. Noes, 12: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Clark, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Maude, Ross, Rowe, Toswill, Turnbull, Williams.

Clause 22 passed as printed.

The Schedule, Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill to the House.

Leave was given to bring in a "Railway Tolls Bill." The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was proposed "That the 'Superintendent's Salary Bill' be read a second time."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That that Bill be read a second time that day six months."

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Buckley, Harston. Noes, 16: Messrs. Beswick, Clark, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Lance, Maude, Ollivier, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Toswill, Turnbull, Westenra, Williams, Wilson.

The "Superintendent's Salary Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as printed. The Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman Reported the Bill.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was proposed, Executive £2890 0 0

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Chairman do Report Progress, and ask leave to sit again."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Davis, Fyfe, Harston, Turnbull. Noes, 14: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Duncan, Hawkes, Lance, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Toswill, Williams, Wilson.

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THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1863.

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Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Cox, Haylock, Hornbrook, Moorhouse, Rickman, Simms, Templer, White, Wilkin, Wilkinson.

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Clause 22 passed as printed.

The Schedule, Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill to the House.

Leave was given to bring in a "Railway Tolls Bill." The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was proposed "That the 'Superintendent's Salary Bill' be read a second time."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That that Bill be read a second time that day six months."

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Buckley, Harston. Noes, 16: Messrs. Beswick, Clark, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Lance, Maude, Ollivier, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Toswill, Turnbull, Westenra, Williams, Wilson.

The "Superintendent's Salary Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as printed. The Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman Reported the Bill.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was proposed, Executive £2890 0 0

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Chairman do Report Progress, and ask leave to sit again."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Davis, Fyfe, Harston, Turnbull. Noes, 14: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Duncan, Hawkes, Lance, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Toswill, Williams, Wilson.

Vote was taken, Executive £2890 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The "Provincial Auditor and Deputy Auditor's Salary Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as printed.

The Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The Council in Committee to Consider Resolutions.

"1. That it is desirable that the offer made by Mr. Harry Kenrick for Building a Bridge over the River Waimakariri, at the Pass Hill, be accepted."

"2. That the Tolls to be Charged during the First Five Years shall be not exceeding Double the amount of the Tolls specified in the Schedule to Mr. White's 'Waimakariri Bridge Ordinance,' after that time to be at a rate similar to that imposed at White's Waimakariri Bridge."

Resolution No. 1 passed as read.

A Motion to report progress was negatived.

Resolution No. 2 passed as read.

The Resolutions passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported and adopted.

The Council adjourned at 12.15 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Harston, Hornbrook, White, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Bishop of Christchurch and others relating to the "Public House Bill" was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of St. Alban's relating to the "Public House Bill" was presented, read, and received.

Paper No. 35, Return of Moneys received by Officers of the Public Works Department and others, for third parties, was laid upon the table.

Message No. 2, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"The Superintendent transmits to the Provincial Council the opinion of the Provincial Solicitor in the case of Peacock's Award, and recommends that the Council make provision for discharging the claim.

"S. BEALEY,
"Superintendent."

The Report of the Committee on the "Public House Bill" was brought up, read, and received.

The Council in Committee to Consider Resolution "That it is the opinion of this House that the Works at the Waimakariri Breakwater be suspended."

Mr. Dobson attended and gave Evidence.

Discussion ensued.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Chairman do Report Progress.

Ayes, 20: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Cox, Duncan, Fyfe, Hawkes, Haylock, Lance, Maude, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Rowe, Stoddart, Templer,

Toswill, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson. Noes, 6: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Davis, Rickman, Shand, Turnbull.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Acreage of the Land Sold in this Province but Unsurveyed, up to 1st July, 1863."

The "Board of Education Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 was considered.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the words be added 'all of whom shall be Laymen.'"

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Davis, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Bickman, Rowe, Shand, Turnbull, Williams. Noes, 13: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Cox, Duncan, Fyfe, Hawkes, Maude, Ross, Stoddart, Templer, Toswill, Wilkin, Wilson.

Clause 2 passed as printed.

Upon division: Ayes, 14: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Cox, Duncan, Fyfe, Hawkes, Maude, Ross, Stoddart, Templer, Toswill, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson. Noes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Davis, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rickman, Rowe, Shand, Turnbull.

The remaining Clauses passed with amendments.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Superintendent's Salary Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Provincial Auditor's and Deputy Auditor's Salary Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee to Consider the Reserves made Temporarily by his Honor the Superintendent, during the Recess.

The following Reserves were Confirmed:—

No.	Quantity.			Description.	Remarks.
	A.	R.	P.		
262, in red.	12	3	37	Situate at Timaru, bounded on the N. by the south side of Brown Street, 720 links; on the E. by the west side of Rose Street, 1820 links; on the S. by the north side of Catherine street, 700 links; and on the W. by the western boundary of the town of Timaru; subject, nevertheless, to the boulevard along the town boundary, two chains wide.	For a Public Garden and Pleasure Garden.
263, in red.	6	3	8	Situate in the Christchurch district, being bounded on the north-eastward by section No. 3729; on the south-eastward by road by trigonometrical station C 28; on the north-westward by Section 4252; and on the south-westward by Section 2704.	For a Public Pound and Poundkeeper's Residence.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.	Description.	Remarks.
264, in red.	A. R. P. 640 0 0	Having one mile frontage on the S. Railway Reserve, between 44th and 45th mile, and extending back south-easterly in a rectangular block one mile, subject to the reserve line of the South Road.	For a Supply of Water, and a Resting-place for Stock.
265, in red.	488 0 0	All that block of land in the Ashburton district, bounded on the N.E. by the Reserves for Township and Ferry on the S. bank of the Rakaia; on the N.W. and S.E. by lines parallel to and half-a-mile distant from the line of railway; and on the S.W. by a line drawn through the 37th mile peg on the said Railway, at right angles to the north-western and south-eastern boundaries.	For a Town and Railway Reserve.
266, in red.	5 0 0	Situate in the Ellesmere district, commencing at the western corner of Section 4583, on the Railway Reserve, thence south-westerly along the said Reserve a distance of 10 chains, and running back south-easterly in a rectangular block a distance of five chains S.W. of and adjoining the before-mentioned Section 4583.	For a Railway Reserve.
267, in red.	45 0 0	Bounded on the S.E. by the Railway Reserve; on the N.E. and S.W. by the high banks of the old river bed of the Selwyn; and on the N.W. by a line parallel to and 10 chains distant from the before-mentioned Railway Reserve.	For a Railway Reserve.
268, in red.	44 0 0	Situate in the Ellesmere district, bounded on the N.W. by the Railway Reserve; on the N.E. and S.W. by the high banks of the old river bed of the Selwyn; and on the S.E. by a line 10 chains from and parallel to the before-mentioned Railway Reserve, and numbered 268 (in red.)	For Railway purposes.
269, in red.		Sections Nos. 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, formerly included in the township of Sefton.	For Provincial Government purposes.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.			Description.	Remarks.
	A.	R.	P.		
270, in red.	134	0	0	Situate in the Mandeville district, on the Sand Hills, between Kaiapoi and the sea, being bounded on the N. by a road to the Beach, a distance of 43 chains 10 links; on the E. by a road along the edge of the Sand Hills, separating this Reserve from Sections 2397, 2398, 2409, 993, a distance altogether of about 31 chains 50 links; on the S. by Section No. 1393, a distance of 45 chains; and on the W. by another road along the edge of the Sand Hills, separating this from Section 320, a distance of about 32 chains.	For a Volunteers' Practice Ground.
271, in red.	640	0	0	Having one mile frontage to the sea, and one mile to the N. bank of the River Hokitaki, situate on the West Coast.	For a Township.
272, in red.	640	0	0	Having one mile frontage to the sea, and one mile frontage to the S. bank of the Hokitaki, situate on the West Coast.	For a Township.
273, in red.	640	0	0	Being a block of land having about one mile frontage to the sea in Jackson's Bay, and extending back on the average to the south-eastward one mile, being at the mouth of a river running into the bay.	For a township.
274, in red.	5000	0	0	Situate on the S. bank of the River Grey, commencing at the north-west corner of a Reserve for Native purposes, containing 250 acres, and numbered 34 of the General Government Reserves in the Grey district, for Native purposes, situate at the junction of the River Arnold with the River Grey, and extending along the western and southern boundaries of the said Reserve to the River Arnold; thence following along the said river in a south-easterly direction a distance of two and-a-half miles; thence by a straight line in a westerly direction to a point being 15 chains distant from and in continuation of the eastern boundary of a Reserve for Native purposes, containing 250 acres,	For a Coal-field.

RESERVES (*continued*).

No.	Quantity.			Description.	Remarks.
	A.	R.	P.		
275, in red.	20	0	0	and numbered 33 of the General Government Reserves in the Grey district, for Native purposes; thence following along the eastern side of the said Reserves to the River Grey; and thence along the River Grey to the commencing point. Situate in the Mandeville district, between Rural Section No. 1083 and the N. branch of the Waimakariri.	For a Gravel Pit.
276, in red.	10	0	0	Situate in the Lyttelton district, being bounded on the N. by the ridge running down from Mount Pleasant; on the W. by Section No. 1763; on the S. by Section No. 258; and on the E. by Pre-emptive Right No. 205.	For a Range for Rifle Practice.
277, in red.	5	0	0	Situate in the township of Arowenua, having about 5 chains frontage to the Railway Reserve, and extending back easterly a distance on the average of 10 chains S. of and adjoining the Main Road, passing through the township from E. to W.	For the purpose of Erecting Buildings for the uses of the Provincial Government.
278, in red.	5	0	0	Situate in the town of Timaru, commencing at the Junction of King Street with Queen Street, following north-easterly along Queen Street a distance of about 3 chains 60 links, thence south-easterly at a right angle, a distance of about 8 chains 65 links to the creek, following along the said creek in a westerly direction to King Street, and returning along the said street to the commencing point.	For the purpose of Erecting Buildings for the uses of the Provincial Government.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Reserves as confirmed by the Committee.

They were adopted by the House.

The Council adjourned at 11.15 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Hornbrook, White, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Templeton was presented, read, and received.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Oxford was presented, read, and received.

The Report of the Committee on White's Kaiapoi Bridge was brought up.

Paper No. 36, Return shewing the Number of Cases under the head of Criminal Prosecutions, from 1st October, 1861, to 30th September, 1862; and also from 1st October, 1862, to 30th June, 1863, was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Declare the Provincial Council Electoral District of Lincoln an Agricultural District under the provisions of the "Trespass of Cattle Ordinance, Session XIV., No. 1."

The "Bill to Establish a Board of Education" was read a third time and passed.

Motion was granted "That in consequence of material alterations in the "Public House Bill" by the Select Committee, by Expunging several Clauses, and the Introduction of others, it is Expedient that the Bill be Printed before going into Committee of the whole House."

Motion was granted "That the Town Sections in the Townships of Geraldine, Ashburton, Arowhenua, Waimatimati, and Little River, shall be put up to Sale in Quarter-Acre Lots or thereabouts, and that the Upset Price shall be at the rate of not less than £48 per acre."

The "Railway Tolls Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed with amendments.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Council do go into Committee to consider the following Resolutions:—

"1. That in the opinion of this Council the Ordinary Expenditure of the Province for the Year should not be allowed to exceed the Ordinary Revenue for the same period.

"2. That as it appears by the Estimates submitted to the Council, the Ordinary Expenditure, exclusive of Railways and Special Works, for the coming year, will exceed the Ordinary Revenue by the sum of £46,664 18s. 11d., a reduction on the Estimated Expenditure should be made to this extent if practicable.

"3. That in order to carry out the proposed reduction with as little inconvenience as possible to the Public Service, the Estimates be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Messrs. Maude, Ollivier, Wilkin, Harston, Toswill, Beswick, Buckley. To report in ten days."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Buckley, Fyfe, Harston, Turnbull. Noes, 20: Messrs. Clark, Cox, Duncan, Hawkes, Haylock, Lance, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Simms, Stoddart, Templer, Toswill, Westerra, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Motion was granted "That a sum not exceeding £50,000 be paid from the Account of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway to the Account of Ordinary Revenue."

Vote was taken, Superintendent's Salary	...	...	...	...	£1500	0	0
" Auditor's	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
" Expenses of Elections	...	...	...	...	75	0	0

Vote was proposed, Provincial Council, £1075.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Clerk's Salary read £250."

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Bowen, Davis, Maude, Shand, Williams. Noes, 9: Messrs. Clark, Fyfe, Hawkes, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Stoddart, Toswill, Wilson.

Vote was taken, Provincial Council	...	...	...	...	£1075	0	0
" Supreme Court	...	...	...	...	1250	0	0

Vote was proposed, Gaol, Lyttelton, £2472 15s.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the Number of Wardens at 6s. 6d. per diem be Reduced to Three."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Beswick, Clark, Hawkes, Ollivier, Rowe, Stoddart, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilson. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Davis, Fyfe, Maude, Peacock, Shand.

Vote was taken, Gaol, Lyttelton (Miscellaneous £100) £2016 17 6

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, White, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Rangiora was not received on account of informality.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

37, Contract with Messrs. Shaw, Savill and Co., to Provide Ships for Immigration.

38, Return of Lunatics admitted into Lyttelton Gaol, and Probable Cause of Lunacy, from January, 1854, to May, 1863.

Leave was given to bring in a "Christchurch City Council Bill, No. 1."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave was given to bring in a "Christchurch City Council Bill, No. 2."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

A Select Committee was appointed to Enquire into and Report upon the Works necessary for the Conservancy of the River Waimakariri, from the Seventh Mile Peg to the Junction of the North and South Branches of the River; with power to call for Evidence and Papers. To consist of Messrs. Clark, Stoddart, Beswick, Moorhouse, Wilkin, Toswill, Ollivier.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That it is desirable that Mr. William White should be allowed a Lease of the Tolls at the New Bridge at Kaiapoi for the remainder of the term of his Lease, under 'White's Kaiapoi Bridge Ordinance.'"

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Clark, Davis, Fyfe, Maude, Ollivier, Shand. Noes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Buckley, Cox, Peacock, Rowe, Stoddart, Turnbull, Westenra, Wilkin, Wilson.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The Items of Unvoted Expenditure were considered.

Vote was taken,	Permanent Charges	...	...	...	...	£600	0	0
"	Expenses of Elections	...	...	...	...	7	13	5
"	Gaol	...	...	...	...	901	9	7
"	Waste Lands	...	...	...	...	3	15	0
"	Surveys	...	...	...	...	534	14	9
"	Charitable Aid	...	...	...	...	288	5	3
"	Hospital, Christchurch	...	...	...	...	39	9	3
"	Printing, &c.	...	...	...	...	373	14	4
"	Dog Collars	...	...	...	...	109	7	2
"	Postages, &c.	...	...	...	...	128	1	8
"	Maintaining Fire Engine	...	...	...	...	16	13	4
"	Law Library	...	...	...	...	205	0	0
"	Provincial Council Library	...	...	...	...	10	3	0
"	Insurance...	...	...	...	...	6	17	5
"	Public Amusements	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
"	Telegraph	...	...	...	...	41	5	8
"	Compensation to Ferry Lessees	...	...	...	...	380	0	0

Vote was taken, Ground for Court House	...	...	...	£1500	0	0
" Designs for Lunatic Asylum	...	...	...	151	10	0
" Law Expenses	...	...	...	600	0	0
" Christ's College	...	...	...	60	0	0
" Expenses, Court of Appeal	...	...	...	217	4	6
" W. S. Moorhouse's Expenses to Auckland	...	...	...	50	0	0
on Public Service	...	...	...
" Subsidy to "Geelong"	...	...	...	100	0	0
" Corn Measures for Accommodation Houses	...	...	...	31	5	0
" Freight, &c., of Fire Engine	...	...	...	49	0	8
" Expedition to West Coast	...	...	...	1762	9	6
" S. Gundry, Damage to Powder	...	...	...	14	0	0
" Commission, Mountfort and Luck	...	...	...	13	15	0
" E. A. Rodda, Damage to Box	...	...	...	10	0	0
" C. E. Fooks, Maps	...	...	...	12	12	0
" Captain Sproul, Gratuity	...	...	...	12	10	0
" Building at Custom House	...	...	...	12	13	6
" Firing Signal Gun	...	...	...	6	0	0
" Sundries	...	...	...	15	9	0
" Case for Specimens and Freight	...	...	...	17	14	6

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee on the "Public House Bill."

The Clauses passed with Amendment.

The Schedule, Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill to the House.

Motion was granted "For a Re-consideration of the Resolution of the Council of 2nd December, 1862, referring to the case of Mr. Peacock's Award."

The Council in Committee.

The following Reply to Message No. 2 of last Session passed, "The Council thank your Honor for your Message respecting the case of Mr. Peacock, and will make provision for discharging the claim."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent in the usual manner.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The Items of Unvoted Expenditure, Public Works, were considered.

Vote was taken, Provincial Engineer	...	...	...	£	54	3	4
" Rent of Office	...	...	...	19	0	7	
" Salaries, Banks' Peninsula	...	...	...	777	18	11	
" Police Barracks	...	...	...	1002	15	1	
" Hospital, Christchurch	...	...	...	139	2	0	
" Christchurch to Felton's...	...	...	...	602	17	6	
" Felton's to Ashley	...	...	...	89	12	4	
" Ashley to Kowai	...	...	...	54	3	4	
" Leggatt's Swamp...	...	...	...	152	13	0	
" Stokes' Road	...	...	...	1	4	0	
" Water Holes to Rangitata	...	...	...	17	7	3	
" Shand's Road	...	...	...	7	11	6	
" Mill Bridge, Fendall Town	...	...	...	16	9	3	
" Baxter's Ferry	...	...	...	64	0	0	
" Heathcote Drainage	...	...	...	19	2	4	
" Avon Clearing	...	...	...	669	14	6	
" Rakaia Road	...	...	...	160	0	0	
" Mandeville Road...	...	...	...	7	13	6	

Vote was taken, Rangiora Road	£ 1 8 0
„ Sefton Road	2 1 0
„ Outstanding Liabilities, Bank's Peninsula ...	16 17 2
„ Drawing Office	130 11 0
„ Government Buildings	172 2 3
„ Clerk of Works to Buildings	47 6 4
„ Lyttelton Goal	146 5 10
„ Old Goal	19 6 0
„ Kaiapoi Pound	13 2 0
„ Recovering Bodies of Men Drowned	3 0 0
„ Pegs for Railway	5 10 0
„ Plant	420 12 8
„ Imprest to Pay Clerk	600 0 0
„ Additional Sum for Stores (see Store Account } letters A. M.)	1720 15 0
„ Gaol	414 2 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Harston, Haylock, Hornbrook, Simms, Templer, Toswill.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the District between Fendall Town and Papanui was presented, read, and received.

The Report of the Committee on the Division of Districts under the "Road Bill" was brought up.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

39, Tracing of Timaru Roadstead by Mr. Woollcombe.

40, Map and Section by the Provincial Engineer shewing the result of a Journey to the West Coast.

41, Section accompanying Report of the Geological Survey.

42, Map accompanying Report of the Geological Survey.

43, Return shewing Nationality of Assisted Immigrants from 1st January, 1861, to 31st March, 1862; and from 1st April, 1862, to 31st March, 1863; also, Financial Details of Assisted Immigration from 1st April, 1862, to 31st March, 1863.

Motion was negatived "That it is Desirable that certain Regulations should be made by the Government for the Use of the Reserves Surrounding the Harbour."

The Council in Committee on the Schedule to the "Railway Tolls Bill."

Schedules A, B, passed.

Clauses 1—7 were amended.

The Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

Motion was granted "That it is Advisable that the Government Introduce a Bill for the Prevention of Bush Fires."

The Council in Committee on Clauses 7—21 of the "Public House Bill."

Clauses 7—21 were reconsidered and amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill to the House.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £200, to Erect a Bridge over the Kaituna River on the Direct Road to Lake Forsyth and Akaroa, the sum of £100 voted last Session being insufficient to accomplish that work."

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Davis, Fyfe, Moorhouse, Peacock, Rowe, Wilkinson. Noes, 18: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowler, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Hawkes, Lance, Maude, Ollivier, Rickman, Ross, Shand, Stoddart, Turnbull, Westenra, Williams, Wilson.

Leave was given to bring in a "Roads Diversion Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Paper No. 44, Plan of Land described in the Schedule to the "Roads Diversion Bill, 1863," was laid upon the table.

The Council in Committee on the "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill."

Clause 1 was reconsidered.

The words were added "except as to Coupons of Debentures already issued under the said recited Ordinance."

The Clause passed as amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee on the "Roads Districts Bill."

The Schedule passed as printed.

Clause 3 passed as read.

Clause 18 passed, the words "holding property" being inserted after "person."

The new Clauses proposed were considered.

In Clause 34, the words "and foot passengers" were struck out.

Clauses 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 passed as amended.

A new Clause, 40, was inserted.

Schedules A, B, passed.

The Title and Preamble passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Leave was given to bring in a "Bill to Regulate Passenger Conveyances."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the Council do go into Committee to Consider Resolution

"1. That it is Desirable to Encourage the Private Enterprise of Persons Willing to Erect Bridges within the Province of Canterbury, under the following terms and conditions:—

"1. That Tolls not exceeding such amounts as may be approved of by this Council be charged upon the traffic in each case.

"2. That the Person Erecting such a Bridge as may be approved of by the Superintendent, be allowed a Lease of the Tolls for any term not exceeding Seven Years, at a nominal rental."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Birch, Cox, Fyfe, Maude, Moorhouse, White, Wilkin, Williams. Noes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Hawkes, Ollivier, Rickman, Shand, Stoddart, Turnbull, Westenra, Wilkinson, Wilson.

The Council adjourned at 10.40 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Duncan, Harston, Haylock, Lance.

The Speaker in the chair.

Leave was given to bring in a "Bill to Amend the Cattle Driving Ordinance, 1862."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted "For the Correspondence between the General Government and the Provincial Government of Canterbury on the subject of a 'Masters and Servants' Act.'"

Motion was negatived upon division, "That the 'Public House Bill' be recommitted."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Clark, Davis, Fyfe, Ross, Simms, Toswill, Turnbull, White, Wilkin. Noes, 18: Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Buckley, Cox, Hornbrook, Maude, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rickman, Rowe, Shand, Stoddart, Templer, Westenra, Wilkinson, Williams, Wilson.

Motion was negatived "That that Bill be read a third time this day six months."

The "Public House Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Motion was granted "For any Report from Mr. Dobson or the Provincial Engineer upon the present state of White's Waimakiriri Bridge.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

45, Report of the Provincial Engineer upon the State of the proposed Bridge over the Waimakariri Ferry.

46, Correspondence from H. Selfe Selfe, Esq., English Agent for Canterbury, from 25th September, 1862, to 26th May, 1863.

47, Correspondence from the Immigration Agent for Canterbury, from 25th September, 1862, to 26th May, 1863.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to take steps for Opening up an Outlet at Lake Ellesmere to Drain the Lake."

Standing Orders Nos. 135, 145 were suspended, to admit the introduction of "Peacock's Jetty Extension Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Roads Diversion Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed.

The Schedule, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The "Ferryroad Railway and Wharf Tolls Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Gaol, Christchurch £567 5 0

Vote was considered, Police, £8419 12s. 6d.

The item of Inspectors was considered, and reduced to £500.

Upon division: Ayes, 15: Messrs. Birch, Bowen, Buckley, Clark, Fyfe, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Moorhouse, Peacock, Rowe, Toswill, Turnbull, Williams, Wilson. Noes, 12: Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Cox, Ollivier, Rickman, Ross, Shand, Simms, Templer, White, Wilkin, Wilkinson.

Vote was taken, Police £8160 12 6

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Davis, Duncan, Haylock, Ross, Templer, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

48, Correspondence from Provincial Government to H. Selfe Selfe, Esquire, English Agent for Canterbury, from 14th October, 1862, to 13th June, 1863.

49, Return of Owners of Diseased Sheep; the Amount of Fines Inflicted; the Period Allowed for Cleaning; also, the Amount Paid by Sheep Owners for Fines.

50, Return shewing the Cost of Furniture, Fittings, and Materials Supplied to the Christchurch Hospital from 1st July, 1862, to 30th June, 1863.

51, Copy of Offer of Messrs. Holmes and Co. to Lease the Ferrymead Line of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

The "Cattle Driving Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as printed.

The Preamble, Title, passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill to the House.

The "Stage Carriages Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed with amendment.

Clause 14 was inserted, "Every Driver, Conductor, or other Person who shall use any Horse for the Drawing of Stage Carriages Licensed under this Ordinance, when such Horse shall, from sores or other injuries be unfit for work, or shall in any way subject any Horse to Unnecessary Pain or Suffering, shall, for every such offence, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, or, in default, to be Imprisoned with Hard Labour for any term not exceeding Fourteen Days."

The Schedule, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Roads Diversion Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Education £9,893 16 5

Vote was negatived, Immigration, £25,000.

Ayes, 7: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Rowe, Turnbull. Noes, 11: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Hawkes, Maude, Peacock, Rickman, Toswill, White, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson.

Vote was taken, Immigration, to be expended under the Go- } £33,700 0 0
vernment Immigration Commissioners }

„ Charitable Aid 2,250 0 0

Vote was considered, Hospital, £5,282.

The item, Physican £700, was struck out.

Upon division: Ayes, 13: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Buckley, Clark, Fyfe, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Peacock, Rickman, Rowe, Shand, Stoddart, Wilson. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bowen, Cox, Hawkes, Maude, Moorhouse, Toswill, White, Wilkin, Williams.

Vote was proposed, Hospital, £4,632.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the Vote pass."

Hospital, Grant for Six Months, £2,500.

Hospital, Gratuity, £1,500.

Ayes, 17: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Hornbrook, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rickman, Rowe, Shand, Simms, Stoddart, Turnbull, Wilkin, Wilson. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Fyfe, Hawkes, Maude, Toswill, White, Williams.

The Council adjourned at 12.15 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Bowler, Clark, Cox, Hawkes, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Shand, Stoddart, Westenra, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Notices on the board for the day were renewed.

Notices of Motion were given.

Motion was granted "That the Council do Adjourn on account of the Illness of the Provincial Secretary, until Tuesday, 1st September.

The Council adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Cox, Duncan, Haylock, Ross, Stoddart, Wilson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Message No. 3, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

"The Superintendent transmits to the Council the 'Public House Bill,' with the following Amendments:—

"In Clause 1 to be added the words 'Except so far as the same extend to Repealing any former Ordinance, and except also, that all Licenses Granted under the said recited Ordinances shall remain in full force and virtue until the end of the term for which such Licenses have been granted, and all Offences Committed against the said recited Ordinances before the commencement of this Ordinance, shall and may be Prosecuted, Heard, Determined and Punished as if this Ordinance had not been made; and all such Offences Committed after the commencement of this Ordinance, shall be Prosecuted, Heard, Determined and Punished under the Provisions of this Ordinance.'

"S. BEALEY,
"Superintendent."

The "Cattle Driving Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee to Consider the following Resolutions upon the Report of the Lyttelton Wharf Commission:—

1. "That it is desirable, in enlarging the Wharfage Accommodation, to adopt a plan that shall provide ultimately for the Safe and Commodious Berthing of Vessels of the largest tonnage likely to frequent the Port of Lyttelton, keeping also in view a ready access to the Railway.

2. "That the works for effecting this object will necessarily involve an undertaking of great magnitude, and will call upon the Province for a proportionately large expenditure of money.

3. "That although the Report of the Commission recommends a definite line of operations, it also recommends that, before accepting the same, further opinions as to the site and character of the works should be obtained.

4. "That the Council, concurring with this recommendation, is of opinion that the whole question should be at once referred to England for the highest professional advice.

5. "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to cause such additional details and plans as may be necessary to be forwarded to England.

6. "That in order to meet the immediate requirements of the Port, His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to order from England a sufficient amount of Materials for completing a Wharf of 450 feet in length, together with the Machinery requisite for Dredging the Harbor. The Wharf to be erected where the Engineers in England may advise.

7. "That the thanks of this House be given to the Gentlemen who formed the Lyttelton Wharf Commission for their very full and able Report.

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3 passed as read.

No. 4 passed.

Upon division: Ayes, 16: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Clark, Davis, Fyfe, Hawkes, Lance, Maude, Rowe, Shand, Simms, Templer, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin, Williams. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bowler, Buckley, Hornbrook, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rickman, White, Wilkinson.

No. 5 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the words be added 'and that prior to forwarding the same, the Evidence of Engineers of Eminence in the Colonies should be taken upon the Harbour and the proposed Plans, and which shall be transmitted to England as a sequel to the Report.'"

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Bowler, Buckley, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rickman, White, Wilkinson. Noes, 17: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Clark, Davis, Fyfe, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Lance, Maude, Rowe, Shand, Simms, Templer, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin, Williams.

No. 5 passed as read.

No. 6 passed as amended, "That '600 feet' be read for '450 feet,' and that the last Sentence of the Clause be Omitted."

No. 7 passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council adjourned at 9.10 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Cox, Duncan, Haylock, Lance, Rickman, Templer, Wilkinson, Wilson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Leave was given to bring in a "Lyttelton Municipal Council Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee on the "Public House Bill."

Clause 1 was reconsidered.

Amendment was granted "That the words be added 'Except so far as the same extend to Repealing any Former Ordinance, and except also that all Licenses Granted under the said recited Ordinances shall remain in full force and virtue until the end of the terms for which such Licenses shall have been granted; and all Offences Committed against the said recited Ordinances before the commencement of this Ordinance, shall and may be Prosecuted, Heard, Determined and Punished as if this Ordinance had not been made, and all such

Offences Committed after the commencement of this Ordinance shall be Prosecuted, Heard, Determined, and Punished under the provisions of this Ordinance.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Upon discussion as to whether the Vote for Hospital were open for Debate, the Speaker took the chair and decided that that Vote was open.

The Committee resumed.

Captain Westenra in the chair.

Vote was taken, Lunatic Asylum	...	...	...	...	£2,145	7	6
„ Inspector of Sheep	...	...	...	...	1,850	0	0
„ Public Plantations	...	...	...	...	843	4	0
„ Weights and Measures	...	...	...	...	310	0	0
„ Considered, Harbour	...	...	...	...	9,104	4	0

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the item 'Two Boatmen, at 7s.—£255 10' be struck out."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Toswill. Noes, 14: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Bowler, Clark, Fyfe, Maude, Moorhouse, Ross, Shand, Simms, Stoddart, White, Wilkin, Williams.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the item be struck out 'One Licensed Pilot, £150.'"

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Buckley, Clark, Davis, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Shand, Stoddart, Toswill. Noes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Bowler, Fyfe, Maude, Moorhouse, Ross, Simms, White, Wilkin, Williams.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Noes.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the item be struck out 'House at the Heads for Pilot and Crew, £400.'"

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Buckley, Clark, Davis, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Stoddart, Toswill. Noes, 12: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Bowler, Fyfe, Maude, Moorhouse, Ross, Shand, Simms, White, Wilkin, Williams.

Amendment was negatived "That the item be struck out 'New Moorings and Cables, £1000.'"

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Clark, Davis, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Shand, Toswill. Noes, 12: Messrs. Bowen, Bowler, Fyfe, Hawkes, Maude, Moorhouse, Ross, Simms, Stoddart, White, Wilkin, Williams.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the item stand, Timaru: Boats, Landing Plant, &c., for a New Service to be Expended in the Government Township, £1,000."

Ayes, 12: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Davis, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Rowe, Toswill, Wilkin. Noes, 5: Messrs. Beswick, Fyfe, Simms, White, Williams.

Vote was taken, Harbour £9,104 4 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Buckley, Cox, Duncan, Fyfe, Haylock, Lance, Peacock, Rickman, Templer, Turnbull, Wilkinson, Williams.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition for the appointment of a Government Chaplain was presented, read, and received.

Motion was granted "For a Return of the Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Mr. Thomas Hughes, in reference to the Opening up of the Okain's Bay Road."

The Council in Committee to Consider the "Roads Districts Bill."

Clause 35 was reconsidered and passed: "A meeting of such Electors shall be held at the hour of Noon on such days for each district respectively as the Superintendent shall appoint, after the 1st day of the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, &c., &c., &c."

The Schedule was reconsidered and passed with clerical amendment.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Public House Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Defences	...	...	...	...	...	£6550	0	0
" Fuel for various Departments	...	...	...	...	...	350	0	0
" Printing, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	3000	0	0
" Registration of Deeds	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
" Dog Collars	...	...	...	...	...	750	0	0
" Postage, Cartage, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
" Painting, Sweeping, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	400	0	0
" Maintenance of Fire Engine	...	...	...	...	...	133	6	8
" Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
" Extra Clerical Aid	...	...	...	...	...	200	0	0

Vote was proposed, Maori Cattle Trespass, £12 10.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the vote be struck out."

Ayes, 8: Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Clark, Davis, Shand, Simms, Stoddart, White. Noes, 8: Messrs. Bowen, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Ollivier, Rowe, Wilkin, Wilson.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Noes.

Motion was granted "That Consideration of the Vote be Postponed until Wednesday the 9th instant."

Vote was taken, Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	£300	0	0
" Kaiapoi Mechanics' Institute	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
" Timaru Mechanics' Institute	...	...	...	...	...	398	0	0
" Akaroa Mechanics' Institute	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
" Agricultural and Pastoral Association	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
" Grant in Aid to Libraries	...	...	...	...	...	660	0	0

Vote was disallowed, Introduction of Alpacas, £500.

Vote was taken, Introduction of Fish	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
" Church Building Grant	...	...	...	...	...	4178	15	6
" Public Amusements	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
" Purchase of Site adjoining Government Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	2150	0	0
" Purchase of Site for Lyttelton Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	920	0	0
" Grant for the Widow and Family of the late Mr. Whitcombe	...	...	...	...	...	1000	0	0
" Gratuity to Louper	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
" Commemoration of Marriage of his Royal Highness Prince of Wales...	...	...	...	...	...	1000	0	0
" Hose Reel for Fire Engine	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
" Erection of Meteorological Instruments	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
" Salary of Meteorological Officer	...	...	...	...	...	200	0	0

Vote was taken, Expedition to the West Coast	£200	0	0
„ Examination of Cattle at Akaroa	26	5	0
„ Malvern Coal Fields, Wages	24	6	0
„ Adjustment of Accounts, Christchurch City } Council	130	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 1.10 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Rickman, Templer, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council the Assent of his Honor the Superintendent to the following Bills:—

“ Kaiapoi Bridge Tolls Bill.”

“ White’s Waimakariri Bridge Bill.”

“ Superintendent’s Salary Bill.”

“ Provincial Auditor and Deputy Auditor’s Salary Bill.”

“ Board of Education Bill.”

“ Public House Bill.”

“ Railway Tolls Bill.”

“ Roads Diversion Bill.”

“ Cattle Driving Bill.”

Message No. 4, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“The Superintendent begs to intimate to the Speaker of the Provincial Council his concurrence with the Resolutions on the Report of the Lyttelton Wharf Commission.

“ S. BEALEY,
“ Superintendent.”

Motion was granted “For a Return of Sums Paid during the last Year, as Compensation for Damage done to Powder in the Government Magazine, and all Outstanding Claims.”

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

52, Return of Correspondence between Mr. Thomas Hughes and the Provincial Government, in reference to the Okain’s Bay Road.

53, Return of Payments Made and Liabilities Incurred for Land taken for the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

54, Correspondence relating to the Occupation, by Richard Bowen, of the Rangitata Ferry.

55, Correspondence relating to the Trespass of European Cattle on the Maori Reserve at Kaiapoi.

Leave was given to bring in a “ Christchurch Hospital Bill.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The “ Christchurch City Council Bill ” was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as read.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill.

The "Stage Carriages Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was disallowed, Steam Bonus, Intercolonial, £3,000.

Vote was taken, Steam Bonus, Coastal	£1,000	0	0
" Waste Lands Board	743	12	0
" Survey	25,500	0	0
" Geological Survey	1,500	0	0

Vote was considered, Public Works, Permanent Staff, £3,000.

The first item, "Provincial Engineer, £850," was struck out.

Upon division: Ayes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Clark, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Lance, Ollivier, Rowe, Toswill, Wilson. Noes, 7: Messrs. Bowen, Maude, Ross, Simms, Stoddart, Turnbull, Wilkin.

The item "Architectural Draughtsman, £400," was struck out.

Upon division: Ayes, 9: Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Lance, Rowe, Ollivier, Toswill, Turnbull. Noes, 8: Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Maude, Ross, Simms, Stoddart, Wilkin, Wilson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Bowler, Buckley, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Haylock, Moorhouse, Peacock, Templer, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that J. C. Aikman, Esq., had been duly Elected to serve as Member of the Provincial Council for the Heathcote District.

The Report of the Committee on the Conservancy of the Waimakariri was brought up, read, and received.

Motion was negatived upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates such a sum, not exceeding £1,500, as may be necessary to Purchase Mr. William White's Interest in the Lease of the Kaiapoi Bridge on the North Branch of the Waimakariri; such Sum to be Assessed by a Valuation of the Tolls.

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Clark, Fyfe, Hawkes, Ollivier, Rickman. Noes, 15: Messrs. Aikman, Beswick, Hornbrook, Maude, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Simms, Stoddart, Toswill, Turnbull, Westenra, Wilkin, Williams, Wilson.

The Council in Committee on the "Roads Districts Bill."

Clauses 33, 34, were reconsidered and amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee on the "Fencing Bill."

Clause 20 was inserted, "Any Person occupying Land under any Pasturage License held under the Crown, may require any Occupier of any adjoining land granted by the Crown to Make or Repair a Fence between the land in their respective occupation, and all the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to such case as if both such Occupiers held land which had been granted by the Crown; but an Occupier of land granted by the Crown abutting on land occupied under such License as aforesaid, shall not be entitled to require the Person occupying such last mentioned land to Make a Fence between the lands occupied by them respectively: Provided always that the liability of any Person occupying under such License as

aforesaid shall only extend to One-fourth of the cost of such Fence, or of the Repair of such Fence, and the Occupier of the land so granted as aforesaid, shall be liable to Three-fourths of such cost."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The Vote for the Hospital was proposed for reconsideration.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the Speaker do take the chair and rule upon point of Order as to the reconsideration of the Vote for Hospital."

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Aikman, Beswick, Hornbrook, Ollivier, Rickman, Rowe, Shand, Simms, Wilson. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bowen, Fyfe, Hawkes, Maude, Ross, Turnbull, Toswill, Wilkin, Williams.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Ayes.

The Speaker took the chair.

The Speaker decided that the Vote for the Hospital was still open for discussion.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The Debate upon the Vote for Hospital was adjourned.

The Items of the Outstanding Liabilities were considered.

Vote was taken,	Survey Instruments	£ 150	0	0
"	Stores, Plant	250	0	0
"	Lyttelton Powder Magazine	200	0	0
"	Lunatic Asylum... ..	2087	0	0
"	Immigration Barracks	1295	19	1
"	North Road, Forming and Metalling... ..	865	18	6
"	Kaiapoi Bridge	1780	0	0
"	Weka Pass Road, Forming and Bridges	2800	0	0
"	Rangiora Road, Forming and Metalling	1107	10	0
"	South Road Metalling	1400	0	0
"	Oxford " "	1254	0	0
"	Rangiora Ford Road, Forming, Metalling, } Bridges	673	0	0
"	Colombo Street South	250	0	0
"	Hoon Hay Road	600	0	0
"	Springs Road, Metalling	459	3	4
"	Lincoln " "	1300	0	0
"	Ellesmere Junction,,	960	0	0
"	Sumner Road, Carting Metal	153	0	0
"	Halswell Junction Road, Metalling	337	13	3
"	Governor's Bay Road, Forming, and Bridges	340	0	0
"	Gebbie's Road, Forming	425	0	0
"	Dyer's Pass Road, Forming and Culverts	140	0	0
"	West Coast Road	400	0	0
"	Papanui Bridge from England	2000	0	0
"	Kaiapoi Town	145	3	1
"	Rangiora Swamp	2125	17	0
"	North Selwyn Drainage	1500	0	0
"	Avon District	80	0	0
"	Lincoln and Riccarton Junction Road	262	10	0
"	Mandeville District	256	18	4
"	Sefton District	150	0	0
"	Upper Waimakariri Road	200	0	0
"	Beach Road	409	4	0
"	Lyttelton Gaol, Timber	80	0	0
"	Lyttelton Boat House	240	0	0
"	Christchurch Hospital	130	0	0
"	Repairs of Roads, three months	2000	0	0

Vote was taken, Purau Line	£ 83 10 0
„ Wainui District	918 10 9
„ Akaroa Jetty Crane	25 0 0
„ Road at Hughes' Mill	175 0 0
„ Okain's Bay	285 18 0
„ Port Levy	514 0 0
„ Office Expenses	34 15 3
„ Timaru, Survey and Public Works Office ...	631 0 0
„ „ Hospital	310 0 0
„ „ to Waitangi	980 0 0
„ „ Mount Cook District	1428 5 0
„ Improvements between Burke's Pass and Otago	290 0 0
„ Tekapo District	40 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Cox, Duncan, Lance, Rickman, Templer, White, Wilkinson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted "For a Return of any Reports that may have been received from Mr. Dobson since August last, with reference to the Bridge over the Main Branch of the Waimakariri."

Paper No. 56, Report of Mr. Dobson with reference to the Bridge over the Main Branch of the Waimakariri was laid on the table.

The Council in Committee on the following Resolutions:—

"1, This Committee is of opinion that no satisfactory data have or can be arrived at upon which the Line of Railway to Ferrymead should be Leased."

"2, That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully informed of this opinion in the hope that he may see fit to have the Railway Worked under a Competent Commission for a period of at least one year."

Resolution No. 1, passed as amended, the words "have been" being substituted for "have or can be."

Resolution No. 2 was withdrawn as printed, and passed, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully informed that in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that until the Opening of the Tunnel Line, the Line of Railway should be Leased by Public Tender for a period not exceeding Three Years."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

Motion was granted "That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Provincial Government should, during the present Session, Introduce an Act for the Slaughtering of Cattle."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The Debate on the Vote for Hospital was resumed.

Vote was taken, Hospital	£5300 0 0
„ West Coast Road, Pack Horse Track to Tara- }	3000 0 0
„ makau Saddle	
„ New Ferry, Moorings, and Rope	800 0 0
„ Avon Clearing	1500 0 0

Vote was taken, Pass. Hill Bridge	£2,100, half to be sub-	}	£600	0	0
	scribed by Mr. Kenrick				
„	Approaches, Pass Hill		150	0	0
„	Commission and Survey, Timaru Roadstead ...		200	0	0
„	Survey and Preparation of Plans for Defence	}	150	0	0
	of Waimakariri Banks				

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Leave was given to bring in "Passenger Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Christchurch City Council Bill" was read a third time and passed.

Leave of Absence was given to Mr. Bowler to the End of the Session.

The "Fencing Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee for the Consideration of the "Sheep Bill."

Clause 6 was reconsidered and passed, the words "or other distinguishing mark" being inserted after "brand," in the second.

Clause 7 passed with clerical amendment.

A new Clause, No. 9, was inserted, "If any person shall cut off more than One-third part of the Ear of any Sheep, he shall be liable to a Penalty of not more than Five Pounds for each Sheep in respect of which such offence has been committed."

Clause 15 was amended.

Clause 19, the words "six months" were read in each case for "twelve months."

Clause 30, the words were added "provided further, that all Sheep, so landed, shall be Dressed at some such place as aforesaid, within Fourteen Days after they have been so landed, and the Owner of any Sheep offending against the Provisions of this Section shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Shillings for each Sheep which has not been so dressed within the time so limited for that purpose."

Clause 53, the Interpretation was amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Leave was given to bring in a "Bush Fires Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Leave of Absence was given to Mr. Templer to the End of the Session.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Clark, Duncan, Hornbrook, Ross, Templer, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from Captain Wycherly was presented and received.

Upon division: Ayes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Davis, Fyfe, Lance, Rickman, Shand, Simms, Stoddart, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkinson. Noes, 6: Messrs. Cox, Maude, Ollivier, Westenra, Williams, White.

The "Christchurch Hospital Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Speaker in the chair.

Message No. 5, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“The Superintendent proposes to take steps at once to Commence a Bridge across the Rakaiā, and requests the concurrence of the Council in this project.

“The chief consideration is that of the best Site, which is a question in a great measure to be decided by Professional Advice, coupled with a proper regard for the convenience of traffic.

“The Superintendent is of opinion that in undertaking the Bridging of a Large River, it would be desirable to provide for both Railway and Ordinary Traffic.

The work is one which very properly comes within the scope of the operation intended by the “Loan Ordinance, 1862;” and the Superintendent reserves from this source of Revenue a sum of not less than £50,000 to meet the requirement of the undertaking, of which, for the present year, the Council is recommended to appropriate Ten Thousand Pounds.

“S. BEALEY,
“Superintendent.”

The Committee on the “Christchurch Hospital Bill” resumed.

Clauses 1—12 passed with amendment.

Clause 13 was inserted “No person shall, at any time, be permitted to attend as Medical or Surgical Adviser on any Patient in the said Hospital, or to hold any Medical or Surgical Office, or Appointment, in or about the said Hospital except such Person shall be a duly qualified Medical Practitioner under some Act or Ordinance for the time being in force in the Province of Canterbury.”

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Motion was granted “That it is the opinion of this Council that immediate steps should be taken for Constructing a Bridge over the Rakaiā.”

Motion was granted “That the Government do take into consideration the Opening of the Timber Reserves on Banks’ Peninsula.”

The “Bush Fires Bill” was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That the words from ‘aforesaid’ to the end be struck out.”

Ayes, 3: Messrs. Davis, Peacock, Rowe. Noes, 12: Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Hawkes, Maude, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Shand, Stoddart, Toswill, Wilkinson, Williams, Wilson.

Clauses 2—6 passed as printed.

The Schedule, Preamble, and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The “Lyttelton Municipal Council Bill” was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as printed.

The Schedule, Preamble, Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Duncan, Hornbrook, Lance, Moorhouse, Peacock, Templer, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

57, Additional Reserves to be Confirmed by the Provincial Council.

58, Memorandum to his Honor the Superintendent from the Provincial Auditor on the State of the Accounts of the Lyttelton Jetty.

Motion was negatived "That the 'Bush Fires Bill' be recommitted."

Motion was withdrawn by consent "That it is Desirable that the Importation of Cattle from Provinces in the Australian and Tasmanian Colonies, under proper Restrictions, should be allowed."

Leave was given to bring in a "Road Districts Bill, No. 2."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Council in Committee on the "Road Districts Bill, No. 1."

Clauses 18—32 were reconsidered and amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Sheep Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Bush Fires Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Passenger Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clauses 1, 2 passed with amendment.

Clause 3 was proposed.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the words be added 'Provided that any Passenger who shall have certified that he has been a Passenger in any Ship travelling between any Port within the boundaries of the Colony of New Zealand and the Port of Lyttelton twice within a period of six months, shall within such period be Exempt from the Payment of such rate.'"

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Buckley, Cox, Davis, Hawkes, Maude, Ollivier, Rickman, Simms, Stoddart, Toswill, Wilson. Noes, 9: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Clark, Fyfe, Aikman, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Williams.

Clauses 3 to 10 passed as printed.

Clause 11 was inserted "This Ordinance shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1864."

The Schedule, Preamble, and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Leave was given to bring in an "Inwood Mill Ordinance Amendment Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The "Christchurch Hospital Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Speaker notified to the Council the Assent of his Honor the Superintendent to the following Bills:—

"The Stage Carriages Bill."

"The Christchurch City Council Bill."

"The Fencing Bill."

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, North Sefton District	...	...	...	...	£1500	0	0
" South...	"	...	...	...	2850	0	0
" Oxford	"	...	...	...	1300	0	0

Vote was proposed, Rangiora and Mandeville District, £6450.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That '£5000' be read for '£6450.'"

Ayes, 16 : Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Davis, Fyfe, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Rowe, Shand, Stoddart, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkinson, Wilson. Noes, 7 : Messrs. Beswick, Aikman, Hawkes, Maude, Rickman, Simms, Williams.

Vote was taken, Rangiora and Mandeville District	...	...	£5000	0	0
" Town of Kaiapoi, Grant...	...	...	500	0	0
" Avon District East	...	...	1150	0	0
" " Central	...	...	1950	0	0
" " West	...	...	1000	0	0
" Heathcote District East...	...	...	3850	0	0
" " Central	...	...	1100	0	0
" " South	...	...	1000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Duncan, Haylock, Hornbrook, Lance, Moorhouse, Rickman, Templer, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates a sufficient Sum to Provide and Place a Punt on the Rangitata Creek."

Motion was granted "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates a sufficient Sum to Form and Metal the Road from the Ferry to Sumner."

Motion was negatived upon division, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 to be granted to the Lincoln District West, in addition to the Sum already placed on the Estimates for the said District."

Ayes, 9 : Messrs. Clark, Cox, Davis, Fyfe, Ollivier, Peacock, Ross, Toswill, Wilkinson. Noes, 10 : Messrs. Beswick, Buckley, Hawkes, Maude, Rowe, Simms, Turnbull, Westenra, Wilkin, Wilson.

The "Roads Districts Bill, 1863," was read a third time and passed.

The "Roads Districts Bill, No. 2," was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as printed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

"Peacock's Jetty Extension Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as printed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as passed.

The Council in Committee to Consider the Schedule of Additional Reserves laid upon the table.

The following Reserves were passed by the Committee.

No.	Quantity.	Description.	Remarks.
279, in red.	A. R. P. 31 0 0	Situate in the Ashley District, bounded on the N.E. by Sections 3194 and 3883; on the N.W. by 3194, the Terrace Road and Sections 5388 and 3231; on the S.W. by 5388 and a line in continuation of the south-western boundary of Section 3231.	Diversion of North Road, &c.
280, in red.	1000 0 0	Bounded on the N. by the Native Reserves at the mouth of the Grey for a distance of a mile; and on the W. by the sea for about 1½ miles, and back to the extent of 1000 acres.	For a Township.
281, in red.	640 0 0	Situate on the N. bank of the Taramakau, on the West Coast, being a block of land having two miles frontage to the Taramakau, and extending back half a mile; western boundary being about 3½ miles from the sea, in a direct line, near the Ohou Creek.	For a Township.
282, in red.	12 0 0	Situate in the Timaru District, having 3 chains frontage to the S. bank of the River Rangitata on each side of the Railway Reserve, and extending back southerly a distance of 20 chains on either side of the said Railway Reserve.	For Railway Station.
283, in red.	77 0 0	Situate in the Timaru District, bounded on the N. by Section 4930; on the E. by the Railway Reserve; on the S. by Section 2692; and on the W. by the S. Road.	For Railway Station.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Reserves as passed by the Committee. They were adopted and ordered to be reported to his Honor the Superintendent.

Motion was granted "That 62 acres of the Reserve for Timber, No. 236, in Duvauchell's Bay, do cease to be reserved under Section 21 of the Waste Lands Regulations."

The Council in Committee to Consider the following Reply to Message No. 5 from his Honor the Superintendent, "The Council thanks your Honor for your Message respecting the Rakaia Bridge, and is of opinion that it is expedient at once to proceed upon this work."

Amendment was granted, "The Council thanks your Honor for your Message respecting the Rakaia Bridge; but, before sanctioning the expenditure of any Sum of Money in the prosecution of the work in question, the Council is of opinion that a Commission of Engineers should be appointed to Report upon the Site proposed, the Material to be used, and the probable Cost of the work. The Council would also respectfully request that your Honor should delegate to the Commission so appointed the duty of Reporting upon the Practicability of Bridging the other Large

Rivers to the South, and that these Reports should be submitted to the Council prior to taking any action thereon."

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken,	Lincoln District East	...	...	...	...	£2000	0	0
"	Lincoln Road West	...	...	...	...	1300	0	0
"	Port Victoria District	...	...	...	...	1250	0	0
"	Port Levy District	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
"	Little River District	...	...	...	...	1060	0	0
"	Town of Akaroa and Wainui District	...	...	...	...	1100	0	0
"	Bays District	...	...	...	...	600	0	0
"	Rakaia District East	...	...	...	...	450	0	0
"	Rakaia District South	...	...	...	...	2750	0	0
"	Rakaia District North	...	...	...	...	320	0	0
"	Rakaia District West	...	...	...	...	200	0	0
"	Ashburton District	...	...	...	...	900	0	0
"	Geraldine District	...	...	...	...	1400	0	0
"	Town of Timaru	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
"	Waitangi District	...	...	...	...	3700	0	0
"	Mount Cook District	...	...	...	...	1000	0	0
"	City of Christchurch	...	...	...	...	5000	0	0
"	Town of Lyttelton	...	...	...	...	4500	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee on the "Lyttelton Municipal Council Bill."

Clause 4 was reconsidered.

The words were added "Provided always, that until a Roll shall have been Prepared under the Authority of this Ordinance, each Ratepayer shall have but one vote."

Schedule A passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Beswick, Bowler, Clark, Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Haylock, Ross, Simms, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from W. H. Lane, on the subject of the "Inwood Mill Ordinance Amendment Bill" was presented, read, and received.

The "Passenger Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Peacock Jetty Extension Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The "Roads Districts Bill No. 2" was read a third time and passed.

Motion was negatived "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient Sum of Money to Form a Cart Road from Lyttelton to Governor's Bay."

Message No. 6, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“The Superintendent, in reply to the Resolutions of the Council on the Leasing of the Christchurch and Ferrymead Railway, begs to inform the Council that upon a mature consideration of the circumstances surrounding the question, he has determined not to call for Public Tenders for Leasing the Line, and at the same time forwards Copies of Correspondence with the Railway Contractors, from which the Council will be aware that at the special request of the Government, Messrs. Holmes & Co. have made an offer upon different terms, and which the Superintendent has thought proper to accept, and upon the terms of which he has agreed to Lease the Line to Messrs. Holmes & Co.

“S. BEALEY,
“Superintendent.”

Paper No. 59, Copy of Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Messrs. Holmes & Co. was laid upon the table.

Motion was granted “For a Return of any Correspondence which may have taken place between Mr. Weston, as Chairman of the Local Board of Akaroa, and the Provincial Secretary.”

The “Lyttelton Municipal Council Bill” was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Supreme Court	...	...	...	...	£5000	0	0
„ Gaol	...	...	...	...	5000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

Message No. 7, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“Before closing the present Session, I avail myself of the opportunity of declaring that the present circumstances of the Province are such as to justify an immediate preparation for carrying out the System of Railways which has been already projected to our Southern and Northern Districts.

“It is an undeniable fact that this country presents unusual facilities for Settlement, and it is equally certain that the colonizing public are not slow in their appreciation of it. We have now a population proportionately very much in excess of that which was anticipated by the most sanguine when the proposals for the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway were first laid before this Council; we have had a much larger extension of Land Sales, and their present continuance removes all grounds of fear for any material diminution of their amount.

“The Purchase of Waste Lands is the investment of a Capital which, by all legitimate means, it is our duty, not to the individual particularly, but to the country generally, to render reproductive. Fresh centres of population are required, and the labour in the outlying districts must be made profitable to Employers by giving such facilities of communication with the central market and Port of export as will allow them to compete with those who are favored with the far greater advantages of a ready means of disposing of their produce.

“It is remarkable that Canterbury, without the stimulus of a Goldfield or other unusual circumstances, stands pre-eminent among her sister Settlements for enormous prices, and the dearness of the most ordinary necessities of life; and until the more distant farms are enabled, by a rapidity and certainty of communication, only to be effected by Rail, to supply the wants of the principal centre of population, there can be no means of reducing prices and of resisting exorbitant demands.

“The Superintendent begs to intimate that measures will be taken to provide for the Expenditure upon the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, now under contract with Messrs. Holmes & Co., by issuing the Debentures of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan, so as to leave the Loan of 1862 free for further extensions; and it will at once appear to the Council a wise course to allocate this Loan to certain specific works,—works which shall be of a remunerative nature, and for which the Loan shall be reserved with a firm determination to admit of no alteration.

“The Allocation which appears most desirable, is to reserve the sum of £200,000 for the Building of Bridges and the Extinction of Title upon the Line of Railway projected South. The sum of £200,000 for the Building of Bridges and the Extinction of Title to the North.

“There will then remain the sum of £50,000 for the commencement of Works in the Harbour of Lyttelton.

“The reason why it is not proposed to reserve more of this Loan for the Harbour is, that the Superintendent is of opinion that the Harbour is an Estate which, with a judicious expenditure to meet its immediate requirements, will be held to be a First-class Security upon which to Borrow for those further Improvements which may be advised by Professional Gentlemen in England.

“With regard to the Railways, the Superintendent considers that if the Large Bridges and the Purchase of Lands be borne by the Province, there will be the greater probability of the Government of the Country being in a position to grant concessions, if necessary, to Private Capital to be employed in the Construction of the Lines.

“In naming these specific Allocations, the Superintendent is not in a position to give the Council any details of Cost, but wishes merely to indicate his determination to Reserve these Sums of Money, subject hereafter to adjustment when complete and reliable Estimates shall have been obtained, in order to ask the Council for the due appropriation of the Funds.

“S. BEALEY,
“Superintendent.”

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Christchurch Hospital ...	£	500	0	0
” Lyttelton Hospital ...		700	0	0
” Museum ...		300	0	0
” Quarantine Barracks ...		4000	0	0
” Diversion of Roads ...		1000	0	0
” Telegraph ...		1800	0	0
” Railways ...		101150	0	0
” Lyttelton Wharfage, preliminary ...		500	0	0
” Building a New Jetty ...		5000	0	0
” Extension of Telegraph to Waitaki ...		10000	0	0
” Hurunui Bridge ...		1000	0	0
” Gratuity to Hammett ...		50	0	0
” Building Grant for Schools ...		1000	0	0
” Chaplain to Lunatic Asylum and Hospital ...		225	0	0
” Man in Charge of Quarantine Barracks ...		112	10	0
” West Coast Survey ...		500	0	0
” Additional Purchase Money, Lyttelton } Hospital ...		41	17	6

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present : all except Messrs. Beswick, Birch, Bowler, Davis, Duncan, Fyfe, Haylock, Lance, Rickman, Ross, Simms, Templer, White, Wilkin, Wilkinson.

Leave of Absence was given to Mr. Duncan to the End of the Session, on the ground of ill health.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Printing Journal of Proceedings	£750	0	0
„ Arranging and Reprinting Ordinances	250	0	0
„ Erection of Pound at Kaiapoi	50	0	0
„ Waimakariri Breakwater	500	0	0

Vote was carried upon Division, Papanui Bridge (additional), £1000.

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Aikman, Hawkes, Maude, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Shand, Stoddart, Turnbull, Wilkin. Noes, 9: Messrs. Bowen, Buckley, Clark, Cox, Hornbrook, Peacock, Rowe, Toswill, Wilson.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Ayes.

Vote was taken, Akaroa Jetty Repairs	£275	0	0
„ „ „ Addition	400	0	0
„ „ Grant for New Jetty	120	0	0
„ Punt at the Rangitata	30	0	0
„ Additional Grant, North Rakaia District ...	150	0	0
„ „ West Lincoln „ ...	500	0	0
„ Survey of Timber Reserves	500	0	0
„ Grant in Aid of Works absolutely neces- } sary before the Road Boards are erected }	500	0	0

Motion was granted “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £2000 for the Maintenance of Main Thoroughfares in Christchurch.”

Vote was taken, Maintenance of Main Thoroughfares in } Christchurch,	£2000	0	0
„ Repairs of Roads, &c., until Road Boards } are formed, say 10 per cent. on Gross } Votes for Districts taken as ...	5000	0	0
„ Road to the Upper Waimakariri Country, } subject to the Stockowners purchasing } 1000 acres in that country ...	4000	0	0
Vote was reconsidered, Goal, Lyttelton, and taken	2372	15	0
„ „ „ Christchurch „	667	5	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Aikman, Birch, Bowen, Cox, Duncan, Fyfe, Haylock, Lance, Moorhouse, Peacock, Rickman, Ross, Simms, Templer, White, Wilson.

The Speaker in the chair.

A Petition from the Managing Committee of the Lyttelton Colonists' Society was not received on account of informality.

Paper No. 60, Copy of Correspondence between Mr. Weston, as Chairman of the Local Board of Akaroa, and the Provincial Secretary was laid upon the table.

Motion was negatived upon division, “That the ‘Inwood Mill Ordinance Amendment Bill’ be read a second time.”

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Ollivier, Rowe, Westenra, Wilkinson. Noes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Clark, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maude, Shand, Stoddart, Toswill, Turnbull, Wilkin, Williams.

Motion was granted “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £250 as a Grant to the Christchurch Mechanics' Institute.”

Message No. 8, of this Session, from his Honor the Superintendent, was received and read.

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

“The Superintendent recommends the Council to appropriate £500 to provide for the Addition to the Government Buildings of a Waiting Room, and the Alteration of the Room at present used as a Kitchen.

“S. BEALEY,
“Superintendent.”

Motion was granted “That a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place upon the Estimates the sum of £500 for the West Avon District, in addition to the Sum already on the Estimates for the said District.”

Motion was proposed “That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £500, as a Grant in Aid, for the Purchase of a Steam Land Fire Engine.”

Amendment was carried upon division, “That the sum of ‘£230’ be read for ‘£500.’”

Ayes, 9: Messrs. Beswick, Clark, Hornbrook, Maude, Rowe, Shand, Toswill, Wilkin, Williams. Noes, 7: Messrs. Buckley, Davis, Hawkes, Ollivier, Turnbull, Westenra, Wilkinson.

The Council in Committee to Consider the following Reply to Message No. 7 from his Honor the Superintendent:—

“The Council thanks your Honor for your Message, in which your Honor is pleased to announce your intention of taking the steps necessary to procure an Extension of Communication by Rail to the Southern and Northern Districts of the Province.

“The Council is of opinion that the preliminary steps for effecting so desirable a conclusion should at once be commenced.

“The Council considers it highly important that the Loan of 1862 should be reserved for certain specific works, and that it is applicable to the purposes set forth by your Honor as being works of a remunerative nature.

“The Council concurs with your Honor in the opinion that no departure should be made from the allocation proposed, except when most pressing reasons exist for any alteration; the Sums already reserved being only subject to an adjustment, when correct Estimates of the work to be done shall have been duly furnished, and the Expenditure shall have received the proper sanction of Law.

“The Council takes this opportunity of expressing an opinion that in the Selection of Routes, your Honor is by no means bound to those already projected, but trusts that your Honor will institute such enquiries as will secure the routes which possess the greatest advantages.”

Clauses 1, 2 passed as read.

Resolution 3 passed with addition, “But at the same time it is of opinion that the sum of £150,000, under present circumstances, is sufficient for the Extension of the Line to the North, and that the sum of £100,000 be reserved for the Operations which may be ordered in Lyttelton Harbour.”

Resolutions 4, 5 passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council in Committee of Supply, to Consider the following Resolution:—

“That whereas there is a sum of £1,000 at the Credit of the Canterbury Association’s Debentures Interest Account over and above the amount required for

Payment of Interest upon such Debentures, the said sum of £1,000 shall be transferred to the Capital Fund for Paying Off Debentures as the means accrue for so doing."

The Resolution passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

The Council in Committee of Supply to Consider the following Resolution:—

"That the Sinking Fund of the Loan of 1862, so far as it shall accrue during the present Financial Year, shall be invested in Australasian Securities."

The Resolution passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Provincial Engineer's Department	...	...	£4170	0	0
" Addition to Government Buildings	...	...	500	0	0
" Mechanics' Institute, Christchurch	...	...	250	0	0
" Subscription to Fire Engine	...	...	230	0	0
" Contingencies	...	...	5000	0	0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 11.15 p.m., until Tuesday next, at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1863.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: all except Messrs. Birch, Bowler, Cox, Davis, Duncan, Haylock, Rickman, Ross, Simms, White, Wilkin.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was withdrawn by consent, "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Estimates the sum of £400 to Defray the Cost of having the Portraits taken of Mr. Godley, the Founder of the Settlement, and the three Superintendents."

Motion was negatived "That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £200 for the Colonists' Society of the Town of Lyttelton, to assist them to erect a suitable Building for the Society's Mechanics' Institute and Athenæum."

Motion was negatived upon division, "That it is Desirable that the Government should Purchase Sites adjacent to the Government Buildings, if such purchases can be effected upon reasonable terms."

Ayes, 10: Messrs. Beswick, Aikman, Maude, Shand, Stoddart, Templer, Turnbull, Westenra, Williams, Wilson. Noes, 12: Messrs. Buckley, Clark, Fyfe, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Lance, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Toswill, Wilkinson.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

The Vote for the Rakaia District North (£470), was reconsidered.

Vote was taken, Rakaia District, North	...	...	...	£ 320	0	0
" " West	...	...	...	350	0	0
" Establishment of Road Boards	...	...	...	1000	0	0
Vote was taken upon division, Provincial Engineer	...	...	...	1000	0	0

Ayes, 11: Messrs. Beswick, Bowen, Aikman, Maude, Shand, Stoddart, Templer, Toswill, Turnbull, Williams, Wilson. Noes, 11: Messrs. Buckley, Clarke, Fyfe, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Lance, Moorhouse, Ollivier, Peacock, Rowe, Wilkinson.

The Chairman decided in favour of the Ayes.

Vote was reconsidered, Permanent Charges, and taken £17541 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Estimates as passed.

Leave was given to bring in an "Appropriation Bill."

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Standing Orders Nos. 108—121 were suspended.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses passed as read.

The Schedules, Preamble, Title passed with amendment.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

The "Appropriation Bill" was read a third time and passed.

The Council in Committee on the following Resolutions:—

"The Council resolves that it is Expedient that his Honor the Superintendent should at once take measures to Extinguish the Titles to Private Property along the Railway North and South.

"That the Council will Indemnify his Honor the Superintendent in respect of such Purchases as may be necessary for Railway purposes."

The Resolutions passed as read.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent.

The Minutes of the Day were Confirmed.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Council Chamber and delivered the following Address:—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"The present Session having now drawn to a close, I take the opportunity of thanking you for the very patient consideration which you have shown to the business which has been submitted to you.

"I congratulate the Province upon the fact that important questions which have occupied the Council in previous Sessions, have now been placed upon a footing so far satisfactory as to ensure the solution of those difficulties which have hitherto surrounded them.

"I allude specially to the Measures which you have been pleased to pass for organizing the Road Boards, and I fully appreciate the readiness which I am aware the public evince to enter upon this new system.

"I also advert to the fact that the "Board of Education Ordinance," although a Measure of a temporary nature, promises to result in such permanent arrangements as will undoubtedly prove beneficial to this rapidly increasing population.

"The utmost celerity will be used in collecting the necessary details for the proposed Extension of the Railways to the North and South, and I take this opportunity of stating that the Council have shown a wise discretion in concurring with my opinion, that in the selection of the routes, it is not absolutely incumbent to follow those already projected when it appears that a prudent deviation may possibly be the means of saving the Province a large outlay in the Extinction of Title to Private Property.

"The Harbour Improvements will occupy a prominent part of my attention during the recess, and no time will be lost in carrying out the decision which the Council have arrived at, contained in the Resolutions upon this subject.

"I have assented on behalf of his Excellency the Governor to the following Bills:—

- “The ‘Superintendent’s Corporate Powers Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Kaiapoi Bridge Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Waimakariri Bridge Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Superintendent’s Salary Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Provincial Auditor, and Deputy Auditor’s Salaries Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Board of Education Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Public House Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Ferryroad Railway and Wharf Tolls Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Diversion of Roads Special Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Cattle Driving Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Stage Carriages Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Fencing Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Bush Fires Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Christchurch Hospital Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Appropriation Bill.’

“I have reserved for the signification of his Excellency the Governor’s pleasure thereon,

- “The ‘Canterbury Marine Boards Bill, 1863.’
- “The ‘Canterbury Loan Ordinance Amendment Bill.’
- “The ‘Christchurch City Council Bill.’
- “The ‘Roads Districts Bill.’
- “The ‘Peacock Jetty Extension Bill.’
- “The ‘Roads Districts Bill, No. 2.’
- “The ‘Lyttelton Municipal Council Bill, 1863.’

“The ‘Sheep Ordinance Bill’ I shall be prepared to assent to shortly, and I at present reserve my decision upon the ‘Passenger Ordinance Bill.’

“The Supplies which you have voted during this Session will be carefully and economically dealt with.

“I now declare that this Council stands Prorogued until Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1864.

“S. BEALEY,
“Superintendent.”

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