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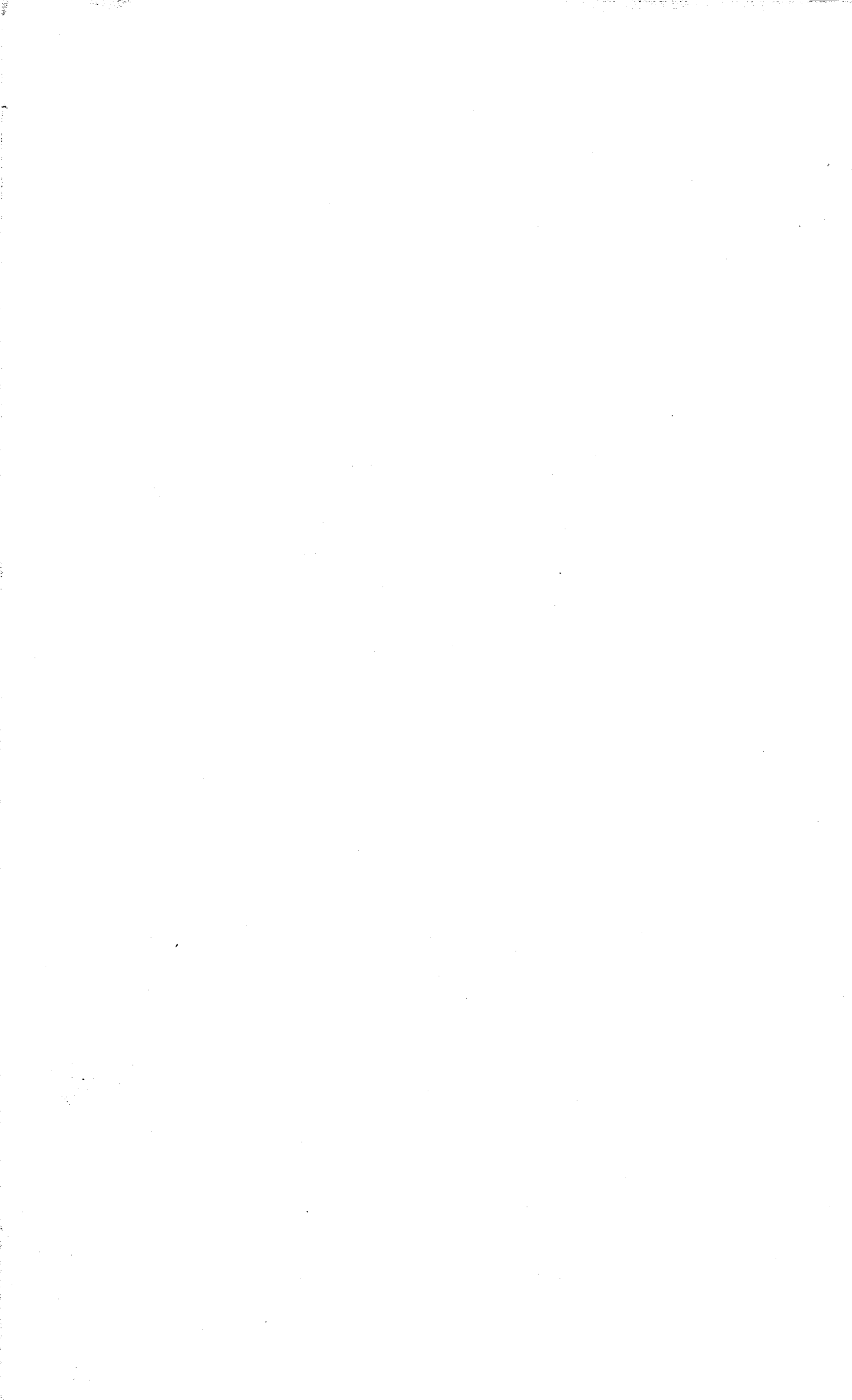
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CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

SESSION XXVI.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Garrick, F. J.	-	-	-	-	-	} City of Christchurch.
Hawkes, J. G.	-	-	-	-	-	
Williams, W. H. W.	-	-	-	-	-	
Wilson, W.	-	-	-	-	-	
Aynsley, H. P. Murray	-	-	-	-	-	} Town of Lyttelton.
Buchanan, B.	-	-	-	-	-	
Davis, D.	-	-	-	-	-	
Hargreaves, E. A.	-	-	-	-	-	} Town of Kaiapoi.
Wylde, J.	-	-	-	-	-	
Beswick, J. ¹	-	-	-	-	-	} Mandeville District.
Dixon, M.	-	-	-	-	-	
Brown, J. E.	-	-	-	-	-	Rangiora District.
Delamain, F.	-	-	-	-	-	} Riccarton District.
Johnstone, H. B.	-	-	-	-	-	
Duncan, T. S. ²	-	-	-	-	-	} Papanui District.
Stewart, F. E.	-	-	-	-	-	
Maude, T. W.	-	-	-	-	-	} Heathcote District.
Montgomery, W.	-	-	-	-	-	
Williams, J. S. ³	-	-	-	-	-	
Knight, A. G.	-	-	-	-	-	} Lincoln District.
Tancred, H. J.	-	-	-	-	-	
Hornbrook, A.	-	-	-	-	-	} Port Victoria District.
Potts, T. H.	-	-	-	-	-	
Waeckerle, C. J.	-	-	-	-	-	Town of Akaroa.
Buchanan, H.	-	-	-	-	-	Wainui District.
Rhodes, R. H.	-	-	-	-	-	Bays District.
White, T. W.	-	-	-	-	-	Oxford District.
Mallock, T. W.	-	-	-	-	-	Waipara District.
Maskell, W. M.	-	-	-	-	-	} Sefton District.
Moore, J. H.	-	-	-	-	-	
Jollie, E. ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	Selwyn District.
Hall, J.	-	-	-	-	-	Rakaia District.
Walker, W. C.	-	-	-	-	-	Ashburton District.

1. Resigned. Re-elected 26th December.

3. Resigned. Re-elected 11th December.

2. Resigned. Re-elected 26th December.

4. Resigned. Re-elected 11th December.

Ormsby, A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Geraldine District.
Stericker, E. G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Seadown District.
Grey, E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Waitangi District.
Buckley, G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Waimate District.
Sheath, J. B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mount Cook District.
Thomson, L. C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Town of Timaru.
Bright, T. L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	} Town of Hokitika.
Reeves, R. H. J. ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Barff, E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	} Westland District.
Hoos, C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Whall, J. A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Greymouth.

5. Resigned. M. A. Cassius elected 13th November.

F. E. Stewart, Provincial Secretary and Secretary for Public Works to 1st December. Re-appointed 14th December.

F. J. Garrick, Provincial Solicitor to 1st December.

T. Cass, T. W. Maude, and G. Buckley, Members of Executive from 20th November. Resigned 14th December.

E. Jollie, Provincial Secretary and Secretary for Public Works from 1st December. Resigned 14th December.

J. S. Williams, Provincial Solicitor from 1st December. Resigned 14th December.

W. Montgomery and T. Cass, Members of Executive from 1st December. Resigned 14th December.

F. E. Stewart, Provincial Secretary from 14th December.

J. Beswick, Secretary for Public Works from 14th December.

T. S. Duncan, Provincial Solicitor from 14th December.

T. W. Maude, Member of Executive from 14th December.

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APPOINTED

DURING SESSION XXVI.

1866-67.

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Messrs. Hall, Beswick, Maude, Wynn Williams, Provincial Secretary.

LYTTELTON SEA WALL AND JETTY EXTENSION CONTRACT :—

Messrs. Hall, Stewart, Aynsley, Wylde, Hargreaves, Ormsby, Whall.

Report brought up 9th January.

PRINTING :—

Messrs. Duncan, Buckley, Montgomery, Thomson, J. S. Williams, Provincial Secretary.

HOUSE :—

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Beswick, Hawkes, Delamain, Aynsley, Secretary for Public Works.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS :—

Messrs. Buckley, Dixon, Hall, J. S. Williams, Wylde, Provincial Solicitor, Secretary for Public Works.

Report brought up 21st November.

HOKITIKA RESERVES :—

Messrs. Barff, Duncan, Hawkes, W. Wilson, Provincial Solicitor, Messrs. Bright, Cassius.

Report brought up 9th January.

IMMIGRATION :—

Messrs. Aynsley, Buckley, Maude, Montgomery, W. Williams, Davis.

Report brought up 27th November.

SHEEP ORDINANCE :—

Messrs. Hall, Grey, Maude, Rhodes, Aynsley, Duncan, Mallock.

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SESSION XXVI.

FRIDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1866.

The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of His Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 22nd September, 1866.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Bright, Hawkes, Reeves, and White.

Election of Speaker.—The Clerk of Council acted as temporary Chairman.

Henry John Tancred, Esq., was elected Speaker of the Council.

Messrs. Stewart and Beswick were appointed a deputation to accompany the Speaker to the Superintendent to obtain his confirmation of the Appointment.

The Deputation returned and conducted the Speaker to the Chair, signifying the assent of His Honor to the Appointment.

Appointment of Chaplain.—The Speaker notified to the Council that he had appointed the Venerable the Dean of Christchurch to act as Chaplain to the Council.

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,—

I regret that unavoidable circumstances have postponed your meeting to an inconvenient season of the year.

The General Assembly was in session before the Provincial elections were completed, and it appeared to me advisable to delay calling you together until after the rising of the Colonial Parliament.

The Council has derived from the late proceedings of the Assembly an instructive experience preliminary to its own labours, and is now able to measure with some accuracy its financial resources for the year ending June, 1867.

The matters I have to lay before you this session, so far as I am at present advised, will embrace no novel propositions. I shall only request your attention to very few legislative measures, beyond the granting of Ordinary Supplies, intending shortly to summon you to a more protracted session, prompt administrative action being at this season very much called for in various outlying portions of the Province, particularly on the Goldfields; on this, among other grounds, I am very desirous that the present should be as brief a session as is consistent with a deliberate consideration of emergent business.

It will be necessary to agree upon Resolutions suggesting Amendments by the

General Assembly of the Waste Lands Regulations in the matter of Pre-emptive Rights, and in some other less important particulars.

You will be requested to pass an Ordinance enabling the Provincial Government to relieve the Road Boards of the management of main trunk roads.

The Fencing Ordinance has been found to work imperfectly, and requires remodelling; and I shall request your sanction to a few other measures of general interest, although of comparatively minor importance.

During the Session I trust to receive your sanction for the erection of bridges over the Hurunui and Waitangi; one-half the cost in each case being offered by the adjoining provinces. Government is also contemplating the erection of bridges over some other of the larger and more dangerous rivers intersecting the Southern Plains, and probably you will be asked, on an early day, to authorise their construction.

With considerable reason the settlers of the south have complained, during some years past, of inattention to their demands for Public Works. I believe you will concur in the propriety of at once, and in future, awarding to the Timaru District a full proportion of the public revenues. With your assent it is purposed to hand over to the Municipal Council of Timaru the steam landing service and warehouses, with all the boats, gear and appliances.

The presence in the Council of an increased number of Representatives from the Gold-fields is justly a subject for general congratulation, as being evidence of the serious desire of our fellow-subjects on the West Coast to contribute their valuable assistance towards the government of the Province, and to become permanently identified with all its fortunes.

There will be laid before you a plan for enabling the settlers in Westland to become purchasers of rural lands, and also Regulations for the Sale of Lands within the limits of the Towns in that District.

I shall request you to confer upon me powers to expend considerable sums of money in opening up the amazing resources of Westland, by means of various Public Works throughout its Districts.

Among other measures, I shall invite your concurrence in a Bill for Leasing the Coal-fields of the Grey to a Public Company, under conditions calculated to ensure large commercial benefits to the Province.

During the recess an extension of the Western Telegraph from Hokitika to Greymouth has been completed at a moderate cost, and I purpose taking authority for some very desirable extensions in a southerly direction.

With regard to the condition of the Province generally, I am hopeful that, with your assistance, Government will succeed in meeting all its present engagements, and completing all those works which have been commenced. But at the same time it cannot be concealed that the extraordinary drain upon our resources in favour of the Northern Island has, during the last few years, very materially affected our powers of sustaining large public expenditure in reproductive works.

Under these circumstances, it will be imperatively necessary to exercise the most watchful precaution against incurring financial embarrassments, and at the same time employ ourselves in preparing plans for a more rapid progress when the Southern Provinces have recovered from the comparative prostration into which they have been thrown by their misalliance with the Northern Island.

I may be permitted to express a confident hope that, by some fitting measure of the General Legislature, the Middle Island will speedily be relieved from a pressure which is not only unnecessary, but unendurable.

Recent events in Hawke's Bay, added to a dozen parallel facts, prove very conclusively that the Provincial Governments of the Northern Island, *if let alone*, and relieved from the pressure of the Southern interference in Native affairs, are, with their own resources, capable of reducing the Native population to a condition of

usefulness and contented subjection to law and order. And, although somewhat late in the day, the leading men in the Colony are beginning to confess that the interference of Southern statesmen in Native matters is, and has been, a most fruitful cause of embarrassment and expense to the North Island, while it has resulted in an enormous injury to the Southern Island. In the certainty that henceforward the people of the Middle Island will not make any further sacrifices of their means to sustain the expenses of meddling in matters naturally the business of the Northern Island; and further, taking into consideration the rapid increase of our population and commerce, we are quite warranted in looking for a speedy restoration to that healthful financial condition formerly enjoyed by the Province.

It is the intention of Government to ask you to sanction the continued immigration of single women only.

The anticipations of Engineers, who have at various times reported upon the River Waimakariri, have been verified during the recent freshets. I shall cause a report of the state of the river, and an estimate of the expense of protective works, to be laid before you shortly.

I shall have the gratification of forwarding for your information copious Reports of the scientific labours of the Provincial Geologist (Dr. Haast); which Reports are to be accompanied by elaborate maps and illustrations.

The Tunnel of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway is progressing favorably, only about 245 yards of the centre remaining to be executed. I am advised that the line from Lyttelton to the Selwyn will be ready for traffic within nine months from this date. As you are aware, the Railway is now working regularly between Ferrymead and Rolleston, a distance of about nineteen miles. It will be necessary to take steps for providing Wharfage to serve shipping in connection with the Railway immediately.

You will be glad to learn that my Government is in the enjoyment of a most cordial understanding with the Governments of the adjoining Provinces of Nelson and Otago, a condition of things highly conducive to the advancement of the Colony, and which I shall take every care to preserve; henceforth, let us hope that unprofitable jealousies will be displaced by a mutual desire to co-operate in the real work of colonisation.

The public will join me in deeply regretting that our old and faithful friend Mr. Selfe, after a long course of gratuitous services to the Province, as its agent in London, has found it necessary to forward his resignation. The Province, I trust, notwithstanding that Mr. Selfe has, to a great extent, discontinued his official relations with us, will, at the same time, retain a most grateful recollection of Mr. Selfe's labours, and enjoy the advantage of his continued friendship.

Gentlemen, I am confident that the very pleasant relations that have always subsisted between the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Canterbury will be continued in these times.

I trust it may be my privilege to see our united labours attended by profitable results.

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

W. S. MOORHOUSE,

Superintendent of Canterbury.

His Honor retired from the Council Chamber.

Auditor's Report.—The Report of the Auditor was received and read.

Standing Orders.—The Standing Orders of the last Council were adopted for the present.

Papers.—Papers Nos. 1 to 26 were laid upon the table.

1. Report on the Head Waters of the River Waimakariri, by the Provincial Geologist.
2. Correspondence with the Domain Board respecting the Management of Hagley Park.
3. Correspondence respecting Messrs. Holmes and Co.'s Claim for Payment in respect of additional embankments connecting the Railway with Wharves under construction at Lyttelton.
4. Return of progress of Tunnel of Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway from November 1, 1865, to September 29, 1866.
5. Correspondence relative to Expenditure of £500 voted by the Council for Protection of Kaiapoi.
6. Return of Public Works paid for in Land during year ending June 30, 1866, and Contracts then outstanding and since paid for in Land.
7. Correspondence respecting Completion of the Works on the North Rakaia Route.
8. Correspondence on Construction of Water Race from the Pareora to Timaru.
9. Reports and Correspondence relative to Damage done to Property on Kaiapoi Island by flood of Christmas, 1865.
10. Correspondence relative to Mr. W. Wilson's Claim to Compensation.
11. Statement of Forgan and Sons' Contract for Erection of new Council Chamber and Refreshment Rooms.
12. Report by J. Rochfort, on Government Buildings and Works on the West Coast, with Statement of present means and prices of conveyances of provisions to the various Diggings.
13. Monthly Reports of the Chief Surveyor of Land Sold and Granted, but unsurveyed during the year ending June 30, 1866.
14. Monthly Reports of the Chief Surveyor of Arrears of Crown Grants.
15. Report of the Resident Engineer upon the Progress and State of Works on the Great Southern Railway.
16. Report by the Chief Surveyor on the Progress of Surveys during the year ending June 30, 1866.
17. Return of Land Sold and Granted during the year ending June 30, 1866.
18. Return of Arrivals and Departures in the Port of Lyttelton for the year ending June 30, 1866.
19. *Gazettes* containing Proclamations by His Honor the Superintendent under the Diseased Cattle Act, 1861.
20. Report of the Chief Inspector of Sheep on the State of the Flocks in Canterbury for the year ending June 30, 1866.
21. Return of Fines received in the Resident Magistrate's Court under the Sheep Ordinance for the year ending June 30, 1866.
22. Return of Sheep over six months of age in the Province on January 1, 1866.
23. Letters from J. Marshman, to the Provincial Secretary, from September 26, 1865, to August 1, 1866.
24. Letters from Provincial Secretary to J. Marshman, from March 15 to October 17, 1866.
25. Letters from H. Selfe Selfe, to His Honor the Superintendent, from January 25, to June 26, 1866.
26. Letters from His Honor the Superintendent to H. Selfe Selfe, from March 15, to September 5, 1866.

Notices of Motion were given. The Council adjourned at 3.30 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. W. WILSON—To ask whether the Government can afford to the Council any information as to the causes which have led to the withholding of the grant of land made during the last Session to the inhabitants of Kaiapoi Island, who were sufferers from the recent floods.</p> <p>2. Mr. JOSEPH BESWICK—To move for leave of absence for Mr. Hawkes for a fortnight.</p> <p>3. Mr. W. WILSON—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that steps should be taken by the Provincial Government to widen the culverts on the North Road from White's Bridge across the Waimakariri to Kaiapoi, in order to prevent the recurrence of accidents.</p> | <p>4. Mr. WILLIAMS—To move that this House do sit at the usual hour of five o'clock on Mondays for the remainder of the present Session.</p> <p>5. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that copies of the Contract for building the Sea Wall and extending the Jetty at Lyttelton, and all Correspondence relating thereto, be laid upon the table.</p> <p>6. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Standing Orders, consisting of Messrs. Hall, Beswick, Maude, Wynn Williams, and the mover.</p> |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Hawkes, Mallock, Reeves, Rhodes, Waeckerle, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

Message.—Message No. 1 from His Honor the Superintendent was received and read.

“The Superintendent has much pleasure in nominating Mr. John Ollivier as Provincial Auditor, and requests the concurrence of the Council.

“W. S. MOORHOUSE,

“Superintendent.”

Motion was carried—“That the Message be taken into consideration forthwith.”

The Message was considered.

Motion was proposed—“That the Council concurs in the nomination of Mr. John Ollivier to the Appointment of Provincial Auditor.”

Upon discussion, amendment was carried, “That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.”

Standing Orders.—The Speaker notified to the Council that he had transmitted a copy of the Standing Orders to His Honor the Superintendent, which had been approved.

Papers.—No. 27 was laid upon the table. Correspondence between the Secretary for Public Works and the Gold Fields Commissioner, from 8th October, 1865, to 30th August, 1866.

Petition.—A Petition of the Inhabitants of Riccarton against the Closing of a Road in that district was received.

Leave of Absence, for a fortnight, was granted to Mr. Hawkes.

North Road Culverts.—Motion was granted—“That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that steps should be taken by the Provincial Government to widen the Culverts on the North Road from White's Bridge across the Waimakariri to Kaiapoi, in order to prevent the recurrence of accidents.”

Sitting Days.—Motion was proposed—“That this House do sit at the usual hour of five o'clock on Mondays for the remainder of the present session.”

Amendment was carried—"That this House do meet during the present Session on Wednesdays and Thursdays at two o'clock, and Fridays at twelve o'clock, and continue to sit until half-past five, unless previously adjourned; that the House resume on each of the above days, with the exception of Friday (when it shall be adjourned at 3 p.m.) at 7 o'clock."

Returns.—Motion was granted for copies of the Contract for Building the Sea Wall and Extending the Jetty at Lyttelton, and that all Correspondence relating thereto be laid upon the table.

Papers.—The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

28. Copy of Contract for the Construction of the Sea Wall, Lyttelton.
29. Copy of Contract for the Construction of the Screw Pile Jetty, Lyttelton.
30. Correspondence relating to the Contract for the Construction of the Sea Wall, Lyttelton.
31. Correspondence relating to the Contract for the Construction of the Screw Pile Jetty, Lyttelton.

Select Committee.—A Select Committee was appointed to consider the Standing Orders, consisting of Messrs. Hall, Beswick, Maude, Wynn Williams, and the Provincial Secretary.

The Council adjourned at 6.30 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1866.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. BRIGHT—To ask the Provincial Secretary whether any steps have been taken by the Government to prevent the enforcement of the notice given by Mr. Commissioner Sale to the occupants of certain sections on the Police Reserve, Hokitika, to remove their buildings before the 25th instant, under the penalty of having them demolished by the police. 2. Mr. MASKELL—To ask the Provincial Secretary whether the Government intend, during this Session, to bring in a Bill to authorise the substitution of a certain portion of freehold land for the 50 acres at present held under lease from the Government by Messrs. D. and D. Cameron, Saltwater Creek. 3. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move for a Select Committee to enquire into the Contracts for the building of the Sea Wall and the extension of the Lyttelton Jetty, and to call for persons and papers. Committee to consist of Mr. Hall, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Aynsley, Mr. Wylde, and the mover. 4. Mr. JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS—To move for a Return, showing—1. The total acreage of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights granted | <p>in each year, commencing from the 11th February, 1858. 2. The total acreage of Crown Lands now held under Improvement Pre-emptive Rights. 3. The proportion of acreage over which Improvement Pre-emptive Rights now in existence have been granted in respect of each kind of improvement,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Mr. JOLLIE—To move for a return of land sold, reserves made, public money expended, and the rates collected in the several Road Districts in the Province. 6. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of selecting documents laid before the Council for printing, consisting of Messrs. Duncan, Buckley, Montgomery, Thompson, J. S. Williams, and the mover. 7. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of superintending the necessary arrangements for the convenience of members and the transaction of public business—such committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beswick, Mr. Stericker, Mr. Delamain, Mr. Aynsley, and the mover. |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Beswick, Delamain, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Mallock, Reeves, and White.

The Speaker in the chair.

Petition.—A Petition from the Inhabitants of LeBon Bay, praying for Road Improvement, was read and received.

Papers.—The following papers were laid upon the table :—

No. 32. Report of James Rochfort, District Engineer of Westland, showing the Extent of Public Works and Public Buildings executed to 30th June, 1866.

33. Letter from John Ollivier, respecting the Appointment of Provincial Auditor, dated 18th October, 1866.

Select Committee.—Motion was proposed, “That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Contracts for the Building of the Sea Wall, and the Extension of the Lyttelton Jetty, and to call for persons and papers; Committee to consist of Messrs. Hall, Stewart, Aynsley, Wylde, and Hargreaves.”

Amendment was negatived, “That the name of Mr. Wynn Williams be substituted for that of Mr. Wylde.”

The original motion was carried.

Returns.—Motion was proposed “For a Return, showing—1. The total acreage of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights granted in each year, commencing from the 11th February, 1858. 2. The total acreage of Crown Lands now held under Improvement Pre-emptive Rights. 3. The proportion of acreage over which Improvement Pre-emptive Rights now in existence have been granted in respect of each kind of improvement.”

Leave was given to add the following words :—4. The acreage of every Run in the Province and the acreage of Improvement Pre-emptive Right held with each Run (The number of each Run, the total acreage, and the acreage of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights held therewith to be set out in parallel columns). 5. The total acreage of Crown Lands now held under Homestead Pre-emptive Rights. 6. The total acreage of Crown Lands now held under Pre-emptive Rights other than those created by clause 60 of the Waste Lands Regulations.

The Motion was withdrawn by leave.

Return—Motion was proposed “for a Return of Land sold, Reserves made, Public Money expended, and the Rates collected in the several Road Districts in the Province,” in continuation of and in the same form as similar Returns already presented to this Council.

Amendment was carried, “For a Return of the sums voted by the Council, and the sums actually paid by the Government, to the various Road Boards during the past two years.”

Select Committee.—A Select Committee was appointed for the purpose of selecting documents laid before the Council for printing, consisting of Messrs. Duncan, Buckley, Montgomery, Thompson, J. S. Williams and the Provincial Secretary.

Select Committee.—A Select Committee was appointed for the purpose of superintending the necessary arrangements for the convenience of members and the transaction of public business, such committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Beswick, Stericker, Delamain, Aynsley, and the Secretary for Public Works.

The Council adjourned at 3.10 p.m., until Thursday next at 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. **Mr. BRIGHT**—To ask if a copy of the presentment made by the Grand Jury to his Honor Mr. Justice Gresson at the last sitting of the Supreme Court, at Hokitika, has been laid before the Government; and if so whether any steps have been taken to cause effect to be given to its recommendations.
2. **Mr. MASKELL**—To ask whether it is the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum to complete the works commenced on the road by the Hurunui and Teremakau to the West Coast.
3. **Mr. E. BARFF**—To ask whether any steps have been taken to appoint a Commission to revise the Canterbury Gold-fields Regulations.
4. **Mr. WALKER**—To ask what return the District Surveyors make of the work done in their several districts, whether monthly or otherwise.
5. **Mr. BRIGHT**—To ask by what authority prisoners under committal, and awaiting trial in the Hokitika gaol, are compelled to wear convict clothing.
6. **Mr. MAUDE**—To ask under what circumstances the traffic over the Stanmore Road Bridge has been suspended, and what steps the Government intend to take in the matter.
7. **Mr. WYLDE**—To move that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to take into his consideration the desirability of appointing a Board of Conservators for the River Waimakariri.
8. **Mr. BRIGHT**—To move that there be laid on the table copies of all memorials that have been transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent from holders of sections in Hokitika, with reference to reserves and the regulations for the disposal of town lands.
9. **Mr. DAVIS**—To move that all correspondence relating to Contract for Immigration, and copy of same contract with Messrs Shaw, Savill, and Co., be laid upon the table.
10. **Mr. MONTGOMERY**—To move a Reply to the Address of his Honor the Superintendent on the opening of this Session,
11. **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**—To move for leave to bring in a Bill authorising his Honor the Superintendent to grant to Donald and Duncan Cameron a portion of Reserve 91, at the Saltwater Creek.
12. **THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move that the Council do proceed to the Election of Chairman of Committees.
13. **THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**—To move that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report as to whether any and what amendments are necessary in the Waste Lands Regulations in the matter of Pre-emptive Rights; also as to the advisability of reserving rights of road through unsurveyed sections, the Committee to consist of Messrs. Buckley, Dixon, Hall, J. S. Williams, Wylde, Provincial Solicitor, and the mover.
14. **Mr. WALKER**—To move
 - i. For a Return of Land surveyed in each district, and all Salaries and Allowances drawn by each Surveyor.
 - ii. For a Return of Land sold and remaining unsurveyed at the end of the last three years ending June 30, 1866.
15. **Mr. HALL**—To move for a Return showing the number of Sheep and Cattle driven to the West Coast by way of Mr. Blake's camp, month by month, during the year ending 30th September last,
16. **ADJOURNED DEBATE**—Consideration of Message No. 1 from his Honor the Superintendent.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Hawkes, Reeves, Rhodes, White.

The Speaker in the chair.

Papers.—The following papers were laid upon the table:—

34. Report of the Provincial Telegraph Manager upon the Construction and Working of the West Coast Telegraph.

35. Report from the Provincial Engineer Department by A. Aitken, C.E., upon the Works on the Otira Road.

36. Report from E. Blake, C.E., on the Works of the Otira Road.

37. Report from the Provincial Engineer on the present state of the Lyttelton Harbour Works.

Waimakariri River, Conservator of.—Motion was negatived upon division, "That His Honor the Superintendent be requested to take into his consideration the desirability of appointing a Board of Conservators for the River Waimakariri."

Ayes, 10 : Messrs. Beswick, Brown, Dixon, Hargreaves, Knight, Mallock, Maskell, Ormsby, Stericker, Wylde.

Noes, 27 : Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Bright, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Davis, Delamaine, Duncan, Garrick, Hall, Hoos, Johnstone, Jollie, Maude, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Sheath, Stewart, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “That there be laid on the table Copies of all Memorials that have been transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent from holders of sections in Hokitika, with reference to Reserves and the Regulations for the disposal of Town Lands.”

Returns.—Motion was granted, “That all Correspondence relating to Contract for Immigration, and Copy of same Contract with Messrs Shaw, Savill, and Co., be laid on the table.

Reply to the Opening Address.—The following Reply to the Address of His Honor the Superintendent was proposed.

“The Provincial Council thank your Honor for the Address with which your Honor opened their Twenty-sixth Session.

The Council consider the unavoidable delay in their meeting has not been prejudicial to the interests of the Province.

The Council will give all consideration to your Honor’s desire that the Session shall be a brief one, and will be prepared at a subsequent Session to enter upon more extended legislative action than can be undertaken at present.

The Council are gratified to find that the subject of Pre-Emptive Rights will be brought before them, with a view to suggesting amendments to be made by the General Assembly of the Land Regulations relating to those rights.

The Council will give their best attention to any proposals for the bridging of the principal rivers, including the Hurunui and the Waitaki, and will assent to any vote proposed by your Honor for the purpose, if the necessities of the case, the advantages derivable from such a course of action, and the welfare and true policy of the Province should demand it.

The Council will be prepared to concur in any just measure having for its object the recognition of Southern claims in the adjustment and distribution of Revenue.

The Council approve of your Honor’s proposal to hand over to the Municipal Council of Timaru the Steam Landing Service at that Port.

The Council are pleased to welcome amongst them an increased number of Representatives from the Gold-fields, and anticipate considerable advantage from their advice and assistance in legislating for that important district.

The Council are not yet in possession of all the information necessary to a perfect knowledge of the state of the Finances of the Province. They trust with your Honor that the Government will successfully, and without embarrassment, carry out all the Works at present in progress. And they will exercise a strict economy in the appropriation of the Public Revenues, as a necessary precaution against financial difficulties.

The Council regard the improved aspect of affairs in the Northern Island as justifying the confident hope that the settlement of the Native question at no distant day will remove all obstacles to the development of Middle Island resources, and thus promote the furtherance of the true duty of the Provinces, the work of colonisation.

The Council are gratified to learn that the Tunnel is progressing so fast to completion, and that the Line from Lyttelton to the Selwyn will be ready for traffic within nine months.

Any proposal from your Honor for providing Wharfage in Lyttelton for Shipping in connection with the Railway, will receive that consideration which the importance of the subject demands.

The cordial understanding subsisting between your Honor's Government and that of the adjoining Provinces of this Island, is a subject for congratulation, and, the Council trust, may lead to real co-operation in all necessary measures for their joint benefit and that of the Colony at large.

The Council join heartily with your Honor in deeply regretting that Mr. Selfe, our old and faithful friend, as your Honor truly calls him, has found it necessary to resign the English Agency of this Province, which he has conducted with so much zeal and ability for the last few years.

The Council beg to assure your Honor of their desire cordially to co-operate with your Honor in giving effect to any measures conducive to the welfare and prosperity of the Province, which your Honor may submit for their consideration."

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

Mr. Beswick in the chair.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 passed as printed.

Clause 5 was proposed. Amendment was negatived, "To strike out the word 'including,' and insert the word 'between.'"

Clause 6 was proposed. Amendment was negatived, "To strike out the words after 'its object,' and to insert the following:—'A fair and equitable distribution of the Revenue to all the Districts of the Province.'"

Clause 7 was proposed and passed, the word "approve" being struck out, and the words "will carefully consider" being inserted.

The remaining clauses passed as printed.

Clause 14 was reconsidered. The word "few" was struck out, and the word "ten" substituted.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reply was reported, adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent.

Cameron Grant Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill authorising His Honor the Superintendent to grant to Donald and Duncan Cameron a portion of Reserve 91, at the Saltwater Creek.

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

Chairman of Committee.—Mr. Joseph Beswick was elected Chairman of Committee.

Pre-emptive Rights Committee.—Motion was proposed, "That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report as to whether any and what amendments are necessary in the Waste Lands Regulations in the matter of Pre-emptive Rights; also as to the advisability of reserving Rights of Road through unsurveyed Sections, the Committee to consist of Messrs. Buckley, Dixon, Hall, J. S. Williams, Wylde, the Provincial Solicitor, and the Secretary for Public Works."

The words "consider and report as to whether any and what amendments are necessary in" were struck out.

The words "collect evidence, and report to the House as to the working of" were inserted.

All the words after "Sections" were struck out.

The words "with power to call for Persons and Papers, and to report within ten days," were added.

The motion passed as amended.

Returns.—Motion was granted—

1. For a Return of Land surveyed in each District, and all Salaries and Allowances drawn by each Surveyor.

2. For a Return of Land Sold and remaining Unsurveyed at the end of the last three years ending June 30, 1866.

Return.—Motion was granted for a Return showing the number of Sheep and Cattle driven to the West Coast by way of Mr. Blake's Camp, month by month, during the year ending 30th September last.

Paper.—No. 38 was laid upon the table: Return of Sheep and Cattle driven past Mr. Blake's Camp, on their road to Hokitika, from December 1st, 1865, to September 30th, 1866.

Message No. 1.—The adjourned debate in consideration of Message No. 1, from His Honor the Superintendent was resumed.

The motion under discussion was carried, "That the Council concur in the nomination of Mr. John Ollivier to the Appointment of Provincial Auditor."

Papers.—The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

No. 39. Report of the Provincial Engineer upon the Overflow of the Wai-makariri near White's Accommodation House, with Plan, 9th February, 1866.

40. Report of the Chief Surveyor on the subject of Mr. Walker's motion, No. 14 on the Motion Paper of 25th October, 1866.

The Council adjourned at 9.15 p.m., until Friday.

FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1866.

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| <p>1. Mr. LESLIE THOMSON—To ask the Provincial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to take any steps towards the construction of a water-race from the Pareora River for the supply of water to the Town of Timaru.</p> <p>2. Mr. HARGREAVES—To ask whether the Government are prepared to submit to the Council any measures for subsidising the municipalities in the Province.</p> <p>3. Mr. BROWN—To ask if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to renew the provisions of "The Sheep Rating Ordinance, 1864," which expired on the first day of the present month.</p> <p>4. Mr. H. B. JOHNSTONE—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient and urgently necessary to open up for selection, under the Waste Lands Regulations of the Province, all the unsold Waste Lands of the Crown in that part of the Province of Canterbury called Westland (excepting such as are now in actual use and occupation as gold-fields), and that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to effect that object without delay.</p> | <p>5. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that in the opinion of this House the Provincial Treasurer should be a Ministerial Officer, and have a seat in the Council.</p> <p>6. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Rating of Sheep, entitled "The Sheep Rating Ordinance, 1866."</p> <p>7. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Select Committee appointed to collect evidence and report upon the working of the Waste Lands Regulations in the matter of Pre-emptive Rights consist of Messrs. Buckley, Hall, Dixon, Garrick, J. S. Williams, Wylde, and the mover.</p> <p>8. Mr. E. BARFF—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the Leasing of Ferries upon the West Coast of the Province of Canterbury.</p> <p>9. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the second reading of "Cameron Grant Bill, 1866."</p> |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Garrick, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Potts, White, Reeves, and Grey.

The Speaker in the chair.

Sale of Waste Lands, Westland.—Motion was proposed, “That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient and urgently necessary to open up for selection, under the Waste Land Regulations of the Province, all the unsold Waste Lands of the Crown in that part of the Province of Canterbury called Westland (excepting such as are now in actual use and occupation as Gold-fields), and that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to effect that object without delay.”

Amendment was proposed, “That in the opinion of this Council the time has arrived that Agriculturists should be encouraged to settle in Westland, and that His Honor should be requested to appoint a Commission to Select—without injury to the mining interest—lands suitable for agricultural purposes, to be withdrawn from the Gold-fields and placed under the Waste Land Regulations of the Province.”

Upon discussion the motion and amendment were withdrawn.

Provincial Treasurer.—Motion was negatived, “That in the opinion of this House the Provincial Treasurer should be a Ministerial Officer, and have a seat in the Council.

Sheep Rating Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to renew the provisions of “The Sheep Rating Ordinance, 1864,” which expired on the first day of the month. The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Pre-emptive Rights Committee.—Motion was proposed, “That the Select Committee appointed to Collect Evidence and Report upon the Working of the Waste Land Regulations in the matter of Pre-emptive Rights, consist of Messrs Buckley, Hall, Dixon, Garrick, J. S. Williams, Wylde, and the Secretary for Public Works.

Motion was granted “That the Select Committee be appointed by ballot, in pursuance of Clause 80 of the Standing Orders.”

The ballot was taken, the Speaker declaring the following gentlemen to be Members of the Select Committee:—Messrs Buckley, J. S. Williams, Hall, Garrick, Wylde, Dixon, and the Secretary for Public Works.”

West Coast Ferries Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Leasing of Ferries upon the West Coast of Canterbury.

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

Cameron Grant Bill.—The Cameron Grant Bill was read a second time.

Paper.—No. 41. Condition of Contract and Papers relating to the arrangements for the conduct of Immigration to the Province of Canterbury, was laid upon the table.

The Council adjourned at 1.45 p.m., until Tuesday next, at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. W. WILSON—To ask the Government if it is intended to amend, during the present Session, Clause 16 of "The Sheep Ordinance, 1864," which imposes upon the owner of one sheep a tax of one pound sterling per annum, and only exacts the same amount from the owner of one thousand sheep.
2. Mr. W. WILSON—To ask whether any, and if any, what steps have been taken by the Provincial Government to secure to the Province the Fines arising from the administration of the Sheep Ordinance in accordance with a Resolution adopted by this Council on the 20th September, 1864.
3. Mr. E. BAREF—To ask if the Government intend to carry into effect the promise made by the late Secretary for Public Works, with regard to compensation to the holders of sections situate on certain Reserves in Hokitika, or to the holders of sections situate upon Hamilton-street, Hokitika.
4. Mr. MALLOCK—To ask whether it is the intention of Government to take any measures this Session for amending the present Sheep Ordinance.
5. Mr. KNIGHT—To ask if it is the intention of Government to connect the Malvern Hill with the railway at Rolleston by means of an iron Tramway.
6. Mr. WYNN WILLIAMS—To ask—1. Whether the Provincial Engineer has in any manner expressed himself satisfied with the mill-race, mill-dam, and cart-bridge, erected in and over the River Avon, pursuant to Clause 3 of "The Inwood Mill Ordinance, Session IX, No. 2." 2. Whether the Provincial Engineer has, pursuant to Clause 2 of the same Ordinance, seen that a permanent stone mark has been fixed upon the bank of the river. 3. Whether the Provincial Engineer is satisfied that the present dam does not raise the water more than three feet higher than the level of the river at the time of the passing of the said Ordinance. 4. Whether the Christchurch City Council ought not, before allowing the present owner of the mill to alter the bridge, to refer the matter to the Provincial Government and the Provincial Engineer.
7. Mr. WYNN WILLIAMS—To move for copies of all correspondence between Mr. Daniel Inwood or any other person interested in the said mill with the Provincial Government, and copies of minutes and documents referring to the erection and maintenance of the said bridge, and for any further information which can be given as to the real terms upon which the said mill was allowed to be built.
8. Mr. BRIGHT—To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Fire Brigades Ordinance.
9. Mr. ORMSBY—To move that there be laid on the table a copy of Mr. Doyne's Report on the subject of bridging the Opihi River, together with all Correspondence having reference to the same between the Provincial Government and the Geraldine Road Board; also a copy of the memorial to his Honor the Superintendent, from the inhabitants of the Geraldine District in reference thereto.
10. Mr. BRIGHT—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend certain clauses in the Municipal Council Ordinance.
11. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £150 for the purpose of re-imbursing the Lyttelton Municipal Council for their outlay on the Governor Bay Road.
12. Mr. WYLDE—To move that the Plans and Sections of the Northern Railway, as surveyed from Christchurch to the Kowai, be laid on the table of the House.
13. Mr. WYLDE—To move that it is desirable that the Public Reserves within the Town of Kaiapoi should be handed over to the Municipal Council.
14. Mr. STERICKER—To move that a Return be laid on the table of the number of Immigrants, specifying males and females, applied for by residents south of the Rangitata, and sent to that district at public expense within the last twelvemonths.
15. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the committal of "The Cameron Grant Bill, 1866."
16. Mr. MASKELL—To move for copies of the Reports, if any, made by the Provincial Engineer on the subject of the road to the West Coast by the Hurunui—also for a Return showing the amounts paid by the Government, under the vote of last Session, either for contract or day work on that part of the route between the Waitohi Gorge and the junction of the Otiira and Teremakau, with the names of the persons to whom such payments were made.
17. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £2000 as a grant in aid for the Lyttelton Municipal Council.
18. Mr. JOLLIE—To move for a Return of all Public Money expended on Works to protect Kaiapoi and the Kaiapoi Island from floods in the Waimakariri River.
19. Mr. MOORE—To move for copies of Correspondence between Messrs. Ross and Forbes, the Government and the Kowai Road Board, relative to a trespass by the Government on their making the North Road, between the Ashley and Saltwater Creek, on Messrs. Ross and Forbes' section.
20. Mr. BRIGHT—To move for leave to lay on the table, copies of two Petitions from certain section-holders in Hokitika, addressed to the General Assembly, but too late for presentation to that body, and relating to matters likely to engage the attention of this House during the present Session.

Members present—All, except Messrs Hawkes and Reeves.
The Speaker in the chair.

Return.—Motion was granted, “For Copies of all Correspondence between Mr. Daniel Inwood or any other person interested in the Inwood Mill with the Provincial Government, and copies of Minutes and Documents referring to the erection and maintenance of the Bridge erected over the River Avon, pursuant to Clause III of ‘The Inwood Mill Ordinance, Session IX., No. 2,’ and for any further information which can be given as to the real terms upon which the said Mill was allowed to be built.”

The eighth motion on the Order Paper was withdrawn.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “That there be laid on the table a Copy of Mr. Doyne’s Report on the subject of Bridging the Opihi River, together with all Correspondence having reference to the same between the Provincial Government and the Geraldine Road Board; also a Copy of a Memorial to His Honor the Superintendent, from the Inhabitants of the Geraldine District in reference thereto.”

Paper—No. 42, was laid upon the table: Report from W. T. Doyne, C.E., on the subject of Bridging the Opihi River, and Correspondence with reference thereto.

The tenth motion upon the Order Paper was withdrawn.

Grant to Lyttelton Municipal Council.—Motion was negatived upon division, “That His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £150 for the purpose of reimbursing the Lyttelton Municipal Council for their outlay on the Governor Bay Road.”

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Aynsley, B. Buchanan, Davis, Hargreaves, White.

Noes, 35: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Delamain, Dixon, Duncan, Garrick, Grey, Hall, Hoos, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Jollie, Knight, Mallock, Maskell, Maude, Montgomery, Moore, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker Stewart, Thomson, Walker, Waeckerle, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “That the Plans and Sections of the Northern Railway, as surveyed from Christchurch to the Kowai, be laid on the table of the House.”

Motion was granted, “That a Return be laid on the table of the number of Immigrants, specifying Males and Females, applied for by Residents South of the Rangitata, and sent to that district at public expense within the last twelve months.”

Papers.—No. 43 was laid upon the table: Return of the number of Immigrants applied for by Residents South of Rangitata, and sent to that district at the Public Expense, for twelve months ending 25th October, 1866.

Cameron Grant Bill.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Clause 1 passed with amendment.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “For copies of the Reports, if any, made by the Provincial Engineer on the subject of the road to the West Coast by the Hurunui; also for a Return showing the Amounts paid by the Government, under the Vote of last Session, either for contract or day work on that part of the route between the Waitohi Gorge and the junction of the Otira and Teremakau, with the names of the persons to whom such payments were made.”

Paper.—No. 44 was laid upon the table: Correspondence on the subject of the Road to the West Coast by the Hurunui; also a Return of the Expenditure upon the same under Vote of last Session.

Return.—Motion was granted, “For a Return of all Public Money expended on Works to protect Kaiapoi and the Kaiapoi Island from Floods in the Waimakariri River.”

Paper.—No. 45 was laid upon the table: Return of Public Money expended on Works to protect Kaiapoi and the Kaiapoi Island from Floods in the Waimakariri River.

Return.—Motion was granted, “For Copies of Correspondence between Messrs. Ross and Forbes, the Government and the Kowai Road Board, relative to a trespass by the Government on their making the North Road, between the Ashley and Saltwater Creek, on Messrs. Ross and Forbes’ Section.”

Paper.—No. 46 was laid upon the table: Correspondence between Messrs. Ross and Forbes and the Provincial Government, relating to an alleged trespass on their Section, No. 454, by the North Road.

The twentieth motion upon the Order Paper was withdrawn.

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

WEDNESDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. BUCKLEY — To ask whether the several sums of £500 and £350 special grants made to the Templeton and Riccarton Road Boards during the last Session, and which the Council declined to confirm, have been repaid to the Treasury, and when? 2. Mr. WILSON—To ask the Government to lay upon the table of the House Copies of any Correspondence which may have passed between the Government and the Kanieri Tramway Company. 3. Mr. MAUDE—To ask when the proposals for handing over the Boats, Gear, and other landing plant at Timaru, to the Municipal Corporation of that Town, will be submitted to the Council. 4. LIEUT.-COLONEL WHITE — To ask the Government whether it is their intention to take into consideration the desirability of directly connecting the District north of the Waimakariri with the West Coast Road, by means of a Boat or Bridge at the Kowai Rock. 5. Mr. RHODES — To ask if a Report has been received from the Port Officer relative to the | <p>position of a Jetty at Pigeon Bay; if so, what action has been taken thereon.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Mr. JOLLIE—To move that the Council recommend his Honor the Superintendent to declare the Ellesmere Road District an Agricultural District under the provisions of “The Trespass of Cattle Ordinance, Session XIV, No. 1.” 7. Mr. BUCKLEY — To move for a Return of amounts received each year from Sale of Land, Pastoral Rents, &c., in the Waimate District up to 30th June, 1866; also return of amounts expended for Roads, Public Works, &c., for the same period. 8. Mr. BUCKLEY — To move for Copies of all Correspondence in connection with the Otaio Ferry Reserve. 9. Mr. WYLDE — To move that it is desirable that the Public Reserves within the Town of Kaiapoi should be handed over to the Municipal Council. 10. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move the third reading of “The Cameron Grant Bill, 1866.” |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present — All, except Messrs B. Buchanan, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Reeves, Rhodes, Walker.

The Speaker in the chair.

Papers.—The following papers was laid upon the table:—

No. 47. Report from the Provincial Engineer upon the Progress of Public Works, 22nd October, 1866.

48. Return of Land Surveyed from 30th June, 1865, to 30th June, 1866, and Return of Land sold and remaining unsurveyed at the end of the last three years ending 30th June, 1866, with the Chief Surveyor's Report thereon.

Ellesmere Road District.—Motion was granted, "That the Council recommend His Honor the Superintendent to declare the Ellesmere Road District an Agricultural District under the provisions of "The Trespass of Cattle Ordinance, Session XIV, No. 1."

The Resolution was ordered to be transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent.

Returns.—Motion was granted, "For a Return of amounts received each year from Sale of Land, Pastoral Rents, &c., in the Waimate District up to 30th June, 1866; also Return of amounts expended for Roads, Public Works, &c., for the same period."

Motion was granted "For Copies of all Correspondence in connection with the Otaio Ferry Reserve."

Paper.—No 49 was laid upon the table: Correspondence in connection with the Otaio Ferry Reserve.

Reserves, Kaiapoi.—Motion was granted, "That it is desirable that the Public Reserves within the Town of Kaiapoi should be handed over to the Municipal Council."

Cameron Grant Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Notices upon the Order Paper were renewed for the next sitting day.

The Council adjourned at 6 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. W. WILSON — To ask whether, on the resignation by Dr. Prins of his Appointment as Resident Surgeon of the Hospital, Christchurch, he was, by the Provincial Government, deprived of his other Provincial Government Appointments. In the event of the above question being answered in the negative, to ask whether it is the intention of the Provincial Government to deprive Dr. Prins of his other Provincial Government Appointments other than that he has resigned.</p> <p>2. Mr. BRIGHT—To ask whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to amend "The Gibson Quay Ordinance, 1866."</p> <p>3. Mr. BRIGHT—To ask whether it is the intention of Government to promote the Construction of Tramways and other Roads, on which tolls may be levied on the West Coast, by a guarantee under certain conditions of interest upon capital invested in these works.</p> <p>4. Mr. BUCHANAN — To ask whether the Provincial Government have taken any, and if any, what steps towards erecting suitable</p> | <p>buildings in Lyttelton for a Resident Magistrate's Court and Custom House.</p> <p>5. Mr. WALKER — To ask whether Government intend to Reserve all existing Tracks wherever the Surveyed Lines of Road are not formed.</p> <p>6. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move for leave to bring in a Bill authorising his Honor the Superintendent to lease the Grey River Coal Field Reserve.</p> <p>7. Mr. JOLLIE — To move for a Return of all traffic on the Ferrymead and Christchurch Railway since the opening of the line, showing the several sums received by the lessees for wharfage at Ferrymead, and for conveyance of goods and passengers along the line; also a Return of the sums received by the Government from the lessees as rent for the Wharf and Railway.</p> <p>8. Mr. KNIGHT — To move that his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to hold out inducements for the formation of a Company to make a Tramway between the Malvern Hills and Rolleston, by offering the</p> |
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- lands necessary for the work, and by guaranteeing a fair rate of interest on the capital required.
9. Mr. LESLIE THOMSON—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the practice of paying for public works by grants of Crown Lands be discontinued.
 10. Mr. ORMSBY—To move that his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates a sum sufficient for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Opihi River, in accordance with the suggestions of Mr. Doyne.
 11. Mr. ORMSBY—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend "The Education Ordinance, 1857."
 12. Mr. BESWICK—To move for a Return, as far as the Government are capable of furnishing it, of the number of sheep and cattle having passed through to the West Coast by way of the Teremakau during the last twelve months.
 13. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that a Select Committee be appointed to report generally upon the subject of Reserves and Re-surveys in the Town of Hokitika, and to consider and recommend such measures as may appear to them best calculated to provide for the adjustment of all equitable claims, such Committee to consist of Messrs. Barff, Duncan, Hawkes, W. Wilson, the Provincial Solicitor, and the mover.
 14. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that there be laid on the table an approximate Return of the gross population of Westland, on or about some given day within the month of October, showing the number, distributions and occupations of the people.
 15. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "The Sheep Rating Ordinance."
 16. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "The Fire Brigades Ordinance, 1864."
 17. Mr. E. BARFF—To move the second reading of "The West Canterbury Ferries Ordinance."
 18. Mr. D. DAVIS—To move that a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Aynsley, Buckley, Maude, Montgomery, Wynn Williams, and the mover, to take into consideration the advisability of a new form of tender for Immigration Contract.
 19. Mr. MALLOCK—To move that a Committee be formed to inquire into the working of the present Sheep Ordinance, and report within ten days, the Committee to consist of Messrs. Hall, Gray, Maude, Rhodes, Aynsley, and Mallock.
 20. Mr. E. BARFF—To move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend "The Education Ordinance, 1857."
 21. Mr. WYNN WILLIAMS—To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Road Boards Ordinance."
 22. Mr. WYNN WILLIAMS—To move for a return of the sections sold by the Waste Lands Board of this Province, during the last three years, in the Ashley District, the total quantity of acreage of such sections; and the number of such sections as have been surveyed by Mr. Pemberton, the Surveyor of the District, during the same period.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Aynsley, Gray, Hawkes, Reeves.

The Speaker in the chair.

Cameron Grant Bill.—The Speaker notified to the Council the assent of His Honor the Superintendent to that Bill.

Petition.—A Petition of James Challis and Andrew Sprott for consideration of losses by Contract for the Akaroa Road, was presented, read, and received.

The sixth notice upon the Order Paper was deferred.

Returns.—Motion was granted, "For a Return of all Traffic on the Ferrymead and Christchurch Railway since the opening of the line, and of all Sums received by the Lessees for Wharfage at Ferrymead, and for conveyance of Goods and Passengers along the line; also a Return of the Sums received by the Government from the Lessees as Rent for the Wharf and Railway."

Malvern Hills Tramroad.—Motion was proposed, "That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to hold out inducements for the formation of a Company to make a Tramway between the Malvern Hills and Rolleston, by offering the lands necessary for the work, and by guaranteeing a fair rate of interest on the capital required."

Amendment was proposed, "To strike out all the words after the word 'work.'"

The amendment and resolution were withdrawn.

Payment for Works by Land.—Motion was negatived, “That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the practice of paying for Public Works by Grants of Crown Lands be discontinued.”

Bridge, Opihi River.—Motion was withdrawn upon discussion, “That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates a sum sufficient for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the Opihi River, in accordance with the suggestions of Mr. Doyne.”

Education Ordinance Amendment Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to amend “The Education Ordinance, 1864.”

The Bill was ordered to be printed.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “For a Return, as far as the Government are capable of furnishing it, of the number of Sheep and Cattle having passed through to the West Coast by way of the Teramakau Saddle during the last twelve months.”

Select Committee, Hokitika Reserves.—Motion was granted, “That a Select Committee be appointed to Report generally upon the subject of Reserves and Re-surveys in the Town of Hokitika, and to consider and recommend such measures as may appear to them best calculated to provide for the adjustment of all equitable claims, such Committee to consist of Messrs Barff, Duncan, Hawkes, W. Wilson, the Provincial Solicitor, and Mr. Bright.”

Returns.—Motion was granted, “That there be laid on the table an approximate Return of the gross Population of Westland, on or about some given day within the month of October, showing the number, distributions and occupations of the people.”

Sheep Rating Bill.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

Fire Ordinance Amendment Bill.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

The seventeenth notice upon the Order Paper was withdrawn.

Select Committee, Immigration.—Motion was proposed, “That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs Aynsley, Buckley, Maude, Montgomery, Wynn Williams, and Davis, to take into consideration the advisability of a new form of Tender for Immigration Contract, and to enquire into the system of Immigration generally, with power to call for persons and papers, and to Report within ten days.”

Amendment was negatived, “That the name of the Provincial Solicitor be substituted for that of Mr. Williams.”

The original motion was carried.

Select Committee, Sheep Ordinance.—A Select Committee was appointed to enquire into the working of the present Sheep Ordinance, with power to call persons and papers, to Report within ten days. The Committee to consist of Messrs Hall, Gray, Maude, Rhodes, Aynsley, Duncan, and Mallock.

Westland Board of Education Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to establish a Board of Education in Westland.

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

The twenty-first notice upon the Order Paper was withdrawn.

Return.—Motion was proposed, “For a Return of the number of Sections sold by the Waste Lands Board of this Province during the last three years, in the Ashley District, the total quantity of acreage of such Sections; and the number of such Sections as have been surveyed by Mr. Pemberton, the Surveyor of the District, during the same period.”

Amendment was negatived, “For a return of the number of Sections sold between the Ashley and the Hurunui, during the last seven years, the total acreage of such Sections, and the number surveyed during the same period.”

The original motion was carried.

Grey River Coal Reserve Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill authorising His Honor the Superintendent to lease the Grey River Coal Field Reserve.

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

Papers.—The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

50. Return shewing the working of the several Road Boards throughout the Province during the financial year ended 1866.

51. Waimakariri overflow: Report of the Provincial Engineer, with Tracings showing the state of the South Bank of the Waimakariri, opposite Sandy Knolls, after the freshes of Christmas, 1865, and October, 1866.

52. Results of Meteorological Observations taken at Christchurch and Hokitika during July, August, September, 1866, with diagram.

53. Correspondence relative to Inwood's Mill Bridge.

54. Memorials to His Honor the Superintendent from Holders of Sections in Hokitika, with reference to Reserves and the Regulations for the disposal of Town Lands.

55. Report of Mr. W. Blake on the Works on the Otira Road, August 11, 1866.

56. Canterbury Museum: Notes to the Collections belonging to the Province of Canterbury, by the Provincial Geologist.

57. Notes to the Topographical Map of the interior portion of the Province of Canterbury, prepared on a scale of 4 miles to 1 inch, or 1,253,440, by the Provincial Geologist.

58. Notes to the two Comparative Diagrams of the fall of the Rivers in the Province of Canterbury, by the Provincial Geologist.

59. Notes to the Altitude Sections of the South Rakaia Route by Whitcombe Pass, and to the Comparative Diagram of the five Passes across the Central Range, constructed from barometric observations, by the Provincial Geologist.

60. Notes to the Sections and Views of the West Coast between the Mikonui and Waiau Rivers, by the Provincial Geologist.

61. Return shewing—1st. The total acreage of Crown Lands held under the various classes of Pre-emptive Rights on 30th September, 1866. 2nd. The Road Districts in which the various classes of Pre-emptive Rights have been granted. 3rd. The total acreage of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights granted in each year commencing 11th February, 1858, and ending 30th September, 1866; and also the proportion of acreage granted in each year in respect of each kind of improvement.

The Council adjourned at 7.30 p.m., until Wednesday next at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. WALKER—To ask the Government who is responsible for the present unprotected state of the graves in the Ashburton Cemetery Reserve.</p> <p>2. Mr. MASKELL—To ask whether the Government intend to take any steps towards relieving the population resident on the Great North Road from the tax at present paid on crossing the River Ashley, either by throwing open the Bridge to the public, or by reducing the payment of tolls to not more than once in twenty-four hours.</p> | <p>3. Mr. KNIGHT—To move that in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable that Torrens's Real Property Act should be in force in this Province, and that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to take such steps as are necessary for its introduction.</p> <p>4. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move that "The Fire Amendment Ordinance, 1866," be read a second time.</p> |
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5. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move that “The Sheep Rating Ordinance, 1866,” be read a second time.
6. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend “The Timaru Landing Service Ordinance, 1865.”
7. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Dividing Fences of adjoining lands.
8. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise his Honor the Superintendent to erect a Bridge across the River Avon, in continuation of the Stanmore Road.
9. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the current Financial Year.
10. Mr. BUCKLEY—To move for a Return in detail of all sums expended and brought to account under the head of West Coast Road; also for a Return in detail of all sums expended and brought to account under the head of Great Southern Railway.
11. Mr. WYLDE—To move for leave of absence for Mr. Hawkes for a further period of one week.
12. Mr. ORMSBY—To move that “The Education Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1866,” be read a first time.
13. Mr. BRIGHT—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to declare valid the election of certain persons to serve as Members of the Municipal Council of Hokitika.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Hawkes and Mallock.

The Speaker in the chair.

Torrens's Act.—Motion was granted, “That in the opinion of this House it is highly desirable that Torrens’s Real Property Act should be in force in this Province, and that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to take such steps as are necessary for its introduction.”

Fire Ordinance Amendment Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 was considered. After the word “Council,” sixth line, the words “or by any two members of such Municipal Council,” were inserted.

After the word “raging,” seventh line, the word “or” was inserted.

The words “or if there be no Resident Magistrate, or if he shall be then absent from such town,” were struck out; the word “or” was substituted.

After the word “Peace,” ninth line, the words, “or by the Chief Officer of Police on duty in such town or locality” were inserted.

Amendment was negatived, “To strike out all the words from ‘aforesaid,’ tenth line, to word ‘fire,’ thirteenth line.”

The Clause passed as amended.

Clause 3 was considered. Amendment was proposed to strike out the word “whether.”

Division was called for but could not be taken, for need of Teller for the “ayes.”

The Clause passed as printed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Sheep Rating Bill.—The 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: “After the word ‘Sheep,’ fourth line, to insert the words ‘not feeding on freehold land.’”

Amendment was negatived: "After the word 'Sheep,' nineteenth line, to insert the words 'depasturing on freehold land.'"

Amendment was negatived upon division, "After the word 'rated,' twenty-first line, to insert the words 'in the following proportion, viz:—One Sheep for every acre of unimproved grass land, and five Sheep for every acre of improved grass land.'"

Ayes, 8: Messrs Aynsley, Brown, Buckley, Gray, Jollie, Thomson, Walker, Wylde.

Noes, 29: Messrs Barff, Bright, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Davis, Delamain, Duncan, Garrick, Hall, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Knight, Maskell, Maude, Montgomery, Moore, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stewart, Tancred, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "After the word 'Rated' twenty first line, to insert the words 'and five Sheep for every acre of cultivated and enclosed grass land.'"

Ayes, 13: Messrs Aynsley, Brown, Buckley, Davis, Dixon, Garrick, Gray, Jollie, Maude, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson, Walker.

Noes, 23: Messrs Barff, Bright, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Delamain, Hall, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Knight, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Amendment was proposed, "That in the last line the word 'four,' be read for word 'two.'"

Consideration of the Clause was postponed.

Clause 3 passed as printed.

Clause 4 as amended.

Clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Timaru Landing Service Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to amend "The Timaru Landing Service Ordinance, 1865."

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

Fencing Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Dividing Fences of Adjoining Lands.

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

Stanmore Bridge Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to authorise His Honor the Superintendent to erect a Bridge over the River Avon, in continuation of the Stanmore Road.

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

The ninth notice was ordered to stand first motion upon the Order Paper next sitting day.

The tenth notice was deferred till the next sitting day.

Leave of Absence.—Leave of absence for a further period of one week was granted to Mr. Hawkes.

Education Ordinance Amendment Bill.—The Bill was read a first time.

Hokitika Municipal Election Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to declare valid the election of certain persons to serve as Members of the Municipal Council of Hokitika.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Thursday next, at 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

- Report of Pre-emptive Right Committee to be brought up.
1. Mr. STERICKER—To ask the Government if it is their intention, after the Southern Railway has been made to the Selwyn, to extend the same to the Rakaia.
 2. Mr. WHALL—To ask if the Provincial Government have taken any steps for obtaining the extended Jurisdiction in the Magistrate's Court at Greymouth.
 3. Mr. WYNN WILLIAMS—To ask whether the Government have received any communication from the Christchurch City Council respecting the introduction of a new Municipal Council Ordinance for the City of Christchurch.
 4. Mr. GRAY—To ask whether any or what supervision is exercised over the works of the Great Southern Railway.
 5. Mr. W. WILSON—To ask what was the sum contributed by the Government towards the construction of the Avon Bridge, and also the sum contributed by private individuals in that locality towards its erection.
 6. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the current Financial Year.
 7. Mr. BUCKLEY—To move for a Return in detail of all sums expended and brought to account under the head of West Coast Road; also for a Return in detail of all sums expended and brought to account under the head of Great Southern Railway.
 8. Mr. J. BESWICK—To move for a Return of all moneys paid for the professional services of Mr. Doyne, C.E., by the Provincial Government, showing the accounts to which they have been brought, and what engagements with him are still pending involving further payments.
 9. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the further committal of "The Sheep Rating Bill, 1866."
 10. Mr. W. WILSON—To move that this House, at its rising, do adjourn its usual mid-day sitting until Tuesday evening next, the 13th inst., at the usual hour, for the purpose of affording its Members the opportunity of attending the exhibition of the Canterbury Pastoral Association on Friday next, the 9th inst.
 11. Mr. MAUDE—To move that copies of the Provincial Audit Act, 1866, be laid on the table for the use of Members of the Council.
 12. Mr. MONTGOMERY—To move that it is desirable that Reserves of Waste Lands be made as endowments for educational purposes within the Province.
 13. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move for leave to introduce a Bill, entitled "The Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance 1863 Amendment Bill, 1866."
 14. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move for copies of Correspondence between the Clerk to the Bench and the Lyttelton Municipal Council, relative to the building now used as the Resident Magistrate's Office.
 15. Mr. RHODES—To move that in the opinion of this Council the Timber Reserves on the Peninsula, numbered 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 241, and 242, should cease to be reserved, and be thrown open for sale.
 16. Mr. LESLIE THOMSON—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that in the event of any public works being paid for by grants of public lands, such grants be given only in the Electoral District in which such work may have been done.
 17. Mr. BARFF—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that a catalogue of books and papers, at present in the Council Library, be compiled for the use of members, and that the Library Committee be requested to take the necessary steps for obtaining copies of the Acts and Ordinances of the neighbouring Colonies and Provinces.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Mr. Hawkes.

The Speaker in the chair.

Committee of Supply.—Motion was proposed, "That this Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the present financial year."

The Provincial Secretary made a Financial Statement.

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was proposed, Permanent Charges..... £2000

Amendment was granted, "That the sum be reduced by the amount of £250, Provincial Auditor's Salary, six months."

Vote was taken, Permanent Charges £1750

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Returns.—Motion was granted as amended, "For a Return in detail of all Sums expended and brought to Account under the head of 'West Coast Road.'

Motion was granted as amended, "For a Return in detail of all Sums expended and brought to Account under the head of 'Great Southern Railway' since the date of the last Return."

Motion was granted "For a Return of all Moneys paid for the Professional Services of W. T. Doyne, C.E., by the Provincial Government, showing the Accounts to which they have been brought, and what engagements with him are still pending involving further Payments."

Paper—No. 62, was laid upon the table: Return of Moneys paid by the Provincial Government to W. T. Doyne, C.E., for Professional Services.

Sheep Rating Bill.—The Council in Committee for the further consideration of that Bill.

Clause 2 was proposed as printed.

Amendment was granted to strike out all the words after the word "rated," seventh line, page 2, the following words were inserted, "— Sheep for every acre of natural grass land, and — Sheep for every acre of enclosed land laid down in artificial grasses in each District in respect of which he is liable to be rated."

Motion was negatived, "To fill up first blank with 2."

Motion was granted, "To fill up first blank with 1."

Motion was negatived, "To fill up second blank with 6."

Motion was carried upon division, "To fill up second blank with 5."

Ayes, 30: Messrs Aynsley, Bright, Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Delamain, Duncan, Garrick, Gray, Hall, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Mallock, Maude, Montgomery, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson, Walker, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 10: Messrs Barff, B. Buchanan, Davis, Dixon, Hargreaves, Hoos, Moore, Waeckerle, Wylde.

The Clause passed as amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Adjournment.—Motion was granted, "That this House at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday evening, at the usual hour."

Audit Act.—Motion was withdrawn, "That Copies of the Provincial Act, 1866, be laid on the table for the use of Members of the Council."

Educational Reserves.—Motion was granted, "That it is desirable that Reserves of Crown Lands be made as Endowments for Educational Purposes within the Province."

Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance Amendment Bill.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

Returns.—Motion was granted, "For Copies of Correspondence between the Clerk to the Bench and the Lyttelton Municipal Council, relative to the Building now used as the Resident Magistrate's Office."

Paper.—No. 63 was laid upon the table: Correspondence between the Clerk to the Bench and the Lyttelton Municipal Council, relative to the Building now used as the Resident Magistrate's Office.

Timber Reserves, Peninsula.—Motion was granted as amended, "That in the opinion of this Council the Timber Reserves on the Peninsula, numbered 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 241, and 242, should cease to be reserved, and be thrown open for sale, on and after a day to be fixed by His Honor the Superintendent by advertisement in the public newspapers."

Payment of Works by Crown Lands.—Motion was negatived, "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that in the event of any Public Works being paid for by grants of Public Lands, such grants be given only in the Electoral District in which such Work may have been done."

Council Library.—Motion was granted, "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that a Catalogue of Books and Papers, at present in the Council Library, be compiled for the use of Members, and that the Library Committee be requested to take the necessary steps for obtaining copies of the Acts and Ordinances of the neighbouring Colonies and Provinces."

Extension of time to this day week was granted to the Pre-emptive Right Committee for bringing up their Report.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. MAUDE—To ask if any Report has been furnished by the Inspector of Weights and Measures showing what has been done in his department during the past financial year; and, contingent upon the reply, to move that it is desirable that a Report to such effect be obtained by the Government, and a copy thereof laid upon the table of this Council.</p> <p>2. Mr. WYLDE—To ask if the Secretary for Public Works intends to make any enquiry into the correctness of the Provincial Engineer's return of the cost of works for protecting the Kaiapoi Island.</p> <p>3. Mr. MOORE—To ask the Government if they will, during the ensuing Session, bring in a Bill to alter the purposes for which Reserve 201 was made, and in the meantime allow the continuance of the Reserve to be used as a Cemetery.</p> <p>4. Mr. W. WILSON—To ask if it is the intention of the Government to bring into the Council a Building Act during the present Session, or to revive the partially carried Building Act of 1864.</p> <p>5. Mr. WYLDE—To ask what has been done with the steel-wire rope which was imported from England for the Rakaia Ferry.</p> <p>6. Mr. H. B. JOHNSTONE—To ask for what reasons the Templeton Railway Station was removed from the Reserve No. 373, made and adopted by the Provincial Council, and gazetted June 15, 1865, in Gazette, No. 33.</p> | <p>7. Mr. E. BARFF—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the qualifications of Medical Practitioners of medicine and surgery.</p> <p>8. Mr. LESLIE THOMSON—To move for a return for each year since 1856 of all lands granted or selected in payment for roads and public works under the 43rd clause of the Waste Lands Regulations, with full particulars under the following heads, viz.:—Date, name of Contractor, work, amount, whether by public or by private tender, particulars of land selected and reserved, with date of selection by Contractor.</p> <p>9. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Bill."</p> <p>10. Mr. ORMSBY—To move that "The Education Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1866," be read a second time.</p> <p>11. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move that "The Sheep Rating Bill, 1866," be read a third time.</p> <p>12. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the second reading of "The Stanmore Road Bridge Bill, 1866."</p> <p>13. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the second reading of "The Fencing Ordinance, 1866."</p> <p>14. Mr. MAUDE—To move that instructions be given to the House Committee to cause the clock to be placed in its proper position in the Council Chamber.</p> |
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15. Mr. MAUDE—To move that it does not appear from the terms of the "Provincial Audit Act, 1866," that the duties of the office will demand the whole time and services of the Auditor. 2. That it is not inconsistent with the position of Provincial Auditor that the gentleman holding that office should be engaged in private business, provided that such business does not interfere with his public duties. 3. That under these circumstances, a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that he will recommend His Excellency the Governor, under the provisions of the "Provincial Audit Act, 1866," to fix the annual salary payable to the Auditor of this Province at any sum not exceeding £350 per annum.
16. LIEUT.-COL. WHITE — To move that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates a sum of money to be distributed as heretofore for the purpose of providing public amusement.
17. Mr. WYLDE—To move for a return of the number of lunatics sent to Christchurch from the West Coast; the time which each case has been under treatment, and its cost.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. B. Buchanan, Dixon, Hawkes, Johnstone, Potts, Rhodes, and Waeckerle.

The Speaker in the chair.

Election of Member.—The Speaker notified to the Council the election of Michael Albert Cassius, as M.P.C. for the Town of Hokitika, in the room of Richard Harman Jeffries Reeves, resigned.

Petition.—A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Cust District for Road Improvement, was presented, read, and received.

Inspector of Weights and Measures.—Motion was granted, "For a Report by the Inspector of Weights and Measures, showing what has been done in his department during the past financial year.

Medical Practitioners Bill.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

Returns.—Motion was negatived upon division, "For a Return for each year since 1856 of all Lands granted or selected in Payment for Roads and Public Works, for Building and other Materials under the 43rd clause of the Waste Lands Regulations, with full particulars under the following heads, viz., Date, Name of Contractor; Work; Amount; Whether by Public or by Private Tender; Particulars of Land Selected and Reserved; with Date of Selection by Contractor.

Ayes, 10: Messrs Brown, Buckley, Delamain, Gray, Montgomery, Ormsby, Sheath, Thomson, Walker, W. Williams.

Noes, 20: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, Bright, H. Buchanan, Davis, Duncan, Garrick, Hoos, Hornbrook, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Maude, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Hokitika Municipal Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1 passed with amendment.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Education Ordinance Amendment Bill.—Motion was negatived, "That the Bill be read a second time."

Sheep Rating Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Stanmore Road Bridge Bill.—The 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 all the words after the word 'traffic,' fifth line, be expunged."

Ayes, 9 : Messrs H. Buchanan, Davis, Duncan, Hargreaves, Matde, Moore, White, J. S. Williams, Wilson.

Noes, 18 : Messrs. Aynsley, Brown, Buckley, Delamain, Garrick, Gray, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Mallock, Montgomery, Ormsby, Sheath, Stewart, Thomson, Walker, W. Williams, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Fencing Bill.—The 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, "To strike out the word 'owner,' first line, and substitute 'occupier.' The words 'any Lessee for years,' were inserted before the word 'owner.' 'The' was struck out.

The Clause passed as amended.

Clause 3 passed with amendment.

Clauses 4 and 5 passed as printed.

Clause 6 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived "To add the words 'provided that no Lessee of Pasturage Land shall be liable for more than one third of the cost of any such fence.'"

The Clause was struck out.

Clauses 7, 8, 9 passed with amendment.

Clause 10 was proposed.

The word "freehold" was inserted before "land," first line.

Amendment was negatived "After the word 'entitled,' to insert the words 'to impound any Cattle, Sheep, or Horses, by reason of any trespass or.'"

Amendment was negatived upon division, "To strike out the Clause."

Ayes, 10 : Messrs Davis, Delamain, Duncan, Knight, Moore, Ormsby, Stericker, Whall, Williams, Wilson.

Noes, 22 : Messrs. Aynsley, Bright, Brown, Buchanan, Buckley, Garrick, Gray, Hall, Hoos, Hornbrook, Jollie, Maude, Mallock, Montgomery, Sheath, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson, Walker, White, W. Williams, Wylde.

The words "or sheep" were added to this clause.

The clause passed as amended.

Clause 11 passed as printed.

Clause 12, with addition of the words, 'and all other towns within the Province of Canterbury.'

Clauses 13, 14 passed as printed.

The Schedule, Preamble, and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Chamber Clock.—Motion was granted as amended, "That it be an instruction to the House Committee to cause the Clock to be placed in its proper position in the Council Chamber."

The fifteenth notice upon the Paper was [postponed, and ordered to be a first motion for next sitting day.

Public Amusements.—Motion was negatived upon division, "That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates a sum of Money to be distributed as heretofore, for the purpose of providing Public Amusements."

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Aynsley, Bright, Davis, Hoos, Hornbrook, Ormsby, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, White, W. Williams, Wilson.

Noes, 13: Messrs. Beswick, Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Garrick, Hall, Jollie, Knight, Maude, Montgomery, Moore, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

The Speaker decided in favor of the Noes, stating, as a reason, his objection to further taxation of the people.

Returns.—Motion as amended was granted, "To move for a Return of the number of Lunatics sent to Christchurch from the West Coast; the time which each case has been under treatment, and its cost, and upon whose Certificate the patients were committed to the Asylum.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. SHEATH—To ask if the Government had received any expression of opinion from the settlers in the Southern Districts of the Province as to the desirability or otherwise of—1st, Bridging the Waitaki or any other river south of the Rangitata; 2nd, Building a Pier, Jetty, or Breakwater at Timaru; 3rd, Placing the present Landing Service at Timaru, now being worked by the Government, under the control of the Municipal Corporation of Timaru. Contingent on the replies, to move—That all the Correspondence on the above subjects be laid on the table of this House.
2. Mr. JOLLIE—To ask what steps have been taken by the Government to repair the dams erected on the south bank of the Waimakariri river.
3. Mr. WYNN WILLIAMS—To ask whether Mr. Doyne, or his representative in this Province, has not reported to the Government that the Southern Railway to Rolleston was not being constructed according to the specifications and contract; and to move that copies of the Correspondence between Mr. Doyne, or his representative, and the Government on the question of constructing the said railway, and also a copy of Mr. Doyne's Report on the same work, and copies of all letters and other reports as to the manner in which the construction of the said line has been carried out, be laid on the table.
4. Mr. MAUDE—To move that it does not appear from the terms of "The Provincial Audit Act, 1866," that the duties of the office will demand the whole time and services of the Auditor. 2. That it is not inconsistent with the position of Provincial Auditor that the gentleman holding that office should be engaged in private business, provided that such business does not interfere with his public duties. 3. That under these circumstances, a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that he will recommend his Excellency the Governor, under the provisions of "The Provincial Audit Act, 1866," to fix the annual salary payable to the Auditor of this Province at any sum not exceeding £350 per annum."
5. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current year.
6. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Land and Works for the current year.
7. Mr. E. BARFF—To move the second reading of "The Westland Board of Education Bill."
8. Mr. DUNCAN—To move for a Return of the manner in which the last vote for Scholarships under the Education Vote has been expended, and for a copy of all Correspondence relating to the Scholarship Examinations.
9. Mr. MONTGOMERY—To move that there be laid on the table a Map of the Province, showing such roads as the Government consider to be main roads.
10. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the third reading of "The Fencing Bill, 1866."

11. Mr. WALKER—To move that Government lay on the table without delay, all Plans, Estimates, and other documents on which they have founded the several estimates for bridging the Waitangi, Rakaia, and other rivers.
12. Mr. WHALL—To move that the Government be requested immediately to stop the erection of the transit sheds at Greymouth, and to select a proper and more convenient site for the same, instead of adding a further wasteful and useless expenditure of public money upon the useless wharf, which has been built in opposition to the wishes of the inhabitants.
13. Mr. ORMSBY—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the Arowhenua Resident Magistrate's Court should have jurisdiction to decide all cases in which no larger sum than £100 is involved; that a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to his Honor the Superintendent for transmission to his Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps may be taken for giving effect to the same.
14. Mr. HALL—To move for a Return showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the Provincial Government on account of the Westland Gold-fields to the latest period for which the same can be furnished, in continuation of the returns laid upon the table during the last Session; also an estimate of the balance due to the Provincial Treasury on account of expenditure on the Westland Gold-fields on the 31st October, 1866.
15. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that Mr. Cassius be added to the Select Committee on the Hokitika Town Reserves.
16. Mr. J. S. WILLIAMS—To move that a copy of Mr. Doyne's Report on the Opawa Bridge, be laid on the table.
17. Mr. Hoos—To move that Returns be laid on the table showing the quantity of Gold received by the Banks; also the Revenue derived from Licenses, Miners' Rights, Wardens' and Magistrates' Courts from each District separately, since the opening of the West Canterbury Gold-fields.
18. Mr. Hoos—To move for leave to introduce a Bill, entitled "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Hargreaves, Hawkes, Maskell, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The following Papers were laid upon the table:—

64. Diversion of Sumner Road: further Correspondence relative to Mr. W. Wilson's Claim for Compensation.

65. Return of all Sums brought up to Account under the head of Great Southern Railway.

66. Return shewing the amount of work done by Mr. Pemberton, District Surveyor, during the last three years, and Letter from Chief Surveyor thereon.

67. Return shewing the number of Cattle and Sheep that have passed through to the West Coast by way of Waitohi Gorge, 1st July, 1865, to 8th November, 1866.

Provincial Auditor.—Motion was negatived upon division, "That it does not appear from the terms of 'The Provincial Audit Act, 1866,' that the duties of the office will demand the whole time and services of the Auditor. 2. That it is not inconsistent with the position of Provincial Auditor that the gentleman holding that office should be engaged in private business, provided that such business does not interfere with his public duties. 3. That under these circumstances, a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that he will recommend His Excellency the Governor, under the provisions of 'The Provincial Audit Act, 1866,' to fix the annual salary payable to the Auditor of this Province at any sum not exceeding £350 per annum."

Ayes, 16: Messrs. Dixon, Gray, Hall, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Jollie, Knight, Maude, Mallock, Moore, Potts, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, J. S. Williams, W. Williams.

Noes, 21: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Davis, Delamain, Duncan, Garrick, Hoos, Montgomery, Ormsby, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, White, Wilson, Wylde.

The fifth and sixth motions upon the Paper were withdrawn.

Westland Board of Education Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clauses 1 to 10 passed with amendment.

Clause 11 was struck out as printed, and passed as inserted, "The Board shall, in the month of March in each year, render to the Superintendent a full Report of all things done by them by virtue of this Ordinance during the year preceding such Report."

Clauses 2, 3 were reconsidered and amended.

Clause 12 was inserted, "Any School or Schools receiving any grant of Money under this Ordinance shall be subject to Inspection under the powers and provisions of 'The Education Ordinance, Session VIII, No. 10.'"

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Returns.—Motion as amended was granted, "For a Return of the manner in which the last Vote for Scholarship under the Education Vote has been expended, and for a Copy of all Correspondence between the Board of Education and the Examiners of the Applicants for the Scholarships on the subjects of examination, and all Correspondence in reference to the mode and result of such Examinations.

The ninth notice upon the Paper was withdrawn.

Fencing Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Returns.—Motion was negatived, "That the Government lay on the table without delay, all Plans, Estimates, and other documents on which they have founded the several Estimates for Bridging the Waitangi, Rakaia, and other Rivers."

The twelfth notice upon the Order Paper was withdrawn.

Arowhenua and Waimate Resident Magistrates' Courts.—Motion as amended was granted, "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the Arowhenua and Waimate Resident Magistrates' Courts should have jurisdiction to decide all cases in which no larger sum than £50 is involved; that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to His Honor the Superintendent for transmission to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps may be taken for giving effect to the same."

Returns.—Motion as amended, was granted, "For a Return showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the Provincial Government on account of the Westland Gold-fields to the latest period for which the same can be furnished, also an Estimate of the excess of Expenditure over Receipts on account of the said Gold-fields on the 31st October, 1866."

Hokitika Reserve Committee.—The name of Mr. Cassius was added to that Committee.

Returns.—Motion was granted, "That a copy of Mr. Doyne's Report on the Opawa Bridge be laid upon the table."

Paper—No. 68: Report of W. T. Doyne, C.E., on the Opawa Bridge, was laid upon the table.

Returns.—Motion was granted "That Returns be laid on the table showing the quantity of Gold received by the Banks since the last Return; also the Revenue derived from Licenses, Miners' Rights, Wardens' and Magistrates' Courts from each District separately, since the opening of the West Canterbury Gold-fields."

Westland Hospital Bill.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m., until Tuesday next, at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Reports of the Pre-emptive Right Committee, Immigration Committee, and Sheep Ordinance Committee, to be brought up.

1. Mr. MASKELL—To ask whether, as provided by "The Ashley Bridge Ordinance," the Contractor for that Bridge has sent in to the Government Quarterly Returns of the Tolls taken there; and if so, whether the Government would object to lay Copies of such Returns on the table.
2. Mr. MAUDE—To move for a return of the amount of rates payable under the "Sheep Rating Ordinance," which are due at the present time and are not paid; showing the name of every person from whom any rate is due, and the amount thereof, the date on which it becomes due, the steps which have been taken for its recovery, and the reason why the same is allowed to be unpaid.
3. Mr. E. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Westland Board of Education Bill."
4. Mr. B. BUCHANAN—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £50 in aid of the Lyttelton Regatta for 1867.
5. Mr. STERICKER—To move that there be laid on the table all correspondence which has at any time taken place between the Canterbury and the Nelson Provincial Governments on the subject of bridging the Hurunui.
6. Mr. BRIGHT—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the inhabitants of Hokitika.
7. Mr. E. BARFF—To move the second reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill."
8. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current financial year.
9. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and works.
10. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates for the West Coast Goldfields.
11. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Hargreaves, Hall, Hawkes, Knight.

The Speaker in the chair.

Assent of His Honor the Superintendent to Bills.—The Speaker notified to the Council the Assent of His Honor the Superintendent to "The Sheep Rating Bill, 1866," and "The Fencing Bill, 1866."

Petition.—A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Sefton District for Improvements of the Saltwater Creek Navigation, was presented, read, and received.

Papers.—The following papers were laid upon the table:—

69. Return of Lunatics sent to Christchurch from the West Coast.
70. Report of the Inspector of Weights and Measures for year ending 30th June, 1866.
71. Memorial relative to Bridging the River Waitangi.
72. Detail of Expenditure on the West Coast Road, Otira Route.
73. Statement of Expenditure on Defence Works in connection with Kaiapoi Island.

Select Committees.—The Report of the Pre-emptive Right Committee was called for. Extension of time granted until to-morrow.

An extension of time for seven days was granted to the Immigration Committee.

The Report of the Sheep Ordinance Committee was brought up and read.

Motion was proposed, "That the Report be printed."

Amendment was negatived, "That the Report be allowed to lie upon the table for two clear consecutive sitting days before it is printed."

The Report was ordered to be printed.

Paper—No. 74: Quarterly Return of Tolls taken at the Ashley Bridge, was laid upon the table.

Returns.—Motion was granted, "For a Return of the amount of Rates payable under 'The Sheep Rating Ordinance,' which are due at the present time and are not paid; showing the name of every person from whom any Rate is due, and the amount thereof, the date on which it becomes due, the steps which have been taken for its recovery, and the reason why the same is allowed to be unpaid.

"The Westland Board of Education Bill," was read a third time and passed.

The Speaker ruled "That the fourth notice upon the Order Paper was not in accordance with the Standing Orders."

Motion was negatived, "That leave be given to put this motion to the House."

Returns.—Motion as amended was granted, "That there be laid on the table all Correspondence in continuation which has taken place between the Canterbury and the Nelson Provincial Governments on the subject of Bridging the Hurunui."

Paper—No. 75: Continuation of Correspondence on the subject of the Construction of a Bridge across the Hurunui, was laid upon the table.

Hokitika Municipal Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Inhabitants of Hokitika.

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

Medical Practitioners Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 passed with amendment.

Clause 4 as printed.

Clause 5 with amendment.

Clause 6 as printed was struck out, and passed as inserted, "This Ordinance shall come into operation 1st day of February, 1866."

Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Committee of Supply.—Motion was proposed, "That the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates for the West Coast Goldfields."

The Debate was adjourned.

Motion was negatived, "For the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current financial year."

Paper—No. 76: Return of Pre-emptive Rights on Runs purchased either by Holders of, or by Challenger, from 1st of April, 1858, to June 30, 1866, was laid upon the table.

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

WEDNESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Report of the Pre-emptive Right Committee to be brought up

1. Mr. MAUDE—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that His Honor will, as soon as convenient, after the rising of the Council appoint Commissioners to enquire generally into the Civil Service of this Province, and that the Report of such Commissioners be laid on the table at the next Session of this Council
2. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current financial year.
3. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
4. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates for the West Coast Goldfields.
5. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.
6. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £200; Catholic Church, £200; Wesleyan Church, £200; Presbyterians, £200; and Independents, £200.
7. Mr. BARFF — To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clement by constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to.
8. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley.
9. Mr. HOOS—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."
10. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigon, Akalooa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Hall, Hawkes, Hargreaves, and Knight.

The Speaker in the chair.

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

"The Superintendent begs to refer back to the Provincial Council 'The Westland Board of Education Bill, 1866'; and would suggest to the Council the advisability of substituting for clause 12 of that Bill, as it at present stands, the following:—'Any School or Schools receiving grants of Money under this Ordinance, shall be from time to time inspected by an Inspector, to be appointed by the Superintendent, and the Reports of such Inspector shall be published in the *Government Gazette* of the Province.'

"W. S. MOORHOUSE,
"Superintendent."

Pre-emptive Rights.—The Report of the Committee was brought up.

Papers.—The following were laid upon the table:—

77. Correspondence relating to Scholarship Examinations.

78. Statement showing the amount Received and Expended under Vote for Scholarships, 1865-6.

Civil Commission.—Motion was proposed, “That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that His Honor will, as soon as convenient after the rising of the Council, appoint Commissioners to enquire generally into the Civil Service of this Province, and that the Report of such Commissioners be laid on the table at the next Session of this Council.”

Amendment was withdrawn, “That after the word ‘Province’ the words be added, ‘with a view to reducing the same.’”

The original motion was carried.

Adjourned Debate.—The debate was resumed. Motion was carried, “For consideration, in Committee of Supply, of the Estimates for the West Canterbury Goldfields.”

The Council in Committee of Supply.

Vote was taken, Commissioner’s Department £1400

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates for Ordinary Expenditure for the current year.

	£	s.	d.
Vote was proposed, Provincial Secretary’s Department ...	1385	0	0
Amendment was negatived, “To strike out the words ‘and Provincial Treasurer.’”			
Vote was taken, Provincial Secretary’s Department ...	1385	0	0
,, ,, Treasurer’s ,, ,, ,, ,,	700	0	0
,, ,, Auditor’s ,, ,, ,, ,,	150	0	0
,, ,, Solicitor’s ,, ,, ,, ,,	500	0	0
,, Expenses of Elections ... ,, ,, ,,	250	0	0
Vote was proposed, Provincial Council... ,, ,, ,,	1300	0	0
Amendment was negatived, “To strike out the words ‘Expenses of Members £500.’”			
Vote was taken, Provincial Council ... ,, ,, ,,	1300	0	0
,, Supreme Court ... ,, ,, ,,	1812	10	0
,, Expenses of Witnesses ... ,, ,, ,,	150	0	0
,, Gaol, Lyttelton ... ,, ,, ,,	4308	3	0
,, ,, Christchurch ... ,, ,, ,,	806	17	8
,, ,, Timaru ... ,, ,, ,,	519	12	6
,, ,, Police ... ,, ,, ,,	12,486	12	6
Vote was proposed, Education ... ,, ,, ,,	8159	6	8
Amendment was granted, “To strike out the words ‘five Members of Board £126.’”			
Vote was taken, Education ... ,, ,, ,,	8033	6	8
,, Hospital, Christchurch ... ,, ,, ,,	2971	11	8
,, ,, Lyttelton ... ,, ,, ,,	1590	0	0
,, ,, Timaru ... ,, ,, ,,	587	0	0
,, Lunatic Asylum ... ,, ,, ,,	3386	5	10
Vote was proposed, Inspection of Sheep ... ,, ,, ,,	1904	3	4
Vote was taken, ,, ,, ,, ,,	2054	3	4
The item “Extra assistance to Chief Inspector,” being increased to £300.			
Vote was taken, Weights and Measures ... ,, ,, ,,	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Vote was proposed, Harbour	2295	17	6
Amendment was proposed, "That the item Harbour Master, Lyttelton, be reduced by £100."			
The Amendment was withdrawn.			
Vote was taken, Harbour, Lyttelton	2095	17	6
" " Timaru	450	0	0
" " Akaroa	50	0	0
Vote was taken, Harbour, Kaiapoi	150	0	0
" " Saltwater Creek	116	5	0
Vote was proposed, Defences	1950	0	0
Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the vote Volunteer Encampment be reduced by £300."			

Ayes, 12: Messrs Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Dixon, Johnstone, Maude, Moore, Ormsby, Sheath, Tancred, H. W. Williams, Wylde.

Noes, 18: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, Bright, B. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Hoos, Maskell, Montgomery, Rhodes, Stericker, Steward, Waeckerle, Walker, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wilson.

The words "including Salary of Band Master," were struck out; "s" was inserted after the word "Band."

Amendment was negatived, "That the sum £300 be struck out."

Vote was taken, Defences £1950

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 1.30 a.m., until 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. W. WILSON—To ask if it is the intention of the Government to amend "The Trespass of Cattle Ordinance," during the present Session of the Council.
2. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To ask whether the Government have considered the desirability of diverting the line of the Great Southern Railway at the Selwyn, and carrying it up to the Malvern Coal Fields and Porter Pass (so as to facilitate communication with the West Coast), and branching the southern line by Bryant's crossing over the River Rakaia and the base of the ranges.
3. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that all papers, documents and correspondence relating to the removal of the Templeton Railway Station from Reserve No. 373 be laid upon the table.
4. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move for leave to introduce a Bill entitled "The Trespass of Cattle Ordinance, 1866."
5. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners' Bill, 1866."
6. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current financial year.
7. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
8. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates for the West Coast Gold-fields.
9. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.

10. Mr. BARFF—To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to.
11. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley.
12. Mr. HOOS—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."
13. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between his Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigeon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.
14. Mr. E. BARFF—To move the consideration of His Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill," and to move the re-committal of the Bill.
15. Mr. E. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland.
16. Mr. E. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.
17. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that a sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the Salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police.
18. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866."

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Dixon, Garrick, Hawkes.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Report of the Pre-emptive Rights Committee was ordered to be printed.

Returns.—Motion was granted, "For all Papers, Documents, and Correspondence relative to the Removal of the Templeton Railway Station from Reserve No. 373."

Trespass of Cattle Bill.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

The fifth notice upon the Order Paper was deferred until Tuesday.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current financial year.

	£	s.	d.
Vote was taken, Fuel for various Departments ...	250	0	0
„ Messenger ...	50	0	0
„ Printing, Advertising, &c. ...	3500	0	0
„ Registration of Deeds ...	50	0	0
„ Dog Collars ...	870	0	0
„ Postage, Cartage, &c. ...	250	0	0
„ Painting, Cleansing, &c. ...	250	0	0
„ Expenses under Thistle Ordinance ...	500	0	0
„ Health Officer Boarding Vessels ...	20	0	0
Vote was postponed, Inspection under Diseased Cattle Act.			
Vote was taken, Insurance ...	400	0	0
Vote was proposed, Chaplain to Gaol ...	300	0	0
Amendment was carried, "That the sum be reduced by £100."			
Vote was taken, Chaplain to Gaol, 8 months ...	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Vote was taken, Steam Bonus	500	0	0
„ Maintenance of Fire Engine	100	0	0
„ Building New Places of Worship, (out- standing liabilities)	540	6	7
„ Maori Schools	200	0	0
„ Compensation to Church of England for School Building, Akaroa	50	0	0
„ Contingencies	2000	0	0
„ Subsidy for the Establishment of a Ferry over the Rangitata	300	0	0
„ Bonus to Cole and Co., West Coast Mail ...	300	0	0
„ Rent of Room, Rangiora, for Resident Magistrate's Court	20	0	0
„ Grant to Pigeon Bay Library	50	0	0
„ Grant to Pastoral and Agricultural As- sociation	250	0	0
Vote was carried upon division: Grant for expenses at- tending His Excellency the Governor's reception ...	500	0	0

Ayes, 18: Messrs Aynsley, Bright, Buckley, Delamain, Duncan, Hoos, Knight, Maude, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Rhodes, Stericker, Stewart, Tancred, Whall, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 15: Messrs B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Davis, Gray, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Jollie, Mallock, Maskell, Sheath, Thomson, Walker, J. S. Williams, W. Williams.

Vote was taken. Grant to Lyttelton Colonists' Society, for building £500
„ proposed. „ Christchurch Mechanics' Institute ... 200

Amendment was negatived, "That the word 'Christchurch' be struck out."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the item be struck out."

Ayes, 16: Messrs. Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Davis, Gray, Hargreaves, Knight, Mallock, Maskell, Moore, Maude, Potts, Stericker, Tancred, Thomson, Wylde.

Noes, 17: Messrs. Aynsley, Bright, H. Buchanan, Delamain, Duncan, Hoos, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Montgomery, Rhodes, Sheath, Stewart, Walker, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the sum be reduced by £100."

Ayes, 15: Messrs. Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Davis, Gray, Hargreaves, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Maude, Potts, Stericker, Tancred, Thomson, Wylde.

Noes, 16: Messrs. Aynsley, Bright, H. Buchanan, Delamain, Hoos, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Montgomery, Rhodes, Sheath, Stewart, Walker, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson.

Vote was taken. Christchurch Mechanics' Institute £200
„ proposed. Akaroa 50

Amendment was negatived, "That the item be struck out."

Vote was taken. Akaroa Mechanics' Institute £50
„ Interest on Overdraft 8000

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Motion was proposed: "That the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the Department of Land and Works."

Amendment was proposed, "That in the opinion of this House, more especially taking into consideration that the Provincial Account is already overdrawn to a very large amount, and that the Estimates contemplate a very large over-expenditure, it is inexpedient to proceed with the Bridging of the larger Rivers, until some means are adopted for satisfying the present overdraft, and for securing to the Municipalities and Road Boards the Amounts set down in the Estimates."

Division was called for. Ayes, 19: Messrs. Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Gray, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Maskell, Mallock, Moore, Montgomery, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, W. Williams.

Noes, 19: Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, Buckley, Davis, Duncan, Hoos, Johnstone, Maude, Ormsby, Rhodes, Stewart, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wilson, Wyld.

The Speaker decided in favour of the "Noes," stating as a reason that such decision left the Council at liberty to enter into further discussion of the question.

The notices upon the Order Paper were reserved for Tuesday next.

The Council adjourned at 11.15 p.m., until Tuesday next, at 5 pm.

TUESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>Report of Immigration Committee to be brought up</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. GRAY—To move that the Report of the Committee to enquire into the working of the present Sheep Ordinance be adopted, and that the Government do bring in a Bill to give effect to the suggestions contained therein. 2. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866." 3. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works, 4. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates for the West Coast Gold-fields. 5. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council. 6. Mr. BARFF—To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to. 7. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 to be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police. 9. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866." 10. Mr. Hoos—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866." 11. Mr. RHODES— To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays. 12. Mr. BARFF — To move the consideration of his Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill," and to move the re-committal of the Bill. 13. Mr. BARFF — To move that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland 14. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250. |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Cassius, Hawkes, Mallock, Potts, Rhodes, Waeckerle.

The Speaker in the chair.

Immigration Committee.—The Report of that Committee was brought up, read, and ordered to be printed.

Motion was granted, "That the Council at its rising do adjourn until Thursday next."

Ministerial explanation was made, by leave of the House.

The Council adjourned at 6 p.m., until Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. GRAY—To move that the Report of the Committee to enquire into the working of the present Sheep Ordinance be adopted, and that the Government do bring in a Bill to give effect to the suggestions contained therein.</p> <p>2. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."</p> <p>3. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.</p> <p>4. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates for the West Coast Gold-fields.</p> <p>5. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.</p> <p>6. Mr. BARFF—To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to.</p> <p>7. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley.</p> | <p>8. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police.</p> <p>9. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866."</p> <p>10. Mr. HOOS—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."</p> <p>11. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.</p> <p>12. Mr. E. BARFF—To move the consideration of his Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill," and to move the re-committal of the Bill.</p> <p>13. Mr. E. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland.</p> <p>14. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.</p> |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Delamain, Hall, Hargreaves, Cassius, Waeckerle.

The Speaker in the chair.

Sheep Ordinance Committee.—Motion was withdrawn upon debate, “That the Report of the Committee to enquire into the working of the present Sheep Ordinance be adopted, and that the Government do bring in a Bill to give effect to the suggestions contained therein.”

Motion was granted, “That Notice of Motion, No. 2, be the prior order of the day on the next sitting day on which the office of Provincial Solicitor is represented in the House.”

Papers.—The following Papers were laid upon the table :—

79. Report of Chief Surveyor accompanying two Maps, the result of Surveys at Westland.

80. Return of Rates under “Sheep Rating Ordinance,” unpaid 21st November, 1866.

81. Petition from Inhabitants of Revell-street, Hokitika, respecting the Sale of Town Lands.

82. Correspondence relating to the Removal of Templeton Railway Station from Reserve No. 373.

83. Correspondence relative to Opening the Road connecting Pigeon, Akaloo, and McIntosh Bays, and Memorial thereon.

84. Return showing Land Sold, and Reserves made in the different Road Districts of the Province.

85. Return of Pre-emptive Rights on Runs existing 30th October, 1866.

86. Audited Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of Road Boards, from the 1st January, 1865, to the 31st December, 1865.

87. Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the Kanieri Tramway Company.

The Council adjourned at 8 p.m., until Tuesday 11th December.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. J. A. WHALL—To ask what alterations the Government intend to make in the present system of expending the Revenues of Westland in Public Works.</p> <p>2. Mr. BRIGHT—To ask if it is the intention of the present Executive to carry out the promises of the late Government with reference to the introduction of a Bill to transfer Gibson Quay, Hokitika, to the Municipal Council of that town; and to introduce a Bill to guarantee interest on capital invested in Tramway works in Westland.</p> <p>3. Mr. BRIGHT—To ask what are the intentions of the Government with reference to the application of the Hokitika and Greymouth Tramway Company for permission to build a bridge over the Arahura river.</p> <p>4. Mr. WYLDE—To move that this Council, having heard the statement of the policy proposed to be carried out by the Government, resolves that it does not possess the confidence of this House.</p> | <p>5. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of “The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866.”</p> <p>6. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Westland Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 towards the Establishment of a Law Library in connection with the Supreme Court at Hokitika.</p> <p>7. Mr. D. DAVIS—To move that the Report of the Immigration Committee be adopted.</p> <p>8. Mr. RHODES—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of forming roads in Le Bon Bay.</p> <p>9. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY — To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.</p> |
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10. The **PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
11. **Mr. BARFF**—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
12. **Mr. BARFF**—To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to.
13. **Mr. MASKELL**—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley.
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17. **Mr. RHODES**—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigeon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.
18. **Mr. E. BARFF**—To move the consideration of his Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill," and to move the re-committal of the Bill.
19. **Mr. E. BARFF**—To move that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland.
20. **Mr. BARFF**—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Buckley, Hall.

The Speaker in the chair.

Election of Members.—The Speaker notified to the Council that the following gentlemen had been elected to serve as Members of the Provincial Council for the several Districts:—

Edward Jollie, Esq., for the Selwyn District.

Joshua Strange Williams, Esq., for the Heathcote District.

Papers.—The following were laid upon the table:—

88. Copy of Amended Agreement between His Honor the Superintendent and W. T. Doyne, C.E., for Superintending the Construction of the Great Southern Railway.

89. Return of the Amount of Land Purchased in each Road District south of the Rangitata, during the year ended 30th of June, 1866.

90. Report from the Provincial Engineer upon the State of the Public Works, Westland.

91. Report upon the Progress of the Geological Survey of the Province.

Vote of Want of Confidence.—Motion was proposed, "That this Council having heard the Statement of the Policy proposed to be carried out by the Government, resolves that it does not possess the confidence of the House."

Leave was obtained to amend the resolution. Upon division—

Ayes, 19: Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Duncan, Garrick, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hawkes, Johnstone, Maude, Ormsby, Stewart, Whale, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 16: Messrs. H. Buchanan, Delamain, Gray, Hornbrook, Jollie, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, J. S. Williams, W. Williams.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the Ministry, as at present constituted, does not possess the confidence of this House."

Ayes, 21: Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Duncan, Garrick, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Johnstone, Maude, Ormsby, Rhodes, Stewart, Whall, White, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 20: Messrs. Brown, H. Buchanan, Delamain, Dixon, Gray, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Mallock, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, J. S. Williams, and H. W. Williams.

The Council adjourned at 10.30 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. BARFF—To ask the Provincial Solicitor if the Government intend to take any steps to declare any parts of Westland to be districts under the "Vaccination Act, 1863," and to appoint certain places where vaccination may be performed.
2. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
3. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866."
4. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Westland Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 towards the Establishment of a Law Library in connection with the Supreme Court at Hokitika.
5. Mr. D. DAVIS—To move that the Report of the Immigration Committee be adopted.
6. Mr. RHODES—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of forming roads in Le Bon Bay.
7. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.
8. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
9. Mr. BARFF—To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to.
10. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the river Ashley.
11. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police.
12. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866."
13. Mr. HOOS—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."
14. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigeon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.
15. Mr. BARFF—To move the consideration of His Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill," and to move the re-committal of the Bill.
16. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland.
17. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Brown, Buckley, Hall.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Speaker notified to the Council that he had received a Communication from the Provincial Auditor. The Communication was read by the Clerk.

Papers.—The following were laid upon the table :—

92. Letters from John Marshman, Immigration Agent, to the Provincial Secretary, bearing date 25th August, and 18th and 25th September, 1866.

93. Letters from H. Selfe Selfe, English Agent, to His Honor the Superintendent, bearing date 25th August and 19th September, 1866.

The Council adjourned at 5.30 p.m., until the next sitting day.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. E. BARFF—To ask the Provincial Solicitor if the Government intend to take any steps to declare any parts of Westland to be districts under "The Vaccination Act, 1863," and to appoint certain places where vaccination may be performed. 2. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move the second reading of "The Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance, 1863, Amendment Bill 1866." 3. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that Mr. Whall and Mr. Ormsby be added to the Select Committee on the Lyttelton Sea Wall and Jetty. 4. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866." 5. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866." 6. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Westland Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 towards the Establishment of a Law Library in connection with the Supreme Court at Hokitika. 7. Mr. DAVIS—To move that the Report of the Immigration Committee be adopted. 8. Mr. RHODES—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of forming roads in Le Bon Bay. 9. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council. 10. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works. 11. Mr. BARFF—To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning ury lodged against | <p style="text-align: center;">Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this house it is expedient that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley. 13. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police. 14. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866." 15. Mr. HOOS—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866." 16. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigeon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays. 17. Mr. BARFF—To move the consideration of His Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill," and to move the re-committal of the Bill. 18. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland. 19. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250. |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Delamain, Hall.

The Speaker in the chair.

Petition.—A Petition of the Municipal Corporation of Hokitika was presented, read, and received.

Motion was proposed, "That the Council be adjourned until Friday next at noon."

Amendment was proposed, "That motion No. 3 upon the Order Paper be taken into consideration."

A further amendment was negatived, "That the Council do adjourn until seven o'clock."

The first amendment was negatived upon division.

Ayes, 14: Messrs. Aynsley, Bright, Cassius, Davis, Duncan, Garrick, Hawkes, Hargreaves, Maude, Ormsby, Rhodes, Whall, White, Wylde.

Noes, 24: Messrs. Barff, H. Buchanan, Dixon, Gray, Hoos, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Jollie, Knight, Mallock, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson.

The Council adjourned at 6 p.m., until Friday at noon.

FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. BARFF—To ask the Provincial Solicitor if the Government intend to take any steps to declare any parts of Westland to be districts under "The Vaccination Act, 1863," and to appoint certain places where vaccination may be performed.
2. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move the second reading of "The Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance, 1863, Amendment Bill, 1866."
3. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that Mr. Whall and Mr. Ormsby be added to the Select Committee on the Lyttelton Sea Wall and Jetty.
4. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
5. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866."
6. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Westland Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 towards the establishment of a Law Library in connection with the Supreme Court at Hokitika.
7. Mr. D. DAVIS—To move that the Report of the Immigration Committee be adopted.
8. Mr. RHODES—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 for the purpose of forming roads in Le Bon Bay.
9. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.
10. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
11. Mr. BARFF—To move that Copies be laid upon the table of all Correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the deposition connected with the cases referred to.
12. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley.

13. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police.
14. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866."
15. Mr. HOOS—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."
16. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigeon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.
17. Mr. BARFF—To move the consideration of His Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill" and to move the re-committal of the Bill.
18. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland.
19. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Delamain, Garrick, Hall, Knight, Maude, Rhodes, W. Williams.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motions Nos. 1 and 2 upon the Order Paper were renewed for the next sitting day.

The names of Messrs Ormsby and Whall were added to the Select Committee upon the Lyttelton Sea Wall Contract.

Motion was proposed, "That the Council at its rising do adjourn until Friday next at noon."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the Council at its rising do adjourn until Tuesday next at 5 p.m."

Ayes, 11: Messrs Dixon, Gray, Maskell, Mallock, Moore, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker.

Noes, 22: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, Cassius, Davis, Duncan, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Jollie, Montgomery, Ormsby, Stewart, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Amendment was negatived, "That the Council do adjourn until Wednesday, 26th January, at 5 p.m."

The Council adjourned at 1 o'clock, until Friday next, at noon.

FRIDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. BARFF—To ask the Provincial Solicitor if the Government intend to take any steps to declare any parts of Westland to be districts under "The Vaccination Act, 1863," and to appoint certain places where vaccination may be performed.
2. Mr. WILSON—To ask whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a "Christchurch Municipal Council Ordinance Amendment Bill" during the present Session.
3. Mr. STEWART—To move that the House at its rising do adjourn to 7 p. m.
4. Mr. STEWART—To move the suspension of Standing Orders Nos. 21 and 22, for the purpose of extending the sittings of the Council.
5. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move the second reading of "The Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance, 1863, Amendment Bill, 1866."

6. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
7. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866."
8. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Westland Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 towards the Establishment of a Law Library in connection with the Supreme Court at Hokitika.
9. Mr. Davis—To move that the Report of the Immigration Committee be adopted.
10. Mr. RHODES—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds for the purpose of forming roads in Le Bon Bay.
11. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.
12. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works
13. Mr. BARFF—To move that copies be laid upon the table of all correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeney and Gleeson, and likewise copies of the depositions connected with the cases referred to.
14. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley.
15. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police.
16. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866."
17. Mr. HOOS—To move the second reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."
18. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigeon, Akaloa, and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.
19. Mr. BARFF—To move the consideration of his Honor's Message transmitting certain amendments to "The Westland Board of Education Bill," and to move the re-committal of the Bill.
20. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland.
21. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Dixon, Cassius, Delamain, Garrick, Hall, Hargreaves, Jollie, Knight, Mallock, Maskell, Moore, Potts, Thomson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Notices of motion were given.

The notices upon the Order Paper were renewed.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 p.m., until Wednesday next, at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. WILSON—To ask what steps the Government mean to take with regard to the restoration of traffic across the Avon Bridge recently rendered impassable.
2. Mr. BARFF—To ask the Provincial Solicitor if the Government intend to take any steps to declare any parts of Westland to be districts under "The Vaccination Act, 1863," and to appoint certain places where vaccination may be performed.
3. Mr. WILSON—To ask whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a "Christchurch Municipal Council Ordinance Amendment Bill" during the present Session.
4. Mr. WYLDE—To move for copies of all the Vouchers on which payments have been made to the Contractors on account of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.
5. Mr. MAUDE—To move that leave of absence be granted to the Honorable the Member for the Rakaia for one week.
6. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move the second reading of "The Trespass of Cattle Bill, 1866."
7. Mr. STEWART—To move the suspension of Standing Orders Nos. 21 and 22, for the purpose of extending the sittings of the Council.
8. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move the second reading of "The Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance, 1863, Amendment Bill, 1866."
9. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
10. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866."
11. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Westland Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 towards the establishment of a Law Library in connection with the Supreme Court at Hokitika.
12. Mr. D. DAVIS—To move that the Report of the Immigration Committee be adopted.
13. Mr. RHODES—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 for the purpose of forming roads in Le Bon Bay.
14. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.
15. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
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17. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that his Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the contractor the bridge over the River Ashley.
18. Mr. JOHNSTONE—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police.
19. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866."
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21. Mr. RHODES—To move for a copy of the Correspondence between His Honor the Superintendent and the inhabitants of Pigeon, Akaloa and McIntosh Bays, relative to opening the road connecting the said bays.
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24. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of places of worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows—To the Church of England, £250; Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Mallock, Waeckerle, and Wilson.

The Speaker in the chair.

Election of Members.—The Speaker notified to the Council that the following gentlemen had been elected to serve as Members of the Provincial Council for the several districts :—

Joseph Beswick for the Mandeville District.
 Thomas Smith Duncan ... } for the Papanui District.
 Francis Edward Stewart... }

Petition.—A Petition from the Inhabitants of Pigeon and other Bays, praying for the formation of a Road, was presented, read, and received.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “For Copies of all the Vouchers on which payments have been made to the Contractors on Account of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.”

Trespass of Cattle Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Mr. Aynsley in the chair.

Clause 1 was proposed.

Amendment was proposed, “After the word ‘Cattle,’ to insert the words ‘Sheep or Goats tethered or.’”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance, 1863, Amendment Bill, 1866.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause 1 was proposed.

Motion was carried, “That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again.”

The Speaker in the Chair.

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

Medical Practitioners Bill.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Mr. Wylde in the chair.

Clause 1 was amended.

A fresh Clause was inserted as Clause 4.

In Clause 7 the word “March” was read for the word “February.”

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Bill as amended.

Grant to Law Library, Hokitika.—Motion was granted, “That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Westland Estimates a sum not exceeding £150 towards the Establishment of a Law Library in connection with the Supreme Court at Hokitika.”

Immigration Committee.—Motion was withdrawn, “That the Report of that Committee be adopted.”

Grant to Le Bon Bay.—Motion was granted as amended, “That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum not exceeding £200 for the purpose of forming roads in Le Bon Bay.”

Papers.—Motion was granted, “That Copies be laid upon the table of all Correspondence in the possession of the Government concerning the charges of perjury lodged against Sergeant Clements by Constables Sweeny and Gleeson, and likewise Copies of the Depositions connected with the cases referred to.”

Commissioner of Police.—Motion was negatived upon division, “That a respectful

Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £100 be placed upon the Estimates as an increase to the Salary of £450 voted to the Commissioner of Police."

Ayes, 6: Messrs Aynsley, Buckley, Delamain, Johnstone, Montgomery, Ormsby.

Noes, 25: Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Cassius, Duncan, Hall, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hornbrook, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Maude, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stewart, Thomson, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wylde.

Westland Hospitals Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

Westland Board of Education Bill.—The Council in Committee to consider that Bill.

Clause 12 as passed was struck out and passed as inserted.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Grant for Prospecting Parties, Westland.—Motion was negatived, "That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 for the equipment of Prospecting Parties in Westland."

Grant for Places of Worship, Westland.—Motion as amended was negatived on division, "That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent praying that the sum of £1000 be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of Places of Worship in Westland; such sum to be apportioned as follows:—To the Church of England, £250; Roman Catholic Church, £250; Wesleyan Church, £250; and Presbyterians, £250.

Ayes, 7: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, H. Buchanan, Maskell, Ormsby, Rhodes, Wylde.

Noes, 29: Messrs Beswick, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Delamain, Dixon, Duncan, Gray, Hall, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Maude, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, Thomson, Walker, Whall, White, J. S. Williams.

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

THURSDAY, 27TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the Contractor the Bridge over the River Ashley. 2. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Council Bill, 1866." 3. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of a Bridge across the River Avon, to form a continuation of the Stanmore road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move for leave to bring in a Bill granting a pension to Thomas Cass, Esq., Chief Surveyor, on his retirement from the service of the Province. 5. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current financial year. 6. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Expenditure on the West Coast for the current financial year. |
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7. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the suspension of Standing Orders Nos. 21 and 22, for the purpose of extending the sittings of this Council.
8. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the Council resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
9. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
10. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Westland Board of Education Bill, 1866."
11. Mr. BROWN—To move that there be laid on the table a Return showing the respective amounts, and to whom paid during the last twelve months for special Engineering Surveys, and Travelling Expenses.
12. Mr. LESLIE THOMSON—To move that Copies be laid on the table of all Correspondence between the Government, the Post-office, and the Timaru Landing Service Department, with reference to the condition of that service.
13. Mr. DELAMAIN—To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Road Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Hall, Maude, Waeckerle.

The Speaker in the chair.

Grant for Purchase of Ashley Bridge.—Motion was proposed, "That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place upon the Estimates a sufficient sum to purchase from the Contractor the Bridge over the River Ashley."

Amendment was negatived, "That the words be added 'and that the amount be deducted in equal proportion from any moneys payable to the Mandeville and Kowai Road Boards.'"

The original motion was granted.

Hokitika Municipal Council Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Stanmore Road Bridge Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Construction of a Bridge across the River Avon, to form a continuation of the Stanmore road.

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

Cass Pension Bill.—Leave was given to bring in a Bill granting a Pension to Thomas Cass, Esq., Chief Surveyor, on his retirement from the service of the Province.

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

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the current financial year.

Colonel White in the chair.

Vote was taken, Permanent Charges	£1750
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Vote was proposed, Executive	2935
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Amendment was granted, "That the words 'and Treasurer,' be added to the first item."

Amendment was granted, "That the words 'Provincial Treasurer £150,' be read first item in that Department."

Amendment was granted, "That item 'Clerk' be read £150."

Amendment was negatived, "That item 'Auditor' £150 be struck out."

Vote was proposed, Executive	£2735
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Amendment was carried upon division, "That the item 'Provincial Solicitor,' read £450 for £500."

Ayes, 20: Messrs Aynsley, Brown, Buckley, Cassius, Dixon, Garrick, Gray, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Maskell, Montgomery, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Tancred, Thomson, Walker J. S. Williams, W. Williams.

Noes, 17: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, H. Buchanan, Davis, Delamain, Duncan, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Moore, Ormsby, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, Wilson, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Executive...	...	...	£2685	0	0
Electoral ...	...	...	250	0	0
Legislative	...	...	1300	0	0
Vote was proposed, Administration of Justice	...	...	20,058	15	8

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the item 'Crown Prosecutor Fees' read £400 for £500."

Ayes, 17: Messrs. Brown, Buckley, Dixon, Garrick, Gray, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Maskell, Montgomery, Potts, Sheath, Tancred, Thomson, Walker, J. S. Williams, W. Williams.

Noes, 15: Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, H. Buchanan, Cassius, Delamain, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Moore, Ormsby, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Administration of Justice ... £19,958 15 8

Vote was proposed, Charitable Aid ... 3,050 0 0

Amendment was negated upon division, "To strike out the item Administration, £50."

Ayes, 13: Messrs. Aynsley, Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Davis, Garrick, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Moore, Sheath, Tancred, Thomson, W. Williams.

Noes, 17: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, Cassius, Dixon, Delamain, Duncan, Hawkes, Jollie, Maskell, Ormsby, Stericker, Stewart, Walker, Whall, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Charitable Aid ... £3050 0 0

Vote was proposed, Hospitals ... 5148 11 8

Amendment was negated, "That the item 'Visiting Physician and Surgeon, £58 6s. 3d.,' be struck out."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the item 'Chaplain read £33 6s. 8d.,' for £50."

Ayes, 28: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Dixon, Duncan, Garrick, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Maskell, Mallock, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 6: Messrs. Aynsley, Davis, Gray, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Ormsby.

Vote was taken, Hospitals ...	...	...	£5131	18	4
„ Lunatic Asylum ...	...	...	3450	3	4
„ Inspection of Sheep ...	...	...	2125	0	0
„ Weights and Measures ...	...	...	200	0	0
„ Defences ...	...	...	1950	0	0
„ General Miscellaneous ...	...	...	9460	0	0
„ Education...	...	...	8096	6	8

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Motion was proposed, "That the Council resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure on the West Coast for the current year."

The debate was adjourned until the next sitting day.

Motion was carried upon division, "That the House at its rising do adjourn until 7 p.m."

Ayes, 26 : Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, Brown, H. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Dixon, Garrick, Gray, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Jollie, Maskell, Mallock, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Thomson, Walker, Whall, White, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 9 : Messrs Aynsley, Buckley, Duncan, Knight, Ormsby, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, J. S. Williams.

The Motions upon the Order Paper were renewed.

The Council adjourned at 1 a.m., until 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, 28TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that the Council do proceed to the election of Chairman of Committees.
2. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move for leave to bring in a Bill entitled "The Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867."
3. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move for leave to bring in a Bill entitled "The Westland Public House Bill, 1867."
4. Mr. HAWKES—To move for a return of persons receiving aid from the Charitable Aid Fund at the present time.
5. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.
6. Mr. HOOS—To move the committal of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."
7. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866."
8. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Expenditure on the West Coast for the current financial year.
9. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the Council resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
10. Mr. Wilson—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is urgently necessary that the revised "Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Bill" now in the hands of the Government be brought down to the House during the present Session.
11. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
12. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Westland Board of Education Bill, 1866."
13. Mr. BROWN—To move that there be laid on the table a Return showing the respective amounts and to whom paid during the last twelve months for special engineering surveys and travelling expenses.
14. Mr. THOMSON—To move that copies be laid on the table of all Correspondence between the Government, the Post-office, and the Timaru Landing Service Department, with reference to the condition of that service.
15. Mr. DELAMAIN—To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Road Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present — All, except Messrs Brown, Davis, Johnstone, Maude, Mallock, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

Petition.—A Petition from the Inhabitants of Christchurch for the Appointment of a Government Chaplain, was not received on account of informality.

Chairman of Committees.—Colonel White was elected Chairman of Committees.

Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

Returns.—Motion was granted, "For a Return of Persons receiving Aid from the Charitable Aid Fund at the present time."

Paper—No. 94: Return of Persons receiving Aid from the Charitable Aid Fund, December 28, was laid upon the table.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure on the West Coast for the current financial year.

Colonel White in the chair.

Vote was taken, Commissioners' Department ... £1400 0 0

Vote was proposed, Treasurer's Department ... 500 0 0

Amendment was granted, "That Sub-Treasurer, £400 be read for £350."

Amendment was granted, "That Clerical Assistance, £50 be read for £100."

Amendment was negatived, "That item 'Clerical Assistance' be struck out."

Vote was taken, Treasurer's Department ... £500 0 0

„ Waste Lands Board ... 500 0 0

Vote was proposed, Surveys ... 13,942 10 0

Amendment was negatived, "That the item 'Labourers, £7280,' read £5250."

Amendment was granted, "That the item 'Two Mining Surveyors, £600,' read 'Three Mining Surveyors, £750.'"

Vote was taken, Surveys ... £13,992 10 0

„ Engineers' Department ... 3,462 10 0

„ Meteorological Observer ... 50 0 0

Vote was proposed, Administration of Justice ... 30,800 2 0

Amendment was negatived, "That item 'Crown Prosecutor' read £300 for £400."

Amendment was withdrawn, "That the first two items under 'Magistrate's Court' be struck out."

Motion was granted, "That item 'Resident Magistrate's Clerks' read £500 for £400."

The item "Wardens' Courts" was amended:—

Five Warden's Courts, at £500 ... £2,500 0 0

Two Warden's Courts, at £500, six months ... 500 0 0

Six Clerks, at £300 ... 1,800 0 0

Vote was taken, Administration of Justice ... 29,650 2 0

The Council adjourned at 2.15 a.m., until 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 1866.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. MR. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is desirable to proceed during this Session to amend the Land Regulations with regard to Pre-emptive Rights.
2. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY — To move the second reading of "The Cass Pension Bill."
3. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the second reading of "The Stanmore Bridge Bill."
4. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move that the Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last Session of the Council.
5. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Expenditure on the West Coast for the current financial year.
6. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move that the Council resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
7. Mr. WILSON—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is urgently necessary that the revised "Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Bill" now in the hands of the Government be brought down to the House during the present Session.
8. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1866."
9. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Westland Board of Education Bill, 1866."
10. Mr. Brown—To move that there be laid on the table a Return showing the respective amounts, and to whom paid, during the last twelve months for special engineering surveys and travelling expenses.
11. Mr. LESLIE THOMSON—To move that copies be laid on the table of all Correspondence between the Government, the Post-office, and the Timaru Landing Service Department, with reference to the condition of that service.
12. Mr. DELAMAIN — To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Road Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Brown, B. Buchanan, Davis, Garrick, Gray, Hall, Hargreaves, Johnstone, Knight, Mallock, Maude, Rhodes, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

Motion was granted, "That the Council at its rising do adjourn until Wednesday next, at 2 p.m.

The first notice upon the Order Paper was withdrawn.

Cass Pension Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses, Preamble, and Title passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as printed.

Stanmore Bridge Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

The Clauses, Preamble, and Title passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as printed.

Reserves.—The Council in Committee to consider the Reserves made temporarily since the last session of the Council.

Mr. Williams attended with map.

The following Reserves were confirmed :—

No. IN RED.	QUANTITY. <i>more or less.</i>			DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
	A.	B.	P.		
166	6	0	0	Situate at Kaituna, Banks Peninsula, being bounded on the north-east and south by the Kaituna river, and on the westward by the base of the hills, and lying between section 165 and section 2649.	For a Church School and Cemetery.
170	1	0	0	Situate at the Cross Roads on the line drawn between trig. stations M 23 and M 30, in the Mandeville District.	For a Gravel-pit.
172	10	0	0	Situate at Pigeon Bay, bounded on the north by a road south of 2311, on the south by a creek, on the east 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.	For Church and School.
220	250	0	0	Situate in the main valley of the Upper Puaho stream, being the west side of the stream and the railway, or tramway reserve, being west of and immediately opposite reserve No. 222, as surveyed.	For timber for railway and other purposes of the Provincial Government.
221	250	0	0	Situate in the main valley of the Upper Puaho stream, being the west side of the stream, and the railway or tramway reserve, being north of and adjoining reserve No. 220, and north-west of reserve No. 222 (as surveyed)	For timber for railway and other purposes of the Provincial Government.
222	250	0	0	Situate in the Puaho valley of the Little River on the east side of the stream and road and tramway reserve, immediately opposite reserves No. 220 and No. 221.	For timber for railway and other purposes of Prov. Gov.
289	3	1	0	Situate at the head of Sumner Valley in the Christchurch District, being bounded on the north by section No. 745, on the west and south-east by the old line of the Sumner Road, and on the north-east by a straight line of road connecting the new line with the old line of road near the top of the hill, subject nevertheless to the new line of the Sumner-road running through this Reserve.	For Powder-magazine and Blacksmith's shop.
427	50	0	0	Situate at Wright's lower Camp on the Otira, having a frontage of twenty-two chains fifty links on the eastern bank of the Otira, and extending back a like distance in a rectangular block.	For the uses of the Provincial Government.
428	50	0	0	Situate on the Wainihinihi river, where the road from Hokitika strikes the Teremakau, being a square block of land.	For the uses of the Provincial Government.
458	25	0	0	Bounded on the northward by the Little Racecourse Hill and Kowai road, on the east and south by the Dalethorpe and Kowai road, and on the west by a straight line, to include the above quantity.	For Railway and other purposes of the Provincial Government.
673	136	0	0	Situate in the Waitaki District, being bounded on the north by Reserve (in red) No. 641, on the west by Railway Reserve, on the east by the road reserved along high water mark, and on the south by a line at right angles to the Railway Reserve, to contain the quantity required.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
674	63	0	0	Situate in the Waitaki District, being bounded on the north by Reserve (in red) No. 641, on the west and south by the Great South road, and on the east by the Railway Reserve.	As an endowment for a Classical School.

No. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>			DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
	A.	R.	P.		
675	187	0	0	Situate in the Waitaki District, being bounded on the north by Reserve in red, No. 635; on the east by the Railway Reserve, on the south by section No. 6548, and on the west by the Great South road.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
676	88	0	0	Situate in the Waitaki District, being bounded on the north by section No. 6548, on the east by the Railway Reserve, on the south by the high bank of the Makikihi, and on the west by the Great South road.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
677	219	0	0	Situate in the Waitaki District, being bounded on the north by the southern boundary of section No. 6548, and a line in continuation of the same, on the east by the road reserved along high water mark, on the south by the high bank of the Makikihi, and on the west by the Railway Reserve.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
678	500	0	0	Situate in the Waitaki District, being bounded on the north by the southern bank of the Makikihi, on the east by the Railway Reserve, on the south by the river Hook, and by section No. 6813; and on the west by the Great South-road.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
679	750	0	0	Situate in the Waitaki District, being bounded on the north by the southern bank of the Makikihi, on the west by Railway Reserve, on the south by the northern bank of the Hook, and on the east by a line parallel to and thirty chains distant from the western boundary.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
680	28	0	0	Situate in the Lyttelton District, commencing at a point on the foot of the cliffs, the same being fourteen chains north of the Trig. Station on Price's Long Point, thence westerly, following a line at right angles to the Little River-road, a distance of about four chains to the low water line of Lake Ellesmere, following that line in a south-easterly direction, a distance measured in a straight line of about forty-six chains; thence north-easterly a distance of about eight chains to a point under the Cliffs, being thirty-two chains east of the before-mentioned Trig. Station; and from thence returning along the foot of the Cliffs to the commencing point.	For a Timber depot and landing place.
681	200	0	0	Situate in the Lyttelton District, commencing at the junction of the Little River road with the road reserved between section No. 4073, and the flood line of Lake Ellesmere, following the last mentioned road in a south-westerly direction, a distance of forty-seven chains, and extending back at right angles in a north-westerly direction to the low water line of Lake Ellesmere, being bounded on the north west by that line.	For a timber depot and landing place.
682	150	0	0	Situate in the Ninety Mile Beach, on either side of the road leading to the landing place, being bounded on the north-west by the low-water line of Lake Ellesmere, on the north-east and south-west by lines parallel to and ten chains distant from the before-mentioned road, and on the south-east by a line at right angles to the last-described boundaries, to include the above quantity.	For a timber depot and landing place.
683	240	0	0	Situate on the Ninety Mile Beach, having frontage of forty chains to the Taumutu road, and extending back northerly at right angles to the low water line of Lake Ellesmere, being bounded on the north by that line, the landing place being in the centre of the same.	For a timber depot and landing place.
684	175	0	0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, being bounded on the north by Reserve (in red) No. 208, on the east and	For a timber depot and landing place.

No. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>	DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
	A. R. P.		
		south by Hart's creek and the low water line of Lake Ellesmere, and on the west by a line ten chains distant from the said low water line and by the road leading to the landing place.	
685	70 0 0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, being bounded on the west and south-west by Reserve (in red) No. 207, and by a line in continuation of the north-western boundary of that Reserve, on the north by a line ten chains distant from the northern side of Hart's creek, and on the east and south by the low water line of Lake Ellesmere and by Hart's creek.	For a timber depot and landing place.
686	2 1 20	Situate in the town of Timaru, having frontage on George-street and King-street, and being sections Nos. 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, and 453 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Timaru.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
687	2 1 0	Situate in the town of Timaru, having frontage to the eastern side of Edward-street, and being sections Nos. 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, and 350 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Timaru.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
688	0 1 5	Situate in the town of Timaru, having frontage on George-street and the west Town Belt, and being section No. 455 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Timaru.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
689	0 1 0	Situate in the town of Arowhenua, having frontage of one chain to the western side of Studholme-street, and being section No. 149 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Arowhenua.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
690	0 1 3	Situate in the town of Arowhenua, having frontage of one hundred and eighty-six links on Whitcombe-street, and being section No. 151 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Arowhenua.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
691	0 1 0	Situate in the town of Arowhenua, having frontage of one hundred links to the western side of Studholme-street, and being section No. 152 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Arowhenua.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
692	1 0 34	Situate in the town of Arowhenua, having frontage of five chains twenty links on Studholme-street, and of five chains thirty-eight links on Whitcombe-street, and being sections Nos. 155, 156, 157, 158, and 159 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Arowhenua.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
693	1 1 0	Situate in the town of Ashburton, having frontage on Kermod-street, and on Mona-square, and being sections Nos. 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Ashburton.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
694	0 3 0	Situate in the town of Ashburton, having frontage on West-street and Moore street, and being sections Nos. 112, 113, and 130 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Ashburton.	As an endowment for a Classical School.

NO. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>			DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
	A.	R.	P.		
695	1	0	0	Situate in the town of Ashburton, having frontage on West-street, Burnett-street, and Tancred-street, and being sections Nos. 130, 133, 150, and 151 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Ashburton.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
696	0	2	0	In two quarter-acre sections, section No. 27 situate in and fronting upon Wilson-street, and Section No. 44, situate in and fronting upon Peel-street in the town of Geraldine and numbered 27 and 44 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Geraldine aforesaid.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
697	0	2	33	In three sections, section No. 116 containing thirty-nine perches situate in and fronting upon Pine-street, section 117 containing 34 perches situate in and fronting upon Pine-street and Peel-street, and section 118 containing one rood situate in and fronting upon Peel-street and numbered 116, 117, and 118 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Geraldine aforesaid.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
698	1	0	0	Situate in the town of Wairewa, having frontage of four chains on Princess-street and two chains fifty links on Bealey-street, and being sections Nos. 10, 11, 12, and 13 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the town of Wairewa.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
699	321	0	0	Situate in the Timaru District, bounded on the eastward by section 8258, on the northward by the road passing through that section, on the southward by the stream forming the southern boundary of the aforesaid section 8258 and also by its southernmost branch, on the westward by the continuation of the road before mentioned and a line in continuation of the eastern side thereof.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
700	263	0	0	Situate in the Timaru district, bounded on the eastward by sections 8823 and 9076, and on the northward, westward, and southward by the road forming the northern boundary of the former and the southern boundary of the latter-mentioned section.	As an endowment for a Classical School.
701	5	3	0	Situate at Waimate, being bounded on the north-east by High-street, on the north by the railway-terrace south, and on the west and south by the terrace or high bank.	For a Cemetery.
703	4	1	20	Situate in the township of Greymouth, bounded on the north by Gresson-street, on the east by Boundary-street, and on the west by Arney-street, for a distance of about $7\frac{1}{2}$ chains, and on the south by a line at right angles with Arney-street.	For the uses of the Provincial Government.
704	1	1	8	Situate in the township of Greymouth, commencing at a point on the west side of Arney-street, the same being the south-eastern corner of section No. 96, following the said street in a southerly direction a distance of 200 links, and extending back westerly a distance of 650 links, in a rectangular block, being bounded on the west by Chapman-street.	For the uses of the Roman Catholic Church.
705	0	2	16	Situate in the township of Greymouth, commencing at a point on the eastern side of Packer's Quay, the same being sixty links south of the south western corner of section No. 181: following the said quay in a southerly direction a distance of three chains, and extending back easterly a distance of two chains, in a rectangular block.	For the uses of the Provincial Government and particularly for Police purposes.

No. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>	DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
706	A. R. P. 30 0 0	Being the river bed of the Teramakau, commencing at the north-eastern corner of the Native Reserve No. 17, thence northerly following a line in continuation of the eastern boundary of that Reserve, to the northern high bank of the river, thence westerly following the said bank a distance of twenty-three chains, thence southerly following a line parallel to the first described boundary to the southern bank of the Teramakau, and from thence returning easterly along the said bank to the commencing point.	For a Ferry.
707	0 0 3	Situate in the town of Hokitika, having thirty links frontage on Revell street, and extending back parallel to Camp-street, a distance of sixty links, in a rectangular block, the south-western corner being one hundred and fourteen links from Camp-street.	For the uses of a Fire Brigade.
708	0 1 3	Situate in the town of Hokitika, having a frontage of one hundred and fourteen links on Revell-street, and two hundred and twenty-eight links on Camp-street, the eastern boundary being a line at right angles to Camp-street.	For Provincial Government purposes.
709	160 0 0	Situate in the Mandeville District, being bounded on the east by the deep creek running into the river Ashley near the sea, on the north by a road, on the west by the continuation of the road forming the eastern boundary of sections 3744 and 5775, and on the south by another road running at right angles to the latter.	As an endowment for a classical school.
710	250 0 0	Situate in the Mandeville District, being bounded on the north by sections 5898, 5899 and 8361; on the west by the eastern boundary of the latter sections, and by the road forming the western boundary of the same; on the south by the road through Captain Rowe's old ford, and on the east by a line at right angles to the latter road at such a distance as will give the required quantity exclusive of section No. 2134.	As an endowment for a classical school.
711	100 0 0	Situate in the Mandeville District, being bounded on the south by the river Cust, on the east by the road forming the eastern boundary of section No. 9021, on the north by that section and a line in continuation of its southern boundary, and on the west by a line parallel to the eastern boundary, at such distance as to give the required quantity.	As an endowment for a classical school.
712	200 0 0	Situate in the Oxford District, being bounded on the north by the road south of section No. 7963, on the west by the road along the foot of the downs and the eastern boundary of sections 7126 and 8475, on the south by section No. 7126, and by the continuation of the road along the foot of the downs and by section 8474, and on the east by the western boundary of that section and by a line in continuation of the eastern boundary thereof.	As an endowment for a classical school.
713	150 0 0	Situate in the Oxford District, being bounded on the south by the Cust Main Drain, on the east by the drain and road reserve forming the western boundary of sections No. 7287, 7288 and 9291, on the north by a line at right angles to the said road and drain reserve, and at such a distance as will give the required quantity, the western boundary being parallel to the said road and drain reserve, and forty chains distant from it.	As an endowment for a classical school.
714	150 0 0	Situate in the Oxford District, bounded on the north by the river Eyre, on the south-west by the Harewood	As an endowment for a classical school.

NO. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>			DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
	A.	B.	P.		
				road by Riccarton, and on the south-east by a line drawn at right angles to the said road, to include the above quantity.	
715	83	0	0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, being bounded on the north-west by the Selwyn and Rakaia road, on the north-east by section No. 6258, on the south-east by a line in continuation of the south-eastern boundary of that section, and on the south-west by a road.	As an endowment for a classical school.
716	157	0	0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, bounded on the north-west by the road north-west of section No. 9644, on the north-east by the road north-east of section No. 9725, on the south-east by section No. 9725, and on the south-west by section No. 9644.	As an endowment for a classical school.
717	157	0	0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, being bounded on the north and west by the road east of sections No. 7727 and 9734, on the east by sections Nos. 9671 and 9466, and on the south by sections Nos. 8827 and 9466, and by the road south of the last-mentioned section.	As an endowment for a classical school.
718	164	0	0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, being bounded on the north-west by Cryer's road, on the north-east by section No. 9451, on the south-east by a line parallel to and forty chains distant from Cryer's road, and on the south-west by the road separating this section from section No. 7048.	As an endowment for a classical school.
719	100	0	0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, being bounded on the west by the Southern Railway, on the south by section No. 9475 and a line in continuation of the northern boundary of that section, on the east by the road west of section No. 9505, and on the north by the Tramway Reserve and a line at right angles to the Southern Railway, to contain the above quantity.	As an endowment for a classical school.
720	112	0	0	Situate in the Christchurch District, being bounded on north-east by sections Nos. 7976, 7975, and 8163 on the north-west by the road north-west of section No. 7743, and on the south-west by sections Nos. 7499, 7703, and 7743.	As an endowment for a classical school.
721	100	0	0	Situate in the Christchurch District, being bounded on the north-west by the road south-east of Section No. 9133, on the south-west, by section No. 8814, on the south-east by sections No. 6871, 6870, 6820, and on the north-east by a line to include the above quantity.	As an endowment for a classical school.
722	140	0	0	Situate in the Upper Christchurch District, being bounded on the north-east by the road south-west of section No. 9098, on the south-east by the road north-west of section No. 6168, on the south-west by the Waianiwinwa, and on the north-west by a line at right angles to the first-described boundary, to include the quantity required.	As an endowment for a classical school.
723	350	0	0	Situate in the Upper Waimakariri District, commencing at a point on the southern bank of the Waimakariri, the same being 70 chains west of the western boundary of Reserve (in red) No. 403, following westerly the edge of the bush a distance of 130 chains, and from thence returning along the said river bank to the commencing point.	For Stock driving purposes.
724	350	0	0	Situate in the Upper Waimakariri District, being bounded on the north by the edge of the bush, on the west by the town of Bealey and by the river Bealey, on the south	For Stock driving purposes.

No. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>	DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
	A. R. P.		
		by the town of Bealey and the Waimakariri, on the east by a line at right angles to the Waimakariri, to include the quantity required.	
725	1 0 13	Situate in the town of Hokitika, being bounded on the north by Hamilton-street and section No. 6, on the east by Tancred-street, on the south by Camp-street and reserves (in red) No. 707 and 708, and on the west by Revell-street.	For Provincial Government purposes.
726	150 0 0	Situate in the Christchurch District, having frontage to the Hawkins and Coal Tramway road, and extending back at right angles south-westerly to the Great South road, being bounded on the east by Section No. 5700.	As an endowment for a classical school.
727	200 0 0	Situate in the Upper Christchurch District, commencing at a point on the road, the same being the south-eastern corner of section No. 7821, following that road in a southerly direction a distance of fifty-six chains, thence at a right angle westerly a distance of forty chains, thence at a right angle northerly a distance of forty-eight chains, thence easterly at a right angle to the south-western corner of section No. 9260, and from thence following the southern boundaries of that section and of sections Nos. 7870 and 7821 to the commencing point.	As an endowment for a classical school.
728	40 0 0	Situate in the Upper Christchurch District, being bounded on the west by the road north-west of section No. 8444, on the north by that section and by section No. 8158, and on the south by section No. 8788.	As an endowment for a classical school.
729	130 0 0	Situate in the Upper Christchurch District, commencing at a point on the road, the same being the northernmost corner of section No. 9296, following the said road in a north-westerly direction to the north-eastern corner of section No. 9295, and extending back south-westerly forty chains in a rectangular block.	As an endowment for a classical school.
730	180 0 0	Situate in the Malvern District, being bounded on the north by section No. 9243, on the east by the road east of that section, on the south by section No. 9832, and on the west by the Waianiwiwa.	As an endowment for a classical school.
731	292 0 0	Situate in the Ellesmere District, being bounded on the north by section No. 6729, on the west by the road, on the east by a line in continuation of the eastern boundary of the before-mentioned section, and on the south by a line parallel to the first described boundary, to include the quantity required.	As an endowment for a classical school.
734	100 0 0	Situate on the road from Hokitika to Browning's Pass, commencing at a point on the said road, being about fifty chains below the confluence of the Kokotahi with the Styx, following the said road in a south-westerly direction a distance of twenty-five chains, and extending back north-westerly forty chains, in a rectangular block.	For the purposes of a Ferry.
735	9 2 0	Situate on the plain at the foot of the wooded saddle, near the source of the Styx, on the road from Hokitika to Browning's Pass, having frontage of nine chains sixty links to the road, and extending back north-westerly ten chains, in a rectangular block.	For the purposes of an Accommodation House
736	4 0 0	Situate in the Timaru District, commencing at a point on the south road, the same being three chains fifty links south-west of its junction with the road leading to King's Homestead, thence following a line bearing N.	For a stone quarry.

No. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>			DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
	A.	R.	P.		
				30° 52' W. mag. a distance of fifteen chains thirty-three links, thence N. 50° 19' E. mag. a distance of six chains fifty links, thence N. 38° 5' E. mag. a distance of thirty-two chains thirteen links, thence N. 44° 18' E. mag. a distance of fourteen chains eighteen links to the south road before mentioned, and from thence returning in a south-easterly, south-westerly, and southerly direction along that road to the commencing point.	
737	900	0	0	Situate in the Ashburton District, bounded on the south-east by the road north-west of sections 6774 and 6773 and by section No. 8426, on the south-west by sections 8420 to 8423, on the north-west by the road north of the last mentioned sections for a distance of about sixty-eight chains fifty links, and on the north-east by a line parallel to the south-western boundary of this reserve.	As an endowment for a classical school.
738	600	0	0	Situate in the Ashburton District, bounded on the north-east by sections Nos. 8420, 8421, 8422, 8423, on the south-east by the road north-west of sections 6776 and 6775, on the south-west by sections 6802, 8369, 8453, and 8455, and on the north-west by section 8419, subject to a road on survey.	As an endowment for a classical school.
739	500	0	0	Situate in the Ashburton District, commencing at a point on the Ashburton road, the same being forty-two chains south-east of its junction with the road leading to Wakanui, following the first mentioned road south-easterly a distance of ninety chains, and extending back north-easterly at right angles, having a depth of twenty-one chains on the north-western and eighty chains on the south-eastern boundaries respectively, being bounded on the north by the last mentioned road.	As an endowment for a classical school.
741	5	0	0	Situate in the Oxford District, commencing at the south-western corner of section 4091, following easterly along the southern boundary thereof, a distance of ten chains, and extending back southerly a distance of five chains, in a rectangular block, being partly bounded on the westward by section 3759.	For the purposes of a School.
742	12	2	28	Situate in the Oxford District, commencing at a point on the southern boundary of section 4091, the same being the north-east corner of Reserve No. 741 (in red), thence southerly following the eastern boundary of that Reserve and a line in continuation thereof to the northern boundary of section 4124, thence easterly along that boundary to the western boundary of section 4255, following the latter boundary to the southern boundary of section 4195, thence westerly following the said southern boundary a distance of two chains fifty links, and from thence returning along the eastern and southern boundaries of the before-mentioned section 4091, distances respectively of eight chains sixty links, and fifteen chains five links to the commencing point.	For the purposes of a Cemetery.
743	20	0	0	Situate in the Oxford District, having a frontage of twenty chains to the road on the south side of section 8499, and running back southerly a distance of ten chains in a rectangular block, being bounded on the eastward by the road forming the western boundary of section 9555.	For a Gravel Pit.
784	40	0	0	Situate in the Waipara District, bounded on the south by the Waitohi river, on the northward by the ridge of hills, on the eastward by sections Nos. 8293, 8298, and on the westward by a line at right angles to the general direction of the said river, so as to include the above quantity.	For Provincial Government purposes.

No. IN RED.	QUANTITY, <i>more or less.</i>	DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
785	A. R. P. 150 0 0	Situate in the Timaru District, being bounded on the east by Reserve No. 291, on the west by I.P.R., F on run 440; on the south by the Deep Creek, and on the north by a line parallel to the said creek, to include the required quantity.	For the purposes of a Ferry.
786	420 0 0	Situate in the Ashburton District, being bounded on the north by the river Rakaia, on the east by a line in continuation of the eastern boundary of Reserve No. 173 (in red), on the south by that Reserve, the Homestead Preemptive Right on run 90, by sections numbered 6127 and 6728, and on the west by Reserve No. 317 (in red), and by the before-mentioned section No. 6127, subject nevertheless to the line of the Great South-road, and to the alternative line of that road.	For Ferry purposes.
800	6 2 24	Situate at LeBoh Bay, commencing at a point on the road the same being the south-western corner of section No. 8924, following the south-western boundary of that section a distance of eight chains, thence south-westerly at a right angle a distance of seven chains, thence south-easterly at a right angle a distance of eleven chains to the road before-mentioned, and from thence returning along that road to the commencing point.	For a Cemetery.

Reserves Nos. 88, 702, 732, 733, 740, were deferred.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Reserves were reported as confirmed.

The Report was adopted.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure on the West Coast for the current financial year.

Vote was proposed, Hospitals £10,917

Amendment was withdrawn, "That 'Surgeon's Salary' read £400 for £500."

Amendment was negatived, "That item 'Second Clerk £130,' be struck out."

Amendment was carried upon division, "That item 'rations, &c.,' read £3500 for £4000."

Ayes, 11: Messrs Cassius, Dixon, Hornbrook, Montgomery, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Tancred, Thomson, Walker, Whall.

Noes, 9: Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, Delamain, Hoos, Moore, Ormsby, Stewart, Wilson.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That item 'Hospital, Greymouth, third Maintenance,' read £1500 for £1000."

Ayes, 10: Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, Cassius, Hornbrook, Montgomery, Potts, Sheath, Stewart, Whall.

Noes, 10: Messrs Delamain, Dixon, Hoos, Moore, Ormsby, Stericker, Tancred, Thomson, Walker, Wilson.

The Chairman decided in favor of the Ayes.

Vote was taken, Hospitals £10,917

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Hokitika Municipal Council Bill.—The Speaker notified to the Council the Assent of His Honor the Superintendent to that Bill.

The Council adjourned at 3.30 p.m., until Wednesday next at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. STEBICKER—To ask if it is the intention of Government to establish a Commission for the sale of Town and Rural Lands in Timaru.
2. Mr. SHEATH—To ask the Government what steps are intended to be taken to recover the Rates under the Sheep Rating Ordinance, due at the present time and not paid.
3. Mr. HOOS—To move the committal of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1867."
4. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1867."
5. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the second reading of "The Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867."
6. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the second reading of "The Westland Public House Bill, 1867."
7. Mr. LESLIE THOMPSON—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the office of Resident Magistrate on the West Coast, both as to payment and control, be placed on the same footing as the like offices in other parts of the Colony.
8. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that this Council recommends His Honor the Superintendent to make the following Reserves:
 - No. 801, in red.—One acre, more or less, situate in the Town of Hokitika, having frontage to the western side of Sale-street and the northern side of Stafford-street, and being sections Nos. 845, 846, 847, 848, and 849 on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury setting out and describing the Town of Hokitika—For the purposes of a Gravel Pit.
 - No. 802, in red.—All that tract of land, being one chain in width, the centre line of which commences at a point on the north-eastern boundary line of reserve No. 455, in red, (Abattoir) the same being about 2 chains 50 links from the northernmost corner of that reserve; thence south-westerly following a line parallel to and 50 links south-east of the south-eastern side of Lance-road to the eastern side of FitzGerald-street, Hokitika, save and except reserves in red Nos. 455, 454, 486, 485, 484, 483, 482, 481, 480, 479, 443, and 442, also Stafford-street, Park-street, Haast-street, and the North Town Belt in the Town of Hokitika—For a Railway Reserve at Hokitika.
 - No. 803, in red.—All that block of land, containing 10 acres 2 roods 20 perches more or less, situate in the Town of Hokitika, being bounded on the north-east by Park-street, on the south-east by Fitzherbert-street, on the north-west by Sewell-street and FitzGerald-street, and on the south-west by Stafford-street, save and except Reserves in red, Nos. 802, 482, 481, 479, and 443—For a Reserve for Railway Station, &c.
9. Mr. ORMSBY—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully recommended to proclaim the Geraldine Electoral District an Agricultural District, within the meaning of "The Trespass of Cattle Ordinance," Session XIV., No. 1.
10. Mr. W. WILSON—To move that "The Cass Pension Bill" be re-committed.
11. Mr. BRIGHT—To move third reading "Fire Ordinance Amendment Bill."
12. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the Council resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the department of Land and Works.
13. Mr. WILSON—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is urgently necessary that the revised "Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Bill," now in the hands of the Government, be brought down to the House during the present Session.
14. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1867."
15. Mr. BARFF—To move the third reading of "The Westland Board of Education Bill, 1867."
16. Mr. BROWN—To move that there be laid on the table a Return showing the respective amounts, and to whom paid during the last twelve months for special engineering surveys and travelling expenses.
17. Mr. THOMSON—To move that copies be laid on the table of all Correspondence between the Government, the Post-office, and the Timaru Landing Service Department, with reference to the condition of that service.
18. Mr. DELAMAIN—To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Road Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment:

Members present—All, except Messrs Gray, Hall, Maudé.

The Speaker in the chair.

Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a second time.

Paper—No. 95, was laid upon the table : Letter from H. Selfe Selfe to His Honor the Superintendent, dated 1st November, 1866.

Resident Magistrate, West Coast.—Motion was negatived upon division, “That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the Office of Resident Magistrate on the West Coast, both as to payment and control, be placed on the same footing as the like Offices in other parts of the Colony.”

Ayes, 14 : Messrs Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Dixon, Garrick, Hornbrook, Johnstone, Jollie, Maskell, Montgomery, Sheath, Thomson, Walker, W. Williams.

Noes, 19 : Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Duncan, Hargreaves, Hoos, Moore, Ormsby, Rhodes, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Reserves Recommended.—Motion was granted, “That this Council recommends His Honor the Superintendent to make the following Reserves :—

NO. IN RED.	QUANTITY, more or less.	DESCRIPTION.	REMARKS.
801	1 0 0	Situate in the Town of Hokitika, having frontage to the western side of Sale-street and the northern side of Stafford-street, and being sections Nos. 845, 846, 847, 848, and 849, on the map of the Chief Surveyor of the Province of Canterbury, setting out and describing the Town of Hokitika.	For the purposes of a Gravel Pit.
802		All that tract of land, being one chain in width, the centre line of which commences at a point on the north-eastern boundary line of reserve No. 455, in red (Abbattoir), the same being about two chains fifty links from the northernmost corner of that reserve ; thence south-westerly following a line parallel to and fifty links south-east of the south-eastern side of Lance road to the eastern side of FitzGerald-street, <i>save and except</i> reserves in red Nos. 455, 454, 486, 485, 484, 483, 482, 481, 480, 479, 443, and 442, also Stafford-street, Park-street, Haast-street, and the North Town Belt in the Town of Hokitika.	For a Railway Reserve.
803	10 2 20	All that block of land situate in the Town of Hokitika, being bounded on the north-east by Park-street, on the south-east by Fitzherbert-street, on the north-west by Sewell-street and FitzGerald-street, and on the south-west by Stafford-street, <i>save and except</i> reserves in red Nos. 802, 482, 481, 479, and 443.	For a Railway Station.

Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Bill.—Motion was carried upon division, “That in the opinion of this Council it is urgently necessary that the revised “Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Bill” now in the hands of the Government be brought down to the House during the present Session.”

Ayes, 17 : Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, Cassius, Duncan, Garrick, Hoos, Hornbrook, Knight, Moore, Stewart, Whall, White, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 13 : Messrs Aynsley, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Dixon, Johnstone, Ormsby, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Walker, J. S. Williams, W. Williams.

Medical Practitioners Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Westland Board of Education Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a third and passed.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “That there be laid on the table a Return showing the respective Amounts, and to whom paid during the last twelve months for Special Engineering Surveys and Travelling Expenses.”

Paper.—No. 96, was laid upon the table: Returns of Expenditure for Special Engineering Surveys and Special Travelling Expenses during the twelve months.

Returns.—Motion was granted, “That Copies be laid on the table of all Correspondence between the Government, the Post-office, and the Timaru Landing Service Department, with reference to the condition of that Service.”

Cass Pension Bill.—The Council in Committee for the reconsideration of that Bill.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Fire Ordinance Amendment Bill.—The Council in Committee for the reconsideration of that Bill.

Clause 3 was reconsidered. The word ‘whether’ was struck out; the word ‘when’ was substituted. All the words after word ‘Province’ were struck out.

The Clause passed as amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Paper—No. 97, was laid upon the table: Correspondence on the subject of Constructing the Great Southern Railway to Rolleston, between the Contractors, the Provincial Government, and the Railway Engineer.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the Department of Land and Works.

Vote was taken, Permanent Charges ... £3931 6 8

Vote was proposed, Office of Secretary for Public

Works 1185 1 1

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That the sum be reduced by the first two items (£350).”

Ayes, 12: Messrs H. Buchanan, Delamain, Dixon, Hawkes, Knight, Maskell, Potts, Sheath, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, W. Williams.

Noes, 24: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Davis, Duncan, Garrick, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hornbrook, Jollie, Montgomery, Moore, Ormsby, Rhodes, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

Amendment was negatived upon division, “That item ‘Secretary for Public Works’ read £233 6s. 8d. for £291 13s. 4d.”

Ayes, 11: Messrs H. Buchanan, Dixon, Garrick, Hornbrook, Jollie, Maskell, Montgomery, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, W. Williams.

Noes, 24: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Davis, Delamain, Duncan, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Knight, Moore, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Office of Secretary for Public Works £1210

„ Waste Lands Board 1170

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

The Council adjourned at 1 a.m., until 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, 3RD JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. BARFF—To ask the Provincial Solicitor if the Government hold themselves responsible for the moneys contained in the cash-box stolen from the Resident Magistrate's Court, Hokitika.
2. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the second reading of "The Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1866."
3. Mr. WILSON—To move that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £250 be placed on the Estimates as an Honorarium to Thomas Cass, Esq., for his long and valuable services to the Provincial Government.
4. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the committal of "The Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867."
5. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the second reading of "The Westland Public House Bill, 1867."
6. Mr. RHODES—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to place a sum not exceeding £50 upon the Estimates as a provision for the salary of the Chaplain to the Lyttelton Gaol.
7. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the third reading of "The Stanmore Bridge Bill."
8. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the third reading of "The Cass Pension Bill."
9. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of the "Fire Ordinance Amendment Bill."
10. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Estimates of Expenditure on the West Coast Gold-fields for the current year.
11. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the Department of Land and Works.
12. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move Suspension of Standing Orders Nos. 21 and 22.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Garrick, Gray, Hall, Maude.

The Speaker in the chair.

Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Clauses 1 to 12 passed with amendment.

Clauses 42, 43, 44, 45 were read as 13, 14, 15, 16.

Clauses 17 to 48 passed with amendment.

Clause 49 was deferred.

Clauses 50 to 54 passed with amendment.

Clause 55 was struck out.

Clauses 55 to 80 passed with amendment.

Clause 81 was deferred.

Clause 82 passed as printed.

Clauses 83, 84 were inserted.

Clause 85 passed with amendment.

In Clause 86 the word 'three' was struck out, further consideration was deferred.

Clause 87 passed with amendment.

Clause 88 was struck out.

Clause 89 as printed passed as 88.

Clause 89 passed.

Clause 90 was deferred.

Clauses 91 to 96 passed with amendment.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Honorarium to T. Cass.—Motion was granted, “That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £250 be placed on the Estimates as an Honorarium to Thomas Cass, Esq., for his long and valuable services to the Provincial Government.”

Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as inserted.

Clause 2 was proposed to be inserted.

Amendment was negatived, “That the words be added ‘such hotel shall be lighted till sunrise, if, however, such light be extinguished by accident, such accident shall not be deemed attributable to any neglect on part of such licensee.’”

Amendment was carried, “To strike out the words from ‘within the limits’ to words ‘any town’ inclusive.”

Amendment was carried upon division, “That the words be added, ‘Provided always that in case such light be extinguished by any accident beyond the control of the holder of such license no penalty shall be inflicted.’”

Ayes, 24: Messrs. Barff, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Davis, Delamain, Dixon, Hornbrook, Jollie, Maskell, Montgomery, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, Whall, W. Williams, Wilson.

Noes, 11: Messrs. Aynsley, Beswick, Duncan, Hawkes, Hoos, Knight, Moore, Stewart, Tancred, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

Clause 2 passed as amended.

A fresh Clause proposed to be inserted as Clause 3 was withdrawn.

Clause 1 as printed was proposed.

Words in first and second lines were transposed.

A motion to report progress was negatived upon division.

Ayes, 5: Messrs. Hargreaves, Jollie, Knight, Potts, Sheath.

Noes, 30: Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Delamain, Dixon, Duncan, Hawkes, Hoos, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Ormsby, Rhodes, Stericker, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Clause 1 as amended was proposed.

Amendment was granted, “That after the word ‘drunkenness’ in the first line the following words be inserted, ‘and creating a disturbance in any licensed house under this Ordinance, or in the public streets or roads, or in any place of public resort.’”

Amendment was granted, “To strike out the words ‘or term of imprisonment respectively,’ and substitute the words ‘or shall be imprisoned for any period not exceeding forty-eight hours.’”

Amendment was negatived, “That all the words up to the word ‘exceeding’ to the end of the Clause be struck out.”

Clause 1 as printed, passed as amended.

Clause 2 as printed.

The Preamble as amended.

The Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Motion was negatived, "That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to place a sum not exceeding £50 upon the Estimates as a provision for the Salary of the Chaplain to Lyttelton Gaol."

Stanmore Bridge Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Cass Pension Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Fire Ordinance Amendment Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates for the West Coast Gold-fields.

Vote was taken, Harbour ...	...	...	...	£3595	10	0
„ Telegraph	...	...	...	3250	0	0
„ New Buildings	...	...	...	15,276	10	0
„ Public Works	...	...	...	50,805	0	0
Vote was proposed, Miscellaneous	...	...	...	5563	0	0

Amendment was negatived, "That the item 'Expenses of Westland Commission £1000,' be struck out."

Ayes, 10: Messrs Dixon, Jollie, Knight, Montgomery, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, W. Williams.

Noes, 21: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Davis, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Hornbrook, Maskell, Moore, Ormsby, Potts, Steward, Tancred, Whall, Wilson, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Miscellaneous £5563

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Estimates as amended.

Motion was proposed, "That the Council adjourn until Friday next at 5 p.m."

Amendment was negatived, "That numeral II. be read for numeral V.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 a.m., until 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4TH JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the Council resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure for the Department of Land and Works.</p> <p>2. MR. HOOS—To move the committal of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1866."</p> <p>3. MR. MASKELL — To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to rescind the Resolution passed during the last Session but one to the effect "That no sums of money exceeding twice the amount actually collected as Road Rates in any District shall be paid to the Road Board</p> | <p>of such District unless a rate of 1s in the Pound shall have been so collected."</p> <p>4. MR. BRIGHT—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the next Session of the Provincial Council shall be held in the Town of Hokitika, and that a respectful address be presented to His Honor requesting him to place a sufficient sum on the Estimates to defray the necessary expenses.</p> <p>5. MR. WAECKERLE—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £50 to repair the Court House at Akaroa.</p> |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Duncan, Garrick, Gray, Hall, Johnstone. Mallock, Maude, Waeckerle.

The Speaker in the chair.

Select Committee.—The Report of the Lyttelton Sea Wall and Screw Pile Jetty Committee was brought up, read, and ordered to be printed.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates for Land and Works.

Vote was proposed, Surveys £17,230

Amendment was negatived, "That the fifth and sixth items be reduced by one half (£450) of the amount."

Vote was taken, Surveys £17,230

Vote was proposed, Geological Survey 1300

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the sum read £975."

Ayes, 17: Messrs Brown, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Davis, Dixon, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 16: Messrs Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, Cassius, Delamain, Hawkes, Hoos, Jollie, Ormsby, Potts, Stewart, Walker, Whall, J. S. Williams.

Vote was taken, Geological Survey £975 0 0

„ Meteorological Observer 175 0 0

Vote was postponed, Provincial Engineer's Department ... 3175 0 0

Vote was taken, Telegraph 1458 6 8

„ Public Plantations 697 0 0

„ Acclimatization 300 0 0

„ Harbour 3112 2 6

Vote was proposed, Public Buildings... .. 5900 0 0

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the item 'Museum £1000' be struck out."

Ayes, 9: Messrs Dixon, Hawkes, Knight, Potts, Montgomery, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, W. Williams.

Noes, 23: Messrs Aynsley, Beswick, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Davis, Delamain, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hornbrook, Jollie, Maskell, Moore, Ormsby, Rhodes, Stewart, Walker, Whall, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Public Buildings... .. £5900

Vote was proposed, Provincial Government Works 11,570

Amendment was negatived, "That the item 'Waimakariri Defence Works' be reduced by £1500.

Vote was taken, Provincial Government Works £11,570

„ City of Christchurch 1550

„ „ „ Repair of Main Roads... 300

„ Town of Lyttelton 2200

„ „ „ Repair of Sumner Road and
Bridle Path 300

„ Town of Kaiapoi 500

„ „ Timaru 600

„ Waipara District 1100

„ Kowai do. 2700

„ Oxford do. 650

„ Cust do. 450

Vote was taken, Mandeville and Rangiora District	...	£3295
„ Avon do. including clearing river Avon		1025
„ Riccarton do.		950
„ Templeton do.		925
„ Heathcote do.		1375
„ Spreydon do.		875
„ Halswell do. including clearing river Halswell		700
„ Lincoln do.		2250
„ Springs do. including clearing river Halswell		3600
„ Port Victoria do. including Jetty at head of Bay		975
„ Port Levy do.		100
Vote was proposed, Little River do.		950

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the words 'including the River Halswell' be added."

Ayes, 9: Messrs Barff, Dixon, Hoos, Jollie, Knight, Montgomery, Moore, Tancred, Wilson.

Noes, 12: Messrs Aynsley, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Davis, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, J. S. Williams.

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

Ayes, 13: Messrs Barff, Brown, Buckley, Cassius, Dixon, Hoos, Jollie, Knight, Montgomery, Moore, Sheath, Walker, Wilson.

Noes, 18: Messrs Aynsley, Beswick, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Davis, Delamain, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Maskell, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Stericker, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

Vote was taken, Little River District	...	...	£950
„ Akaroa and Wainui District	...	...	2750
„ Okain Bay District	...	...	150
„ Pigeon Bay do.	...	...	195
„ Courtenay do.	...	...	175
„ Ellesmere do.	...	...	3750
„ Malvern do.	...	...	225
„ Rakaia do.	...	...	225
„ Ashburton do.	...	...	250
„ Geraldine do.	...	...	4000
„ Levels do.	...	...	2625
„ Waimate do.	...	...	3900
„ Mount Cook do.	...	...	675

Vote was taken, Municipalities, Road Boards, and Main Roads ... 46,290

Vote was proposed, Miscellaneous £12,750 6 7

Amendment was withdrawn, "That in item 'Thistle Inspection,' read £525 for £700; item 'Tekapo Ferry,' £60 was added."

Vote was taken, Miscellaneous	...	...	£12,810 6 7
„ Housekeeper's Department	...	...	175 0 0

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Grant to Akaroa.—Motion was granted, “That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place on the Estimates the sum of £50 to repair the Court House at Akaroa.

The Council adjourned at 12.45 p.m., until Monday at 5 p.m.

MONDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. BARFF—To ask the Secretary for Public Works whether any steps have been taken to compile any maps of the western part of this Province, with a view to their publication for general circulation.</p> <p>2. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the second reading of “The Westland Public House Bill, 1867.”</p> <p>3. Mr. HOOS—To move the committal of “The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1867.”</p> <p>4. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to rescind the Resolution passed during the last Session but one to the effect “That no sums of money exceeding twice the amount actually collected as Road Rates in any District shall be paid to the Road Board of such District unless a rate of one shilling in the pound shall have been so collected.”</p> <p>5. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the next Session of the Provincial Council shall be held in the Town of Hokitika, and that a respectful address be presented to His Honor requesting him to place a sufficient sum on the Estimates to defray the necessary expenses.</p> <p>6. Mr. WYLDE—To move that the evidence taken by the Committee of the Screw Pile Jetty be sealed up by the the Chairman of the Committee, and be delivered to the custody of the Clerk of the House.</p> <p>7. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the items of over expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1866.</p> | <p>8. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the second reading of “The Grey River Coal Field Reserve Bill.”</p> <p>9. Mr. MASKELL—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to place on the Estimates a further sum of £100 for Improvements to the Navigation at Saltwater Creek.</p> <p>10. Mr. BARFF—To move that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sufficient sum for the salary of an Inspector of Weights and Measures in Westland, and for the expenses of the office.</p> <p>11. Mr. WHALL—To move the re-committal of the Canterbury Gold-fields Estimates, for the purpose of amending the title of the vote for the maintenance of Greymouth Hospital in clause 8.</p> <p>12. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the further consideration in committee of the Hokitika Corporation Bill.</p> <p>13. Mr. HORN BROOK—To move that in the opinion of this Council an enquiry should be made before this House, as to the manner in which the Contractors for the Great Southern Railway are carrying out their contract.</p> <p>14. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place a sufficient sum on the Estimates for the erection of a Resident Magistrate’s Court at Lyttelton.</p> <p>15. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the Lyttelton Screw Pile Jetty.</p> |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Brown, B. Buchanan, Delamain, Dixon, Gray, Hall, Johnston, Mallock, Maude.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Westland Public House Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on the consideration of that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 was proposed.

Amendment to report progress was negatived upon division.

Ayes, 6: Messrs. Garrick, Ormsby, Sheath, Waeckerle, Walker, J. S. Williams.

Noes, 19: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, H. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Duncan, Hawkes, Hoos, Jollie, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Potts, Rhodes, Stericker, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson.

Clauses 2, 3 passed as printed.

Clause 4 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived, "That the words 'two gallons' be struck out, and the words 'one-sixth of a gallon' substituted, and in the eighth line that the word 'ten' be struck out, and the word 'twenty' substituted."

The word 'two' was struck out, the word 'three' was substituted.

In line 2 the word 'bottle' was inserted.

Sub-section No. 1 passed as printed.

Sub-section No. 2 as inserted.

Sub-section No. 3 passed as printed.

Clause 4 passed as amended.

Clauses 5 to 18 passed with amendment.

The Preamble and title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

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

Westland Hospitals Bill.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Clauses 1, 2 as inserted passed for the Clauses as printed.

Clauses 3 to 13 as printed passed with amendment.

The Preamble and title passed with amendment.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Grants to Road Boards.—Motion as amended was proposed, "That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to rescind that part of the Resolution passed during the last Session but one containing the following words:—'That no sums of money exceeding twice the amount actually collected as Road Rates in any District shall be paid to the Road Board of such District unless a Rate of 1s. in the £ shall have been so collected.'"

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the whole of the said Resolution be also rescinded containing the following words:—'That no Salaries to Surveyors, Engineer, Clerks, or other Officers of Road Boards, should be defrayed out of the sums paid to such Board from the General Revenue of the Province.'"

Ayes, 10: Messrs H. Buchanan, Jollie, Knight, Ormsby, Sheath, Stericker, Waeckerle, Walker, White, W. Williams.

Noes, 16: Messrs Barff, Bright, Davis, Duncan, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hornbrook, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Rhodes, Stewart, Thomson, J. S. Williams, Wilson.

The original motion was carried upon division.

Ayes, 20: Messrs Bright, Buchanan, Davis, Hornbrook, Jollie, Knight, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, Whall, White, W. Williams.

Noes, 6: Messrs Barff, Duncan, Hargreaves, Hoos, Wilson, Wylde.

Session of Council to be held at Hokitika.—Motion was proposed, “That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the next Session of the Provincial Council shall be held in the Town of Hokitika, and that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor requesting him to place a sufficient sum on the Estimates to defray the necessary expenses.”

Amendment was proposed, “That the word ‘Waimea’ be read for word ‘Hokitika.’”

The amendment and motion were withdrawn.

Evidence, Select Committee.—Motion was proposed, “That the Evidence taken by the Committee of the Screw Pile Jetty be sealed up by the Chairman of the Committee, and be delivered to the custody of the Clerk of the House.”

Amendment was carried upon division, “That the Resolution read ‘and be laid upon the table.’”

Ayes, 15: Messrs Barff, Hoos, Hornbrook, Hawkes, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Potts, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, W. Williams, Wilson.

Noes, 10: Messrs Beswick, Davis, Hargreaves, Montgomery, Ormsby, Stewart, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

The words ‘when completed’ were added.

The Resolution passed as amended.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the items of “Over Expenditure” for the year ended 30th June, 1866.

Vote was taken, Ordinary Account	...	...	...	£5943	10	6
„ Land and Works	...	...	...	9233	16	4
„ Railway and Harbour Works	...	...	...	5354	17	11
„ West Canterbury Gold Fields	...	...	...	94,928	1	1

The Speaker in the chair.

The items of “Over Expenditure” were reported as passed.

Grey River Coal Field Reserve Bill.—The Bill was read a second time.

Inspection of Weights and Measures, West Coast.—Motion was granted, “That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sufficient sum for the Salary of an Inspector of Weights and Measures in Westland, and for the Expenses of the Office.”

Gold Fields Estimates.—The Council in Committee for the reconsideration of those Estimates, for the purpose of amending the Title of the Vote for the Maintenance of Greymouth Hospital.

The Title was amended.

Grant...	...	...	...	...	£600
One-third maintenance	...	...	...	...	900

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Resident Magistrate’s Court, Lyttelton.—Motion was granted, “That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place a sufficient sum on the Estimates for the Erection of a Resident Magistrate’s Court at Lyttelton.”

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

TUESDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. SHEATH—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Government should lay upon the table of this House an Account showing the Financial Position of this Province, together with the amount of overdraft at the Bank on the 31st December, 1866.
2. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the further consideration in Committee of the Hokitika Corporation Bill.
3. Mr. HOENBROOK—To move that in the opinion of this Council an enquiry should be made before this House, as to the manner in which the Contractors for the Great Southern Railway are carrying out their contract.
4. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the third reading of "The Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867."
5. The PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR—To move the recommittal of "The Westland Public House Bill, 1866."
6. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the committal of "The Grey River Coal Field Reserve Bill."
7. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the adoption of the following Resolutions relative to Pre-emptive Rights:—
 - i. That in the opinion of this Council the system at present in force with reference to the granting of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights is calculated to hinder the sale of land and the consequent settlement of the country, and is at variance with the spirit of the Waste Land Regulations, and that it is desirable that Legislative enactment should be sought to alter the Regulations in that behalf.
 - ii. That this Council considers that the granting of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights for fencing should at once cease, but that the run-holder should be allowed to remove any fences which he may have erected upon land sold, within two months of the date of service of a notice to that effect from the purchaser of the land.
 - iii. That Pre-emptive Rights may be granted for improvements, such as out-stations on runs, sheep dips, yards, washpools, and any improvements other than fencing deemed to be in the opinion of the Waste Lands Board absolutely necessary for the proper working of the run.
 - iv. That on any Pre-emptive Right being challenged, the holder, on not buying the whole of the land challenged, should lose his right of Pre-emption over the remainder so challenged and not bought.
 - v. That all Pre-emptive Rights at present in force should cease and determine on the 1st of May, 1870.
 - vi. That in the event of the Improvement in respect of which a Pre-emptive Right has been or may be hereafter granted becoming of less value than £50, it shall be the duty of the Waste Lands Board, upon proof of such reduction in value, to give notice of such circumstance to the holder, and if within one month of such notice the improvement be not increased to the value of £50, to declare such Pre-emptive Right void.
 - vii. That no cultivation of Pre-emptive Rights other than is necessary for the working of the run should be permitted.
 - viii. That the form in which Pre-emptive Rights may be taken up should be in entire accordance with the Regulations as to the form in which purchases may be made.
 - ix. That His Honor the Superintendent be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions.
8. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move for leave of absence for Mr. Maude for the remainder of the Session.
9. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move for leave to introduce a "Roads Ordinance Amendment Ordinance Bill, 1867."
10. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure on Railway and Harbour Works.
11. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that the evidence taken in connection with the Sea-wall be printed.
12. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the space between Norwich Quay and the new Sea Wall be filled in as a sanitary measure in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Dobson as adduced in his evidence on the Sea Wall Contract Committee.
13. Mr. BARFF—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is advisable that "The Westland Hospitals Bill" be reprinted as amended before the third reading of the Bill.
14. Mr. HOOS—To move that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sufficient sum for the construction of a road from Lagoon Town to the punt on the Hokitika river.

15. Mr. Hoos—To move that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £500, as a grant to the Totara District.
16. Mr. SHEATH—To move that the Committee on the Lyttelton Screw Pile Jetty be requested to report on the same, and bring it up together with the evidence.
17. COLONEL WHITE—To move that the limits of the grant as a drill ground for the use of the Christchurch Companies of Canterbury Volunteers be defined at once, with the view of enabling the General Committee of Volunteers to take measures for fencing.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Brown, Dixon, Gray, Hall, Johnstone, Mallock, Maude.

The Speaker in the chair.

Returns.—Motion as amended was proposed, "That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the Government should lay upon the table of this House an approximate Account showing the Financial Position of this Province, together with the Amount of Overdraft at the Bank on the 31st December, 1866."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the words 'financial position of the Province, together with' be struck out."

Ayes, 11: Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, Delamain, Duncan, Hargreaves, Hoos, Hornbrook, Stewart, Whall.

Noes, 17: Messrs Aynsley, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Davis, Garrick, Hornbrook, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Montgomery, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Walker.

The word 'approximate' was transposed to stand before the word 'financial.'

The motion as amended was carried upon division.

Ayes, 17: Messrs Aynsley, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Cassius, Davis, Garrick, Hornbrook, Maskell, Montgomery, Moore, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Walker, W. Williams.

Noes, 10: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, Duncan, Delamain, Hoos, Stewart, Whall, Wylde.

Papers.—The following Papers were laid upon the table:

98. Report of B. W. Mountfort, Architect, on the reported settling of the Provincial Council Chamber Building.

99. Copies of Vouchers on which Payments have been made to the Contractors for the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway.

Hokitika Corporation Bill.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Mr. Wylde in the chair.

Clause 98, as printed, was proposed.

Consideration was deferred.

Clauses 99, 100, 101 passed with amendment.

Clauses 102 and 103 were struck out.

Clauses 104 to 107 passed with amendment.

Clauses 108, 109 were struck out.

Clause 110 passed as printed.

Clause 111 as printed was struck out, and passed as inserted.

Clause 112 was amended.

Further consideration was postponed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867.—The Council in Committee for the further consideration of that Bill.

Mr. Wylde in the chair.

Clauses 1, 2, as inserted, were struck out.

The Preamble was amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Westland Public House Bill, 1867.—The Council in Committee for the reconsideration of that Bill.

Mr. Wylde in the chair.

Clause 4 was reconsidered.

Sub-Section 3 was amended, words 'Thirty Pounds' being read for word 'Twenty.'

Clauses 7, 8, 9 were amended.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Grey River Coal Field Reserve, Bill.—Motion was proposed, "That the Council resolve itself into Committee for the consideration of that Bill."

Amendment was proposed, "That the Bill be recommitted this day six months."

A further amendment was carried upon division, "That before the Bill now before the House be further proceeded with, it is desirable that the terms of any Lease to be granted to the Grey Coal Company should be laid on the table of the House."

Ayes, 21 : Messrs. Bright, Cassius, Davis, Delamain, Hawkes, Hoos, Hornbrook, Knight, Maskell, Montgomery, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, W. Williams.

Noes, 13 : Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Beswick, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Duncan, Hargreaves, Moore, Stricker, Stewart, Wilson, Wylde.

Great Southern Railway.—Motion was carried, "That in the opinion of this Council an enquiry should be made before this House as to the manner in which the Contractors for the Great Southern Railway are carrying out their contract."

Pre-emptive Rights.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of the following Resolutions relative to Pre-emptive Rights :—

1. That in the opinion of this Council the system at present in force with reference to the granting of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights is calculated to hinder the Sale of Land and the consequent settlement of the country, and is at variance with the spirit of the Waste Land Regulations, and that it is desirable that Legislative enactment should be sought to alter the Regulations in that behalf.
2. That this Council considers that the granting of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights for Fencing should at once cease, but that the Run-holder should be allowed to remove any fences which he may have erected upon land sold, within two months of the date of service of a notice to that effect from the purchaser of the land.
3. That Pre-emptive Rights may be granted for Improvements, such as Outstations on Runs, Sheep Dips, Yards, Washpools, and any improvements other than fencing deemed to be in the opinion of the Waste Lands Board absolutely necessary for the proper working of the Run.
4. That on any Pre-emptive Right being challenged, the holder, on not buying the whole of the land challenged, should lose his right of Pre-emption over the remainder so challenged and not bought.

5. That all Pre-emptive Rights at present in force should cease and determine on the 1st May, 1870.
6. That in the event of the Improvement in respect of which a Pre-emptive Right has been or may be hereafter granted becoming of less value than £50, it shall be the duty of the Waste Lands Board, upon proof of such reduction in value, to give notice of such circumstance to the holder, and if within one month of such notice the Improvement be not increased to the value of £50, to declare such Pre-emptive Right void.
7. That no cultivation of Pre-emptive Rights other than is necessary for the working of the Run should be permitted.
8. That the form in which Pre-emptive Rights may be taken up should be in entire accordance with the Regulations as to the form in which purchases may be made.
9. That His Honor the Superintendent be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions.

Resolution No. 1 passed as printed.

No. 2 as printed was divided and proposed as ending at word 'cease.'

Amendment was carried upon division, "That the words 'for fencing' be struck out."

Ayes, 16: Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Hargreaves, Montgomery, Moore, Ormsby, Stericker, Stewart, Whall, J. S. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 12: Messrs Aynsley, H. Buchanan, Buckley, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Knight, Rhodes, Sheath, Tancred, Thomson, Walker, W. Williams.

Resolution No. 2 passed as amended.

No. 3 as inserted, "That any Run-holder who shall have erected any fences over Crown lands may remove such fences on any portion of such lands as shall be purchased, provided he removes the same within two months after receipt in notice in writing from the Waste Lands Board that such land has been so purchased."

Resolution No. 3 as printed was struck out.

Resolution No. 4 as printed was proposed.

Amendment was carried upon division, "That on any Pre-emptive Right being challenged the holder should either buy the whole of the land challenged, or lose his right of Pre-emption over it."

Ayes, 24: Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Cassius, Davis, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Knight, Maskell, Moore, Montgomery, Ormsby, Stericker, Stewart, Tancred, Thomson, Whall, J. S. Williams, W. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 5: Messrs. Aynsley, Buckley, Hornbrook, Rhodes, Walker.

The Resolution passed as amended.

Resolution No. 5 as printed was struck out.

Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 passed as printed.

The Resolutions passed as a whole.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported as amended.

Leave of Absence.—Leave was granted to Mr. Maude to the end of the Session.

Roads Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867.—Leave was granted to bring in that Bill.

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

The Council adjourned at 2.15 until 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. **Mr. HARGREAVES**—To move the House into Committee to consider the Report of the Select Committee on the Lyttelton Sea-wall.
2. **The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**—To move that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the Estimates of Expenditure on Railway and Harbour Works.
3. **Mr. HARGREAVES**—To move that the evidence taken in connection with the Sea-wall be printed.
4. **Mr. HARGREAVES**—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that the space between Norwich Quay and the new Sea-wall be filled in as a sanitary measure in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Dobson as adduced in his evidence on the Sea-wall Contract Committee.
5. **Mr. BARFF**—To move that in the opinion of this Council it is advisable that "The Westland Hospitals Bill" be reprinted as amended before the third reading of the Bill.
6. **Mr. HOOS**—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sufficient sum for the construction of a road from Lagoon Town to the punt on the Hokitika river.
7. **Mr. HOOS**—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £500, as a grant to the Totara District Hospital.
8. **Mr. SHEATH**—To move that the Committee on the Lyttelton Screw Pile Jetty be requested to report on the same, and bring it up together with the evidence.
9. **COLONEL WHITE**—To move that the limits of the grant as a drill ground for the use of the Christchurch Companies of Canterbury Volunteers be defined at once, with the view of enabling the General Committee of Volunteers to take measures for fencing.
10. **The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**—To move the following Resolution:—
That this Council recommend that His Honor the Superintendent declare, by Proclamation in the Provincial Government Gazette, that all land within the Township of Hokitika, which at the time of the withdrawal thereof from the West Coast Gold-fields for the purpose of sale, was lawfully occupied, and upon which buildings had been erected of the value of not less than £25, shall be offered for sale to the person or persons in lawful occupation of such land at a fixed price: And that His Honor do fix the price at which such land shall be so offered for sale at £1 sterling per foot frontage for all land within the block, bounded on the east by FitzGerald-street and Fitzherbert-street, and on the north by Hampden-street, where the depth does not exceed one chain, and £1 10s. per foot frontage for all lands in such block, the depth of which shall exceed one chain:
That the upset price of all lands within the Township of Hokitika which, at the time of the withdrawal of such lands from the West Coast Gold-fields, shall not have been lawfully occupied, and have upon it buildings of the value of not less than £25, shall be sold at the upset price of £48 per acre.
11. **Mr. CASSIUS**—To move that on the Government bringing down Resolutions to regulate the sale of the Town Lands of Hokitika, that the legal occupiers of town sections in the Town of Hokitika who have buildings thereon of not less than £25 value within the block bounded on the east by FitzGerald-street and Fitzherbert-street, and on the north by Hampden-street should be allowed to secure their holdings on payment of 10s. per foot frontage when the depth of the section does not exceed one chain, and for a further payment of 5s. per foot frontage for any additional depth.
12. **THE PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR**—To move the third reading of "The Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867."
13. **THE PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR**—To move the third reading of "The Westland Public House Bill, 1866."
14. **THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move for leave to introduce a Bill entitled "The English Agents Bill, 1867."
15. **THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move that leave of absence for one week be given to the Hon. John Hall.
16. **THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move that this Council, having had before it the report of the Committee appointed to consider the system of Immigration at present in force in the Province, resolves—
I. That the selection of Immigrants should be in the hands of an Immigration Agent stationed in London, but that the shipping arrangement should be placed in the hands of the Park-street Commissioners.
II. That single women between fifteen and thirty years of age should have free passages, and in the case of grown up families the parents and sons should be allowed assistance to the extent of one-half the passage money, the remaining half to be secured by bills given by themselves or by their friends in the Province.

- III. That the introduction of single men is unnecessary at present.
- IV. That looking at the large balance due by Immigrants, amounting to £32,500, immediate and vigorous measures be taken to collect the same.
17. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move the second reading of "The Roads Ordinance Amendment Ordinance Bill, 1867."
18. Mr. WALKER—To move that leave of absence be given to Mr. Gray for a week.
19. Mr. RHODES—To move that in the opinion of this Council, the Collector under "The Roads Ordinance, 1864," be instructed to furnish to each Ratepayer, together with the notice set forth in Schedule C to the said Ordinance, particulars of the property or properties in respect of which such Ratepayer shall have been assessed, and

the sum or sums charged thereon, at least two months before the Ratepayers' Roll shall be revised by the Commissioner.

20. Mr. HORNBOOK—To move that the enquiry as to the manner in which the Contractors for the Great Southern Railway have carried out their contracts, be held at the next sitting of this Council, and that such enquiry shall be held immediately after the minutes have been confirmed.
- To move that Mr. Speaker do issue his warrants to Mr. Richardson, one of the contractors, and to Mr. Major, the Resident Engineer, requiring them to attend this House at such sittings and such consecutive sittings as may be necessary for the purpose of giving evidence on the matters to be enquired into.
21. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the further consideration in Committee of the Hokitika Corporation Bill.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Buckley, Delamain, Dixon, Duncan, Garrick, Gray, Hall, Johnstone, Knight, Mallock, Maude, J. S. Williams.

The Speaker in the chair.

Assent to Bills.—The Speaker notified to the Council the assent of His Honor the Superintendent to the following Bills:—

"The Stanmore Bridge Bill, 1867."

"The Cass Pension Bill, 1867."

"The Fire Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867."

Select Committee.—The Report of the Lyttelton Screw Pile Jetty was brought up, read, and ordered to be printed.

Lyttelton Sea Wall.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Lyttelton Sea Wall.

Motion was proposed, "That this Committee, having before it the Evidence and Report of the Committee on the Sea Wall Contract, is of opinion that the Design for the Work was unsuitable for the site, and that proper borings should have been taken by the Provincial Engineer previous to tenders for the work being invited. The Committee is also of opinion that before any further works are undertaken by the Government to secure the present structure, competent engineering advice should be obtained."

Amendment was granted, "That the words 'the proper borings of the work' be struck out."

Ayes, 22: Messrs Aynsley, Bright, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Davis, Hawkes, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Maskell, Montgomery, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, Walker, Whall, W. Williams, Wylde.

Noes, 4: Messrs Beswick, Hoos, Stewart, Tancred.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolution as amended was reported.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates for Railway and Harbour Works.

Vote was taken, Charges on Loans	£26,293	10	0
Vote was taken, Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway	43,326	13	3
Vote was proposed, Great Southern Railway	92,968	0	9

Amendment was proposed, "That the vote be deferred until after the Enquiry proposed."

The amendment was withdrawn.

Vote was taken, Great Southern Railway	...	...	£92,968	0	9
„ Great Northern Railway	...	...	12,100	0	0
„ Harbour Works	...	...	43,968	1	10

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress, with leave to sit again.

Select Committee.—The Report of the Hokitika Town Reserves Committee was brought up, read, and ordered to be printed.

Motions Nos. 3, 4, 20 upon the Order Paper were withdrawn.

Westland Hospitals Bill.—Motion was granted, "That that Bill be printed as amended upon the third reading.

The 6th, 7th, 8th motions upon the Order Paper were withdrawn.

Site for Volunteers.—Motion was granted, "That the limits of the grant as a Drill Ground for the use of the Christchurch Companies of Canterbury Volunteers be defined at once, with the view of enabling the General Committee of Volunteers to take measures for fencing."

Hokitika Town Lands.—Motion was proposed :

"That this Council recommend that His Honor the Superintendent declare by Proclamation in the Provincial Government Gazette that all land within the Township of Hokitika, which at the time of the withdrawal thereof from the West Coast Goldfields for the purpose of sale was lawfully occupied, and upon which Buildings have been erected of the value of not less than £25, shall be offered for sale to the person or persons in lawful occupation of such land at a fixed price : And that His Honor do fix the price at which such land shall be so offered for sale at £1 sterling per foot frontage for all land within the block bounded on the east by FitzGerald-street and Fitzherbert-street, and on the north by Hampden-street, where the depth does not exceed one chain, and £1 10s. per foot frontage for all lands in such block, the depth of which shall exceed one chain :

"That the upset price of all lands within the Township of Hokitika which, at the time of the withdrawal of such lands from the West Coast Goldfields, shall not have been lawfully occupied, and have upon it Buildings of the value of not less than £25, shall be sold at the upset price of £48 per acre."

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That in line nine the words 'Ten Shillings' be read for 'One Pound.'"

Ayes, 5 : Messrs. Barff, Bright, Cassius, Hoos, Whall, Wilson.

Noes, 20 : Messrs. Aynsley, Beswick, Brown, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Davis, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hornbrook, Maskell, Moore, Ormsby, Rhodes, Sheath, Stericker, Stewart, Thomson, Walker, White, Wylde.

Amendment was negatived "That all the words after the word 'Land,' ninth line, to word 'when' be omitted."

The Resolution passed as printed.

Public House Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Westland Public House Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a third time, and passed.

English Agent's Bill, 1867.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

Leave of Absence.—Leave for one week was granted to the Hon. John Hall.

Resolutions on Immigration.—The Council in Committee on the following Resolutions, “That this Council having had before it the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the system of Immigration at present in force in the Province, resolves—

1. That the selection of Immigrants should be in the hands of an Immigration Agent stationed in London, but that the Shipping Arrangement should be placed in the hands of the Park-street Commissioners.
2. That single women between fifteen and thirty years of age should have free passages, and in the case of grown up families the parents and sons should be allowed assistance to the extent of one-half the passage money, the remaining half to be secured by bills given by themselves or by their friends in the Province.
3. That the introduction of single men is unnecessary at present.
4. That looking at the large balance due by Immigrants, amounting to £32,500, immediate and vigorous measures be taken to collect the same.”

Resolution No. 1 passed as amended, the word ‘England’ being read for word ‘London.’

Resolution No. 2 passed as amended: The last two lines and the word ‘the’ being struck out, and the following words added:—‘If the other half is paid before embarkation, or if preferred to the extent of one-third, the other two-thirds being secured by bills given by friends in the Province.’

Resolution No. 3 passed as amended: The words ‘except as part of families’ being inserted.

Resolution No. 4 passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Resolutions were reported as amended.

Roads Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee on that Bill.

Clause No. 1 as printed was struck out, and passed as inserted.

Clause No. 2 passed as printed.

A clause proposed to be inserted as Clause No. 3 was withdrawn.

Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Leave of Absence.—Leave was granted to Mr. Gray.

Motion No. 19 upon the Order Paper was withdrawn.

The Council adjourned at 12.45 until 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. THOMPSON—To move that this Council considers that a more rapid and easy mode of communication by land between this and the West Coast of the Province is urgently required. That therefore this Council would respectfully recommend His Honor the Superintendent to take such steps, by offering a guaranteed moderate rate of interest for a term of years on the requisite outlay, as may induce contractors or others to undertake the construction and due working of a line of Railway between Christchurch and Hokitika.
2. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the further consideration in Committee of the Hokitika Corporation Bill.
3. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS—To move that this Council, having in view the advisability of promoting the construction

of Tramways in different parts of the Province, authorises His Honor the Superintendent to guarantee a rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent. upon the outlay on any such work as may be constructed upon conditions to be fixed by His Honor and the Executive Council.

That the amount so guaranteed shall not on the whole exceed or cause a larger annual liability than £5000.

4. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move third reading of "The Roads Ordinance Amendment Ordinance Bill, 1867."
5. The SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS — To move that the House resolve itself into

Committee to consider the Estimates for Land and Works.

6. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move that it is the opinion of this Council that the Reserves made in the Town of Hokitika for municipal purposes should be conveyed to the Municipal Corporation of that town.

That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying the above Resolution into effect.

7. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move consideration in Committee of Ordinary Expenditure.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs. Aynsley, Brown, B. Buchanan, Buckley, Delamain, Dixon, Duncan, Gray, Hall, Johnstone, Knight, Mallock, Maude, Potts, Rhodes.

The Speaker in the chair.

West Coast Railway.—Motion was proposed, "That this Council considers that a more rapid and easy mode of communication by land between this and the West Coast of the Province is urgently required. That therefore this Council would respectfully recommend His Honor the Superintendent to take such steps, by offering a guaranteed moderate rate of interest for a term of years on the requisite outlay, as may induce contractors or others to undertake the construction and due working of a line of Railway between Christchurch and Hokitika."

The Resolutions were subdivided.

Resolution No. 1 was proposed as amended, "That this Council considers that a Railway or Tramway Communication between the East and the West Coasts of the Province is urgently required."

Amendment was negatived, "That the word 'urgently' be struck out."

Resolution No. 1 passed as proposed.

No. 2 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived, "That the words from 'that' to 'Hokitika' be struck out."

Amendment was negatived, "That the words 'To be submitted to this Council for approval' be inserted after the word 'steps.'"

Amendment was granted, "That after the word 'outlay' the words 'and obtaining such data' be inserted."

The words 'or tramway' were inserted after word 'railway.'

The words 'Christchurch and Hokitika' were struck out,

The words 'East and West Coasts' were inserted.

The words 'and due working' were struck out.

The words were added, 'And will indemnify His Honor in any expenditure not exceeding £5000 on any measures necessary to carry out the above.'

Amendment was negatived, "That the words be added, 'No contract for such works to be entered into without the approval of the Council.'"

The Resolutions passed upon division.

Ayes, 16: Messrs. Barff, Beswick, Bright, Davis, Garrick, Hawkes, Hoos, Maskell, Moore, Sheath, Stewart, Thomson, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wylde.

Noes, 7: Messrs. H. Buchanan, Cassius, Hornbrook, Jollie, Montgomery, Rhodes, Walker.

Hokitika Corporation Bill.—The Council in Committee for the further consideration of that Bill.

Clauses 50—83 passed as printed.

Clause 86 was struck out as printed.

Clauses 86, 87, 88 passed as inserted.

Clause 91, as printed, passed with addition.

In Clause 98 the blanks were filled up with words ‘ Fifty thousand pounds.’

Schedules C and D passed as printed.

Schedule E was struck out.

The Schedule of Penalties passed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Construction of Tramways.—Motion was proposed, “ That this Council, having in view the advisability of promoting the construction of Tramways in different parts of the Province, authorises His Honor the Superintendent to guarantee a rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent. upon the outlay on any such work as may be constructed, upon conditions to be fixed by His Honor and the Executive Council.

“ That the amount so guaranteed shall not on the whole exceed or cause a larger annual liability than £5000.”

Amendment was proposed, “ That word ‘ six ’ be read for word ‘ eight.’

Amendment was carried, “ That the question be put.”

The question was carried upon division.

Ayes, 16: Messrs Barff, Beswick, Bright, Cassius, Davis, Hargreaves, Hawkes, Hoos, Moore, Sheath, Stewart, Whall, White, J. S. Williams, Wilson, Wylde.

Noes, 10: Messrs H. Buchanan, Hornbrook, Jollie, Maskell, Montgomery, Ormsby, Stericker, Walker, Waeckerle, W. Williams.

The Road Ordinance Amendment Bill.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates for Land and Works.

Vote was taken, Provincial Engineer’s Department ... £3175

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Reserves, Town of Hokitika.—Motion was granted—1. “ That in the opinion of this Council the Reserves made in the Town of Hokitika for Municipal Purposes should be conveyed to the Municipal Corporation of that town.

2. “ That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying the above Resolution into effect.”

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates of Ordinary Expenditure.

Vote was proposed, Immigration £12,150

Amendment was proposed, “ That the vote be reduced by £87 10s., ‘ Immigration Officer’s Salary to read £262 10.’ ”

The amendment was withdrawn.

Vote was taken, Immigration £12,150

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported the Estimates as amended.

The Council adjourned at 12.15 a.m., until 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. **Mr. HAWKES**—To ask if any explanation has been offered to Mr. Selve of the facts which compelled his resignation as agent for this Province.
2. **Mr. BRIGHT**—To move that the House resolve itself into Committee to consider the Report of the Select Committee on Hokitika Reserves.
3. **Mr. SHEATH**—To move that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to make such an arrangement with Dr. Haast for the completion of the Geological Survey of the Province, and the classification of the specimens in the Museum by the 30th June, 1868, as in his opinion he may consider most advisable, and this Council will indemnify the necessary expenditure for such purpose.
4. **Mr. WALKER**—To move that this Council consider that the motion No. 1 on the Order Paper of January 10 does not authorise His Honor to conclude any arrangement with a contractor whereby the annual revenues of the Province could be made liable for any interest on the cost of the contemplated work without the express sanction of the Provincial Council by an Ordinance.
5. **Mr. MASKELL**—To move the re-committal of the Estimates of Land and Works, with a view to consider the items for the Engineer's Department.
6. **Mr. HARGREAVES**—To move that the Report of the Committee on the Screw Pile Jetty be adopted; and that this Council is of opinion that before the work of the Jetty be further proceeded with, a complete set of borings should be taken, in order to ascertain the proper form of pile to be used, as recommended in the Report.
7. **Mr. HOOS**—To move the third reading of "The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1867."
8. **Mr. HOOS**—To move that in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the administration of the Gold-fields should be ceded to the respective Provincial Governments wherein they are situated; and that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to bring this Resolution under His Excellency the Governor's favourable consideration.
9. **Mr. BRIGHT**—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Corporation Bill."
10. **Mr. WILSON**—To move the suspension of the Standing Orders Nos. 105, 111, and 120, with a view to the carrying "The Christchurch City Council Amendment Ordinance, 1867," through all its stages.
11. **Mr. WILSON**—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £100 to be handed to the City Council for the purpose of improving Cathedral Square upon the approaching visit of His Excellency the Governor, and the erection of the Godley Statue.
12. **The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move the suspension of Standing Orders Nos. 105, 111, and 120 inclusive.
13. **The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the current financial year.
14. **The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move the second reading of "The English Agents Bill, 1867."
15. **The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move the consideration in Committee of Supply of the items of Expenditure under Resolutions of Council and unvoted Expenditure.
16. **The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "The Gibson Quay Ordinance, 1866."
17. **The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY**—To move—
That this Council, having had under their consideration the resignation of Henry Selve Selve, Esq., of the office of English Agent for this Province, desires to record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during his tenure of office.
That this Council respectfully recommends His Honor the Superintendent to place upon the Estimates the sum of £500 as an Honorarium to be granted to Mr. Selve as a recognition by the Province of the debt of gratitude due to him for the unwavering support and assistance so willingly and gratuitously afforded to the Province for many years past.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Brown, Buckley, Dixon, Duncan, Garrick, Gray, Hall, Johnstone, Knight, Mallock, Maude, Cassius, Wylde.

The Speaker in the chair.

Papers.—The following were laid upon the table :—

No. 100. Correspondence between the Provincial Government, the Port Officer, and the Timaru Landing Service, with reference to the condition of that Service.

No. 101. Special Travelling Expenses paid through the Westland Books, 1st July, 1865, to 30th June, 1866.

No. 102. Special Travelling Expenses paid through the Westland Books, 1st July, to 31st December, 1866.

Select Committee, Hokitika Reserves.—The Council in Committee to consider the Report of that Committee.

Clauses 1 to 7, passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Provincial Geologist.—Motion as amended was carried upon division, “That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to make such an arrangement with Dr. Haast for the completion of the Geological Survey of the Province, and the classification of the Specimens in the Museum by the 30th June, 1868, as His Honor considers most advisable, and this Council will indemnify the necessary expenditure for such purpose, provided that such expenditure does not exceed £1700.”

Ayes, 15 : Messrs. Aynsley, Barff, Bright, B. Buchanan, Hawkes, Hoos, Jollie, Ormsby, Potts, Rhodes, Sheath, Stewart, Whall, White, J. S. Williams.

Noes, 11 : Messrs. H. Buchanan, Davis, Hargreaves, Hornbrook, Montgomery, Moore, Stericker, Thomson, Waeckerle, W. Williams, Wilson.

The 4th notice upon the Order Paper was ruled by the Speaker to be contrary to Standing Orders.

Land and Works Estimates.—Motion was negatived, “That these Estimates be recommitted with a view to consider the item for the Engineers’ Department.”

Gold Fields Administration.—Motion was granted, “That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Administration of the Goldfields should be ceded to the respective Provincial Governments wherein they are situated ; and that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to bring this Resolution under His Excellency the Governor’s favourable consideration.”

Hokitika Municipal Corporation Bill.—The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

In Clause 48 the words ‘Wharves and Jetties,’ and the words ‘Piers, Jetties, Rivers, and Watercourses’ were struck out.

The Clause passed as amended.

In Clause 104 the word ‘Ten’ was read for word ‘Eight.’

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Bill.—The Standing Orders were suspended with a view to carrying that Bill through all its stages.

Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

The Bill was read a first time.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee to consider that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 was proposed.

Amendment was negatived upon division, "That the word 'Nineteen,' last line but one, and words, 'or to any such purpose' be struck out."

Ayes, 2: Messrs. Aynsley, Stewart.

Noes, 14: Messrs. Barff, Bright, B. Buchanan, H. Buchanan, Davis, Hawkes, Hoos, Hornbrook, Montgomery, Moore, Tancred, Whall, J. S. Williams, Wilson.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Chairman reported progress.

Westland Hospitals Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Grant to Christchurch City Council.—Motion was granted, "That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £100 to be handed to the City Council for the purpose of Improving Cathedral Square upon the approaching Visit of His Excellency the Governor, and the Erection of the Godly Statue."

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the current financial year.

Vote was taken, Ordinary Expenditure	...	...	£950
" Land and Works	...	...	3605
" West Coast	...	...	1205

The Speaker in the chair.

The Supplementary Estimates were reported as passed.

English Agents Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Clauses 1, 2 passed as printed.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as printed.

Committee of Supply.—The Council in Committee of Supply for the consideration of items of Expenditure under Resolutions of the Provincial Council, and the items of Unvoted Expenditure.

Vote was taken, Expenditure under Resolution of the Provincial Council, Session XXIV...	...	...	£400 0 0
Vote was taken, Railway and Harbour Works Account	...	...	16,088 10 2
" West Canterbury Gold-fields Account	...	...	4718 19 3

The Speaker in the chair.

The items were reported as passed.

Gibson Quay Ordinance, 1866, *Amendment Bill*, 1867.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

Vote of thanks to H. Selfe Selfe.—Motion was granted, "That this Council, having had under their consideration the resignation of Henry Selfe Selfe, of the Office of English Agent for this Province, desires to record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during his tenure of office.

"That this Council respectfully recommends His Honor the Superintendent to place upon the Estimates the sum of £500 as an Honorarium, to be granted to Mr. Selfe as a recognition by the Province of the debt of gratitude due to him for the unwavering support and assistance so willingly and gratuitously afforded to the Province for many years past."

Papers.—The following papers were laid upon the table:—

No. 102. Correspondence relating to the Payment of Postage Fees to Collectors of Customs.

No. 103. Return of Expenditure on Special Engineering Surveys and Special Travelling Expenses, from 1st July, 1865, to 30th June, 1866, and from 1st July to 31st December, 1866.

The Council adjourned at 11.15 p.m., until Saturday next at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1867.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

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| <p>1. Mr. WILSON—To move the suspension of Standing Orders Nos. 111, 113, and 120, with a view to the carrying "The Christchurch City Council Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867," through all its stages.</p> <p>2. Mr. WALKER—To move that His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to reserve as roads all tracks at present in use on other than freehold land in the Province, in pursuance of the powers vested in him.</p> <p>3. Mr. WHALL—To move that it is desirable that the Greymouth Cemetery should be forthwith fenced in.</p> <p>4. Mr. WHALL—To move that in the opinion of this House it is necessary for the protection of life and property that steps should be taken to remove the snags from the first and seventh falls of the Grey River.</p> <p>5. Mr. BRIGHT—To move that clauses 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, of the Report of the Select Committee on Hokitika Reserves be adopted by this Council.</p> <p>6. Mr. BRIGHT—To move the third reading of "The Hokitika Corporation Bill."</p> | <p>7. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move that the Report of the Committee on the Screw Pile Jetty be adopted; and that this Council is of opinion that before the work of the Jetty be further proceeded with, a complete set of borings should be taken, in order to ascertain the proper form of pile to be used as recommended in the Report.</p> <p>8. Mr. HARGREAVES—To move the re-consideration of the third reading of "The Lyttelton Municipal Council Ordinance, 1863, Amendment Bill, 1867," in Committee.</p> <p>9. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the suspension of all Standing Orders having reference to the passing of the following Bills through this Council:—"Gibson Quay Amendment Bill, 1867," "Grey River Coal Field Reserve Bill, 1867," "Appropriation Act, 1867."</p> <p>10. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move the second reading of "The Grey River Coal-field Reserve Bill, 1867;" the second reading of "The Gibson's Quay Ordinance, 1867;" the third reading of "The English Agents Bill, 1867."</p> <p>11. The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY—To move for leave to introduce "The Appropriation Act, 1867."</p> |
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present—All, except Messrs Brown, Buckley, Dixon, Duncan, Garrick, Gray, Hall, Johnstone, Jollie, Mallock, Maude, Cassius, Waeckerle, J. S. Williams, Wyde.

The Speaker in the chair.

Christchurch City Council Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, 1867.—Standing Orders Nos. 111, 113, 120 were suspended with a view to enabling that Bill to pass through all its stages.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

Clause 1 passed as printed.

Clause 2 as amended: The words 'nineteen and,' and 'or to any such purpose having' were struck out.

The Preamble and Title passed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as amended.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Reservation of Tracks.—Motion was proposed, “That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to Reserve as Roads such tracks at present in use as it may appear to His Honor to be necessary to be reserved on other than freehold land in the Province, in pursuance of the powers vested in him.”

Amendment was negatived, “That the words ‘in the Eastern part of’ be inserted.”

The motion passed as proposed.

West Coast Cemeteries.—Motion was proposed as amended, “That it is desirable that the Jackson Bay and Greymouth Cemeteries should be forthwith fenced in.”

The motion was withdrawn.

Grey River, Snags in.—Motion was granted, “That in the opinion of this Council it is necessary for the protection of life and property, that steps should be taken to remove the snags from the first and seventh falls of the Grey River.”

Hokitika Reserves Committee.—Motion was granted, “That Clauses 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 of the Report of that Committee be adopted by the Council.”

Hokitika Corporation Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Appropriation Bill, 1867.—Leave was given to bring in that Bill.

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

Christchurch City Council Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, 1867.—The Speaker notified to the Council the assent of His Honor the Superintendent to that Bill.

Gibson Quay Bill, 1867.—*Appropriation Bill, 1867.*—The Standing Orders having reference to the passing of those Bills through the Council were suspended.

The Gibson Quay Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867, was read a second time.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

The Clauses, Preamble and Title passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as printed.

The Appropriation Bill, 1867 was read a second time.

The Council in Committee for the consideration of that Bill.

The Clauses, Preamble and Title passed as printed.

The Speaker in the chair.

The Bill was reported as printed.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

English Agents Bill, 1867.—The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The assent of His Honor the Superintendent to the Appropriation Bill, 1867, was notified to the Council by the Speaker.

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 Cameron Grant Bill, 1866,’

‘The Sheep Rating Bill, 1866,’

‘The Fencing Bill, 1866,’

- ‘ The Hokitika Municipal Bill, 1866,’
- ‘ The Medical Practitioners Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Westland Board of Education Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Stanmore Road Bridge Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Cass Pension Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Fire Ordinance Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Christchurch City Council Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Hokitika Municipal Council Corporation Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Westland Public House Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Gibson Quay Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Westland Hospitals Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The English Agents Bill, 1867,’
- ‘ The Appropriation Bill, 1867.’

GENTLEMEN,—

The greatest care shall be taken to effect an economical expenditure of the liberal supplies you have voted for the public service, consistently with a due regard to its efficiency.

It is my intention to take the earliest opportunity of visiting the West Coast Gold Fields. The importance of the interests of that portion of the Province demands the serious attention of the Government.

I concur in the opinion of the Council regarding the Railway to the West Coast, and shall take measures to carry into effect the Resolutions of the Council in that behalf.

Steps will be also taken for carrying out the Resolutions of the Council, having reference to Tramways in various parts of the Province.

Measures will be adopted for promoting legislation in the General Assembly, intended to effect those alterations in the Waste Lands Regulations relating to Pre-emptive Rights suggested by your Resolutions.

I heartily join with the Council in the expression of its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Province by Mr. Henry Selfe Selfe.

I trust that the labours of this as of all other Sessions of the Provincial Council will prove to be of advantage to the Province and to the Colony.

You will join with me in congratulating the Province upon the approaching visit of His Excellency the Governor, a circumstance which will be grateful to the loyal feelings of Her Majesty's subjects in this part of New Zealand.

I thank you for the very laborious attention you have given to the business of a very protracted Session.

I now declare this Council to be prorogued to the 1st of May, 1867.”

W. S. MOORHOUSE,
Superintendent.

CORRESPONDENCE

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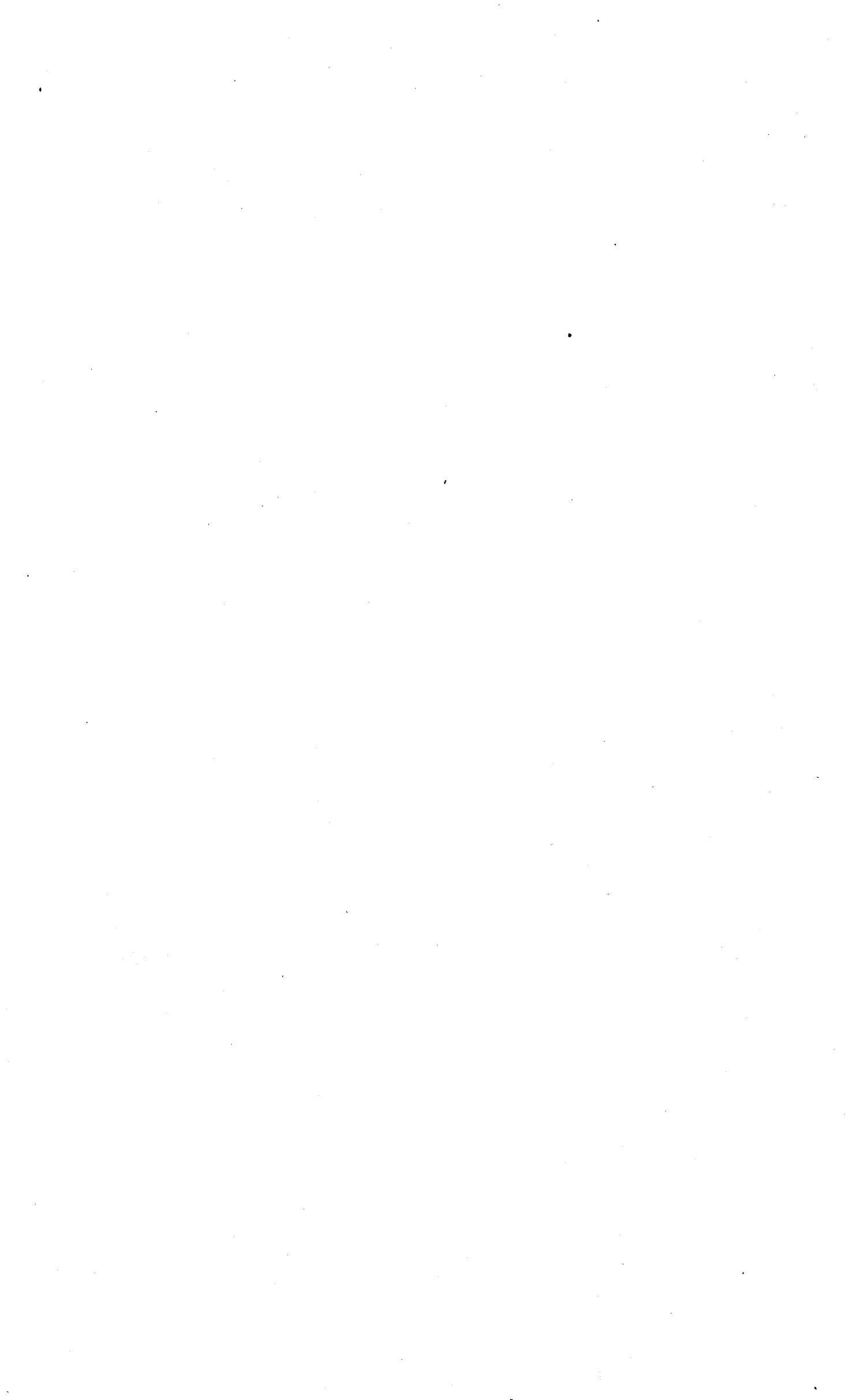
HENRY SELFE SELFE,

ENGLISH AGENT,

AND

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

OF CANTERBURY.



CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM HENRY SELFE SELFE

TO

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Canterbury Emigration Office,
16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.,
25th January, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th November.

I do not think there is any matter which renders it necessary for me to address you by this mail. Mr. Marshman has been good enough to prepare the accounts of the various sinking funds of your Loans, and will address the Treasurer on the subject. We have examined the accounts together, and they are perfectly accurate; I need not therefore trouble the Treasurer with a separate letter on the subject.

The money market, as you will learn from every trustworthy source, is in a very unfavourable state for the negotiation of Colonial Debentures. New Zealand securities in particular are in bad odour—not, if I may be allowed to say so, from any negligence on the part of any of those who represent here either the Colony as a whole or the Provinces respectively—but from the uncertainty which prevails as to the policy which will be adopted by the General Government. I cannot but think that the agitation for separation of the Northern and Middle Islands will tend to increase the distrust of capitalists, who look to the security of the whole revenue of the Colony for the payment of interest and principal of New Zealand Loans. But, indeed, with the rate of discount at 8 per cent., and Consols at $86\frac{1}{2}$ (lower than they have been for many years), it would be hopeless to expect money will be forthcoming from English capitalists for *any* New Zealand purpose at present.

If I may be allowed to suggest, it might be worth while to ask the Crown Agents for the Colonies if they would undertake the negotiation of Canterbury Debentures whenever a possibility of doing so on reasonable terms arises.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
HENRY SELFE SELFE,
English Agent,

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

16, Charing Cross, London,
24th February, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th December. I was sorry to hear that the original of my letter of the 26th August had not reached you: I believe the explanation to be, that a clerk in the office here—since dismissed for dishonesty—had the letter given him to post, and the money to buy stamps; that he appropriated the money, and destroyed the letter. Copies of the document enclosed in that letter have been forwarded to you.

I note that by the next mail it is intended that another instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Debentures should arrive here. I regret to learn that in anticipation of their negotiation so large an advance as £30,000 has been obtained against them from the Union Bank of Australia. I

take it for granted that this step was unavoidable; but I need not observe that such a course, even with the most liberal Bank, places the Provincial Government at a disadvantage as regards the negotiation of the Debentures. Banks cannot be expected, and in justice to their own shareholders, ought not to lock up their funds for an indefinite time; and though you do not mention what the arrangement with the Union Bank may have been, I take it for granted that they must have the ultimate right to dispose of these securities for what they will fetch. The bank rate of discount for some time past has been 8 per cent.; and though a few days ago it was reduced to 7 per cent., and it is likely to be further reduced, yet there are *anticipations* among well-informed persons that by the end of the year it is not unlikely to be higher than ever. This is merely an opinion, but the contingency is worth considering with reference to the further negotiation of Provincial Debentures.

Your Honor will not, I am sure, misunderstand me, if I take this opportunity of saying that I should be glad to be relieved of the responsibility of taking part in these negotiations for the future. While I remain of the opinion expressed in my letter of July last, that as regards the past, it would not have been practicable for the most experienced Agent to have secured better terms for the Debentures already disposed of in London than were obtained, I am quite sensible that I am not so well fitted as many others to conduct larger, and possibly more delicate operations in future. I am only in the City once a week, unless in cases of special emergency; I live still farther from it than formerly, and various kinds of business are increasing the demands upon my time and attention, which as I grow older, I desire rather should be lessened. While, therefore, I am very grateful for past tokens of confidence, and for the proofs of appreciation of my endeavours to do my best for Canterbury—which I have always received from Superintendents, Councils, and people—I confess I should be glad to have less to do; and these money arrangements are just the part of my work which I should most wish to relinquish, because I think they can be more assiduously and satisfactorily performed by others. As long as I remain English Agent and Trustee for the various Sinking Funds it will be convenient that I should be from time to time informed of what may be done with reference to future Loans effected through any other agent. The Union Bank of Australia promptly forwarded to me the £625 (commission twice charged as error) to which you refer, with interest at 5 per cent. from the date of such overcharge.

Mr. Marshman is good enough to undertake to answer for me the letters of the Provincial Treasurer, and will explain all money accounts.

I am your Honor's very faithful servant,

H. SELFE SELFE,
English Agent for Canterbury, N.Z.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Canterbury Emigration Office,
16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.,
26th March, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th January last, No. 2, 1866, enclosing copy of an agreement entered into by your Honor, as Superintendent, with the Manager of the Union Bank of Australia at Christchurch, respecting the negotiation of the fifth instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Debentures to the amount of £50,000, at a reserve price of 88.

The Union Bank of Australia lost no time in the matter. Immediately on the arrival of the advice of the agreement, *via* Marseilles, on the 16th instant, they applied to me to know whether I was of opinion they might sell at 88, giving the purchasers the benefit of the current interest from the 1st of January last. The agreement is silent on this subject, but, remembering the course adopted in this respect in the negotiation of the last (4th) instalment of the same Debentures, I thought I should not be wrong in expressing my belief that your Honor would not object to give the purchasers some little time

for payment, and allow them also the current interest. The Union Bank have acted with great promptitude. They informed me on Saturday last, the 24th, that they had sold the whole £50,000 at 88, payable on the 10th April, the buyer being allowed the benefit of the current *coupon* from the 1st January.

I think, under the circumstances, the bargain is a very good one for the Province, and I trust your Honor will be of the same opinion. Considering that the money is wanted to enable the Provincial Government to fulfil an existing contract for Railway Works—the money borrowed from the Union Bank costs you 10 per cent—that *all* Colonial securities are considerably depreciated, and that there is no present expectation of their improvement—it would have been unwise to have waited in the hope of better terms.

I venture, however, to express the earnest hope that the contingency apparently contemplated in the agreement with the Union Bank of Australia of an issue of other Canterbury Provincial Debentures, to be placed in the market at a lower limit than 88, will never occur. Such a process appears to me to be dangerous, if not ruinous, to the credit of the Province; and I can hardly think it would be quite fair to the holders of the self-same Debentures issued at a higher price, whose property would be thereby unavoidably depreciated, not by the natural fluctuations of the market price so much as by the direct action of the Government which is the borrower. For the sake of the Province itself, as well as in the interests of the Bondholders, I trust that the proposed legislation to which your Honor refers, authorising a lower limit to be placed on the price at which the Canterbury Loan Debentures may be sold, will in any case insist that that lower limit shall not be less than 90 net, and that the whole shall, if possible, be placed at once, so as to prevent the disadvantages of lowering the price by successive steps. Nothing can tend more directly to prevent capitalists tendering for a portion of a Loan, than the prospect of other portions of the same Loan being offered a year or two hence at a lower price.

The English money market is at present in an extraordinarily unsettled state. The public are beginning to discover the system of plunder pursued by Finance Companies, ruinous alike to borrowers and investors. The legitimate profits of both have been intercepted and appropriated by these comorant swindlers, and, panic having taken place of credulity, not only are "Provincial Agencies" themselves in deserved ill repute, but the Loans and schemes launched under their auspices, many of them sound in themselves, are suffering under depreciation from distrust of those who have for their own benefit introduced them to public notice. The inference I venture to draw from this state of things is that the Government of Canterbury should continue to entrust the negotiation of Loans to well-known old established Agencies, whose primary object will be the interest of their clients and not their own profit.

I am your Honor's very obedient Servant,

HENRY SELFE SELFE,

English Agent for Canterbury.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

16, Charing Cross, London,

24th April, 1866

SIR,

I beg with great respect to place in your Honor's hands my resignation of the office of English Agent for Canterbury.

Under any circumstances I could not view without regret the termination of my official connexion with the Province in whose fortunes I have felt for fifteen years so deep an interest. It is especially painful to me to be forced to the conclusion that I have no alternative but to retire from a post which I can no longer fill with any feelings of satisfaction and self-respect.

By your Honor's despatch of the 13th February last, I am *for the first time* made aware of the arrangement entered into in *December* last between the Provincial Secretary and the Bank of New Zealand, by which the Bank are bound to make advances to the Provincial Government to the extent of £100,000. If the advances so made are not reduced to £50,000 by the end of May (and your Honor informs me that you cannot expect to reduce the amount below that sum), the Bank have the option of demanding from the Government an order on me for a sum which will reduce the amount to £25,000.

A similar option is given to the Bank in respect of any balance beyond £10,000 remaining unpaid on the 30th September. In the event which has happened, viz. :—the failure to reduce the amount advanced by proceeds of land sales—the security upon which the Government are obtaining these advances is the unsold Debentures of the Canterbury Loan, 1862, now in my possession. I am, it appears, liable to be called on to accept large drafts of an uncertain amount on behalf of the Government; and these drafts are to be provided for by the sale of Debentures—at 90 if possible—if not at 85, and ultimately, if need be, at some further indefinite “lower rate.”

I beg leave at once, firmly but respectfully, to decline taking any part whatever in the proposed arrangement. I have over and over again—perhaps with tedious iteration—pressed upon the Provincial Government the inexpediency of borrowing money on the security of unsold Debentures. Such a course tends infallibly to the steady and ruinous depreciation of their value, and as a necessary consequence to the destruction of the credit of the borrowers. Examples near at hand have not been wanting to give this warning.

It was the enormous advances made by this same Bank of New Zealand to the General Government which obliged the Bank to force into the market the Debentures for the first million of the Three Million Loan. It was the knowledge that these *must* be sold which made them unsaleable above 80. Similar results have followed—similar financial operations in the Provinces south of Canterbury, and, *nec Deus interset*, a similar result will follow of necessity similar dealings with Canterbury securities. How, for example, can any one connected with the Bank of New Zealand who knows the substance of the agreement of December, or any one who may learn from your published accounts of expenditure how large the overdraft at the Bank is, and who draws the true inference that the overdraft is to be repaid by the future sale of Debentures—how can he be expected to tender for them at 90, when he may be totally certain they will be next year at 85—perhaps 80—or possibly even 75?

To spend money beforehand, in reliance upon a mere statutory borrowing power, till the would-be borrower is sure that the power can be exercised on reasonable terms, seems to me to be dangerous improvidence for the borrower himself. But I fear it is more than this, and it will be so regarded. It is not fair to existing creditors that their securities should be deteriorated in value by the direct action of the Government to whom they have lent their money. They cannot, it is true, insist that a Government shall in no case sell similar securities to those of which they are the holders at a lower price than they themselves gave; they must take their chance of the natural fall (or rise) of price in the market. But I think they have a right to expect that the Government should not take a course which renders this depreciation inevitable.

I trust your Honor will permit me to add that I am not insensible to the great difficulties with which the Provincial Government have had to contend; the incessant demands upon the exhausted Treasury by private members for every kind of expenditure, of which every Order of the Day and every debate in the Provincial Council furnishes proof; the general clamour may, I say, for West Coast Roads, which have entailed such a large outlay, and which were felt to be desirable for the interests of the Province; all these must have been very trying to the guardians of the public purse. They, I am sure, have been actuated by a sense of public duty, both when they resisted these demands, and when they gave effect to them: and I do not presume to reproach any one on the spot, who is of opinion that the expenditure in question was of such vital importance to the Province as to be a necessity overpowering the risk attaching to the course which has been pursued. It may be, had I been myself in the Colony, I might have voted for incurring the risk. At the same time you will, I trust, forgive those friends of the Province who, with an equally sincere desire with yourself for its permanent interests, hold it to be an obligation paramount to all other considerations whatever, and adherence to which will best subserve your interests, to guard with jealous care the credit and good name of Canterbury, which, I consider, are imperilled by the arrangement made with the Bank of New Zealand. And this brings me to the most painful part of this letter, and to the mention of the fact which, if I had any doubt on other points, would have compelled me to resign the English Agency.

This arrangement with the Bank of New Zealand made in December, was not communicated to me by the mail which left Canterbury in January. I should be glad to believe, if possible, that the omission was unintentional, though there is nothing in your Honor's despatch of February to encourage that belief. The delay might in itself have been immaterial, had it not been that in January the Provincial Government made the arrangement with the Union Bank of Australia for an advance of £30,000 in anticipation

of the sale of £50,000—fifth instalment of the Railway Loan at a minimum of 88. This last-mentioned Contract I was at once advised of by the January mail, though it was not a matter on which it was contemplated that I should have to take any action. How then was it possible I could imagine that a previous Contract had been entered into on a larger scale with another Bank of which I had no information, though it was one in which I must necessarily have been called on to act hereafter? Now, it appears had the Union Bank of Australia any such information—though I think they were fairly entitled to it as materially affecting the value of the securities they were instructed to dispose of.

What have been the consequences of this reticence or omission on the part of the Provincial Government, the correspondence between the Secretary of the Union Bank of Australia and myself, copies of which I forwarded to your Honor by last mail will have already partially shown you.

Naturally enough the Secretary asked me to tell him what I knew of the chances of other Canterbury Debentures being brought out by the Bank of New Zealand. In ignorance of the truth, and in perfect good faith, I told him there was none that I knew of; and in reliance on this assurance, properly communicated by the Bank to the intending purchaser of the £50,000 Railway Debentures, he made, and the Bank accepted his tender for the whole amount at 88. I have thus been placed in the false and painful position of unconsciously misleading both the Bank and the Capitalist who invested his money in your securities.

I have the best means of knowing that he repents of his bargain, and that he would not have completed it had my answer been in accordance with facts.

Feeling this to be a matter affecting my personal honor, I considered myself bound at once to write to the Secretary of the Union Bank of Australia. I enclose copy of my note, April 12, as a supplement to the correspondence enclosed last mail. I cannot blame myself for any inconvenience which may follow this necessary act of self-justification.

If any such arise, they are due in the first instance to the arrangement made with the Bank of New Zealand; and next, mainly to my not having been made aware of that arrangement.

I therefore reluctantly, but unhesitatingly, resign the office of English Agent for Canterbury.

1. Because I cannot but think these financial operations dangerous to the credit of the Province.
2. Because I consider them unjust to its existing creditors.
3. Because I can no longer feel that I have had the confidence of the Government, and can no longer give them mine.

I have no power (under the third English Agent's Ordinance) to appoint my successor. I await your directions in that respect; and I request you will have the goodness to inform me to whom you wish the £300,000 Debentures to be handed over.

I shall ever retain a grateful sense of the repeated acts of kindness I have received from the Province at large, from each successive Superintendent, and from the many in Canterbury whom I have learnt to regard as friends, though we have never met in person.

I have the honor to be your Honor's obedient Servant,

HENRY SELFE SELFE,

English Agent for Canterbury.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.,

25th April, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th February, enclosing copy of correspondence between the Provincial Secretary and the Bank of New Zealand in December last. I have addressed your Honor in a separate despatch on the subject of that correspondence, and have stated the course which I have felt compelled to adopt in consequence of my being now made aware of the financial arrangements contemplated by the Government.

By the instructions now received, I note that the selling price of the Debentures of the Canterbury Loan, 1862, is lowered to 90. Your Honor may rely upon it that if any opportunity exists of disposing of them at that price, it shall be embraced. It is a reasonable fair price, and I should be sorry to see them offered at a lower figure. With patience and firmness, I think they may hereafter command 90 or nearly 90, almost if not quite as easily as 85. If the notion once gets abroad that they must be sold for what they will fetch, I do not think they would realise above 80.

I sympathise with your Honor's Government in the disappointment felt at the objections raised to the sale of Town and Rural Land in Westland. I remember too vividly the difficulties in which the Canterbury Association were involved in 1850-1 by expenses incurred in anticipation of land sales, not to feel how precarious and unsatisfactory such a source of revenue is; and more recent experience, in the scheme for selling Waikato lands to recoup an expenditure of a million or more in acquiring them, shows how dangerous it is to plunge into expenditure in reliance upon plans which require the consent of others for their realisation. I trust, however, the sales in Westland are delayed only—not indefinitely postponed—and that the proceeds may repay the Treasury some of the heavy outlay in connection with the gold-fields.

Your Honor gave me no instructions, in your letter of January, on the subject of the balance of the proceeds of the fifth instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan. I enclose correspondence which has passed on the subject, which will explain what has been done in the matter. It would not have been worth while, I thought, to send out the balance to Christchurch. It will now be available for the necessary payments on the 30th June without our availing ourselves of the intended credit in favor of Mr. Marshman and myself, which the Treasurer advises me will be made for these purposes by the next mail. I have written to the Treasurer accordingly.

Mr. Godley's statue has been shipped by the "Talbot," which sailed about a fortnight since.

I shall have pleasure in making the acquaintance of Mr. Joseph Hill. While much regretting the illness of Mr. Weld, it was with much satisfaction I learnt that Mr. FitzGerald had been unanimously elected M.H.R. for Christchurch.

All the Canterbury elections—especially that for Superintendent, and for the members for the General Assembly, are matters of great interest to me, and not much less so, the contests for seats in the Provincial Council.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

H. SELFE SELFE,

English Agent for Canterbury.

P.S.—I venture to express my hearty concurrence in Mr. Marshman's remarks upon Mr. Ottywell's application for a modest increase to his salary, especially as a larger saving has been effected by dispensing with the services of a second clerk, whose work has been performed by Mr. Otteywell.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

15, St. George's Square, London, S.W.,
25th May, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th March.

The extraordinary state of the English money market since I wrote last month, which you will learn in detail from the newspapers, will demonstrate without any remarks from me how true your anticipations are as to the impossibility of selling Canterbury Debentures for the present at any price. While, therefore, I fully appreciate your desire that the Province should be placed in funds at as early a date as possible, I am sure you will realize the necessity of placing no dependence on the prospect of receiving any money whatever from England for some time to come. I earnestly hope that the sale of Waste Lands contemplated on the West Coast may enable your Honor to meet the demands of the Bank of New Zealand, without resorting to any financial arrangements here, involving either the forced sale or hypothecation of the Debentures now in my possession.

The Credit Mobilier have been compelled by heavy pressure upon their resources to sell £300,000 of New Zealand General Government Five per Cent. Bonds at 60, or a discount of 40 per cent., and from what I can learn it is by no means improbable they will be glad to sell the remaining portion of the same stock still in their hands at the same, or even a lower figure.

So far as the pecuniary needs of the Province are concerned, it is therefore cause for satisfaction that the fifth instalment of the Railway Loan was disposed of by the Union Bank of Australia at 88. I regret, however, that I cannot withdraw or modify the remarks I felt bound to make in my last letter when placing my resignation of the office of English Agent in your Honor's hands.

I am glad to find that the course I had pursued, with Mr. Marshman's concurrence, as to the disposal of the surplus of the proceeds of these £50,000 Railway Debentures is precisely that which your Honor, in your letter now under reply, instructs me to take, viz., "to retain here such sums as may be required to meet Sinking Fund, or such other liabilities of the Provincial Government as may have been incurred, or are shortly to be incurred." The heaviest of these liabilities are of course interest, which will become payable on the various Loans on the 30th of June. I have written to the Provincial Treasurer on the subject; but it may be convenient that I should re-state to your Honor the figures and calculations applicable to this matter.

The Union Bank of Australia have had on deposit for us since the 20th April £12,812 10s., bearing interest at the rate allowed by leading London Banks. This £12,812 10s. is the residue of the proceeds of the £50,000 Railway Loan, fifth instalment received by the Union Bank of Australia last month, after payment to them of their advances of £30,000 interest thereon and charges.

You will have, no doubt, received from the Union Bank of Australia (Christchurch branch) an exact account of this transaction.

Out of this £12,812 10s. the liabilities shortly to be incurred here are, in round numbers, as follows:—

30th June.—Interest on £30,000 Loan	...	...	...	...	£1,200
„ Loan of 1862, say £60,000	...	...	...	...	1,800
„ Railway Loan (£200,000)	...	...	...	...	6,000
Emigration, three Ships, viz. :—					
“Bombay,” 1st moiety	...	...	...	}	3,000
“Victory,” 2nd moiety	...	...	...
“Blue Jacket,” July	...	...	...
					£12,000

Your Honor will observe that this calculation does not include Sinking Fund. This will show there is no residue worth remitting from this source.

On the other hand, it will be satisfactory, I hope, to your Honor, to learn from these figures that as I have stated to the Provincial Treasurer, that there will be no necessity for us to avail ourselves of the credit which your Honor informs me will be opened in our favour by the next mail to meet the charges enumerated.

Though you will receive nothing from England, there will be no drafts upon the Treasurer from this side for the next (say) four months. We must hope that by that time things will have mended, both as regards the English Money Market and the Provincial Exchequer.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Westgarth's circular of the 15th instant, which will probably be not without interest to yourself and your advisers.

It explains, I think, why Provincial Securities (those of Canterbury in particular) have not, as yet, apparently shared to any great extent in the depreciation of Colonial Stocks generally, and taken in connection with the facts I have stated as to the dealings of the Credit Foncier and Mobilier with the One Million Loan, it seems to me to raise a question whether the guarantee of the General Government for all the Provincial loans would not be rather a bane than benefit to Canterbury.

I am your Honor's very faithful Servant,

HENRY SELFE SELFE.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

16, Charing Cross, London,
26th June, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 14th April, No. 10, and I have been duly advised by the Provincial Treasurer of the credit opened by him on that day in favor of Mr. Marshman and myself at the Bank of New Zealand, for the sum of twelve thousand pounds.

My previous letters have informed your Honor that it will not be necessary for us to operate on this credit; the surplus proceeds of the fifth instalment of the Railway Loan, negotiated by the Union Bank of Australia in March last, at 88, being sufficient to meet all the payments for which the credit of £12,000 was intended to provide.

Mr. Marshman will furnish your Honor or the Treasurer with a detailed account of the appropriation of this surplus.

I note the decision of your Honor's Government, that the Sinking Fund of the various Loans shall in future be payable on the 31st December in each year.

I congratulate your Honor on the completion of the West Coast Road, and I trust that the advantages resulting from the increased facilities of communication with the Gold Fields District will repay the Province for the necessarily heavy outlay upon the road. I trust your hopes of diminishing the large overdraft at the Bank may be speedily realized.

Though the rate of discount at the Bank of England still remains at 10 per cent., there is a prospect of its early reduction; and I trust it may not be long before the state of the money market here may enable your Agents to negotiate Canterbury Debentures at no lower price than that at which the last parcel was disposed of. I earnestly hope that, for the reasons already stated, your Honor's Government will not be under the necessity of selling any Debentures below the minimum of 88. If anything occurs which seems to me worth noticing, I will write a few lines by the mail *via* Panama on the 2nd July.

As I shall leave London on that day for five weeks, it is possible I may not address your Honor by the mail of the 26th July.

Mr. Sewell's arrival is reported to-day, but I do not know whether he is yet in London.

I am your Honor's very faithful and obedient Servant,

HENRY SELFE SELFE.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

15, St. George's Square, London, S.W.
1st November, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, *via* Marseilles, of Mr. Stewart's letter of 18th August, and also, *via* Panama, on the 29th ultimo, of Mr. Tancred's letter of the 5th September.

The duplicate copy of your Honor's Letter of the 20th July (No. 24) also reached me *via* Southampton, on the 20th October.

The original of this last-mentioned letter has never come to hand.

I do not think there is anything in these letters which calls for observation or action on my part. I note with satisfaction the expressed determination of your Honor not to dispose of the Canterbury Loan Debentures under 90. This resolution would deprive any previous purchasers of your securities of any ground of complaint, either real or supposed, that your securities had been depreciated in value by the voluntary action of your Government. Such complaints *are* made, and I think not without reason, of the Queensland Government for issuing their Debentures at 85, when only eighteen months ago they were selling at par. Your Honor will remember that the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of your Loans were compelled by the vote of the Provincial Council to invest in Australian [Securities against their own

expressed opinion, and although we are not likely to suffer ultimately, inasmuch as the purchase was for investment for many years, and the Debentures must some time or other be paid off at par, their present depreciation prevents us from altering the security if such a course were on any grounds thought advisable.

The success of the Panama Line of Steamers, and also of the Telegraphic Communication between the North and South Islands, are matters for hearty congratulation. I trust they will tend to preserve the unity of the Colony, if it can exist with justice to the interests of its several Provinces, and of Canterbury in particular; for it is certain that any successful movement towards separation would be received by the English creditor of the Colony with distrust and dissatisfaction.

I rejoice at the favourable reports of the "Bombay," both as regards the emigrants themselves and the management on board ship. If they had been recklessly or carelessly selected no management could have prevented, though it might have mitigated, the evils which would have resulted from such neglect. And any unprejudiced person must, I think, admit that under the very same system, and carried out by the very same Agent, it is impossible to imagine that the unfortunate irregularities which existed among a small portion of the passengers by the "John Temperly," but which were wholly absent in the case of the "Bombay," were due either to the system or to the Agent. They were due, I submit, to the presence of a very few disorderly characters whom no amount of care could have altogether excluded. I note that I may expect to hear by the next mail that a credit has been opened to provide for the payments of the Sinking Fund due on the 31st December. Though I have ceased to be Agent for the Province, I hope your Honor will make use of me in any way in which it ever occurs to you and can be of service to Canterbury.

I am, &c.,

HENRY SELFE SELFE.

I have been glad to find, since I last wrote, that some of the letters of Mr. Marshman and myself have been printed in an official publication.

FROM

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

TO

HENRY SELFE SELFE,~~To HENRY SELFE SELFE.~~

Superintendent's Office,

Christchurch, 15th March, 1866.

SIR,

The last mail from England has not brought me your usual despatch; I trust that ill health may not have prevented you from writing.

I advised you in my last letter that the Government had decided to lower the minimum selling price of the Canterbury Debentures to 90; and that it was a matter of urgent importance that the Province should be placed in funds at as early a date as possible. I hope that it may not be long before an advantageous offer is made, though I am not very sanguine of their selling just at present, even at the low price above stated, as I see by the latest accounts that money is still in great demand in England, and that Bank rates are ruling high.

With reference to the proceeds of any future sale of Debentures I should feel obliged if you would cause them to be forwarded at once to the credit of the Provincial Government here after deducting such sums as may be required to meet Sinking Fund, or such other liabilities of the Provincial Government as may have been incurred, or are shortly to be incurred. The Treasurer will place you in funds by the next mail to meet Sinking Fund and interest due on the 30th June.

Since I last wrote the Provincial Council has held a short Session, having been called together for the purpose of adding certain Clauses to the "The Provincial Council Extension Ordinance" passed by it at its last Session. The addition of the Clauses was rendered necessary by the opinion of the Law Officer of the Crown that the Rolls for the new Districts which were created by the Bill could not be prepared unless provision to that effect was inserted in the Bill, which had not been done, the Bill having been drafted in the form of a similar one passed in a previous Session, and assented to.

The Land Sales for the past month have been very satisfactory, having realized £18,404.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SAMUEL BEALEY,

Superintendent.

~~To HENRY SELFE SELFE.~~

Superintendent's Office,

Christchurch, 14th April, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th January.

The Treasurer will advise you by this mail that he has forwarded a letter of credit for £12,000, of which £8000 is to meet the interest on the three Loans, and £4000 for the general expenses of the English

Agency. He will also inform you that the Government have decided that the Sinking Fund of the several Loans will in future be paid yearly on the 31st December.

The unfavourable state of the money market, as described in your letter, especially the distrust of capitalists to invest in New Zealand securities, consequent upon the uncertainty of the policy to be adopted by the General Government, gives me great concern, for, notwithstanding that the large sum of £22,732 has been paid into the Treasury from the Land Sales of the past month, the overdraft at the Bank has steadily increased.

The West Coast Road is now completed, and the large payments which we have had to make for that useful work will cease, and I trust that we have now reached the limit of our liability to the Bank.

Since I last wrote I have visited the West Coast Gold-fields, accompanied by the Provincial Secretary and the Secretary for Public Works. We were much gratified at the satisfactory state of the road, and the energy and engineering skill that has been displayed in overcoming the many difficulties which had to be encountered in its construction.

The distance by the road from Christchurch to Hokitika is about 160 miles, and the coach by which we travelled did the distance in about thirty-six hours.

I was very favorably impressed with the great progress made by the digging community in building towns, and in assisting their gold-seeking labours by building large water-races and extensively importing steam machinery; these facts, together with what I was able to gather from personal observation, convince me that the Canterbury Gold-field is only in its infancy, and that we may reasonably expect a continued increase in the export of gold for many years to come.

I thank you for the suggestion that it might be worth while to ask the Crown Agents for the Colonies if they would undertake the negotiation of Canterbury Debentures, and I will consult with my Government as to the advisability of doing so.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

SAMUEL BEALEY,

Superintendent.

To HENRY SELFE SELFE.

Superintendent's Office,

Christchurch, 15th May, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 15, dated 24th February. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of copies of the documents which were enclosed in your letter of the 26th August last, the original of which letter did not come to hand, owing, as you suspect, to the dishonesty of a clerk in the office at that time.

You would receive by the January mail a copy of the agreement entered into with the Union Bank for the negotiation of a further instalment of Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Debentures; and you would have been informed of the necessity which existed for obtaining an advance from that Bank, on account of the heavy outlay which had been incurred on the West Coast Road, and other large works.

I note that you wish to be released of the responsibility of taking part in the negotiation of Provincial Debentures for the future, and I quite understand, and cordially sympathise with your reasons for so doing. My successor in office will shortly be appointed, as the writs have come down, and I will leave

it in the hands of his Government, before whose notice I shall not fail to see that the subject is brought to carry out your wishes in this matter.

The Treasurer will forward to you by this mail a statement shewing the indebtedness of the Province, and the mode of investment of the proceeds of the different Loans, Sinking Funds, &c.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the Land Sales have been very satisfactory, having realised since the departure of the last mail the sum of £23,020.

The Pasturage Rents this year too have been doubled, the Run-holders having obtained an extended tenure, and the amount realised from this source has been £34,555.

The Contract for the first portion of the Great Southern Railway, about 13 miles, is now nearly completed, and the Government have decided to carry on the line at once as far as the south side of the River Selwyn.

As I shall not again have the honor of addressing you in my official capacity, let me in conclusion beg you to accept my grateful thanks for your unremitting zeal on behalf of the Province during my tenure of office as Superintendent.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

SAMUEL BEALEY,

Superintendent.

To HENRY SELFE SELFE.

Superintendent's Office,

Christchurch, 15th June, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that I was elected Superintendent of Canterbury on the 30th of last month, and that by such a large majority of votes as to inspire me with confidence in again entering upon the duties of the office. I have the further satisfaction of knowing that I take office at a time when the Province is fast recovering from a long period of commercial depression, and has every prospect of a season of prosperity before it.

Your letter of the 26th March, No. 23, which I have now the honor to acknowledge, informs me of the fifth instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Debentures by the Union Bank of Australia. I will not, by this opportunity, enter into my views respecting the negotiation of the remaining unsold Debentures of the Province, but I will write fully upon the subject by the mail via Panama, which leaves Wellington on the 24th instant, and which may possibly anticipate the mail via Marseilles. In the meantime I should feel obliged by your not operating on the remaining unsold Canterbury Loan Debentures now in your hands.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SEFTON MOORHOUSE,

Superintendent.

TO HENRY SELFE SELFE.

Superintendent's Office,
Christchurch, 20th June, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th February, No. 15, the consideration of which was, as you are aware, deferred until the election and instalment in office of the new Superintendent.

Your remarks concerning the arrangement made with the Union Bank of Australia for the advance of £30,000 against the fifth instalment of Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan Debentures have received the attention of present as well as that of the late Government, and while quite acknowledging the justice of your observation that such a course as obtaining an advance from the Bank under hypothecation of Debentures cannot but place us at a disadvantage, I am yet compelled to say that the step in this instance was unavoidable; and I am gratified to find that no serious injury to the public service resulted in the negotiation of the securities referred to.

I now approach that portion of your letter which advises me of your desire to be relieved of the responsibility of taking part in the negotiations for the sale of our Debentures. That request has received immediate attention at my hands; and with the view to immediately relieving you of the duties attached to the office, I have appointed the Bank of New Zealand as the Agent of the Province for the purpose of floating the Debentures of the Canterbury Loan forwarded to you, if not sold at the minimum fixed by Government, viz., 90. I have desired that establishment to apply to you for delivery of the securities, and you are hereby requested and authorised to hand them over to the Bank. I have also desired them to inform you of any negotiations which may be made for their purchase, and to attend to any suggestions which you, in your discretion as Agent for the Province, may think proper to make. And I take this opportunity of expressing to you, on the part of the Province, the deep sense of obligation which I entertain for the services which you have hitherto so freely rendered to the Province—services which I am assured will never be forgotten by the people of Canterbury.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

WILLIAM SEFTON MOORHOUSE,

Superintendent.

TO HENRY SELFE SELFE.

Superintendent's Office,
Christchurch, 17th July, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th April, enclosing correspondence between yourself and the Manager of the Union Bank of Australia, London, on the subject of the fifth instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan, and of the disposal of the balance of £12,812 10s., arising therefrom after deducting the amount due to the Bank on account of advances. I note that you had deposited the balance above referred to at the Union Bank, so that it would be available for the necessary payments on 30th June. The Government have acceded to Mr. Ottywell's application for an increase of salary, and have authorised Mr. Marshman to pay him £180 per annum.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

F. E. STEWART,

For the Superintendent.

TO HENRY SELFE SELFE.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, 17th July, 1866

SIR,

You were addressed by His Honor the Superintendent on the 20th ultimo, *via* Panama, duplicate whereof is enclosed. I am desired by His Honor to express his regret that it unfortunately occurred that the letter was not posted until it became too late to catch the mail. His Honor is at present in Wellington, attending the Session of the General Assembly as member of the House of Representatives, and sitting for Westland, from which point, no doubt, he will address you.

In his absence I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 24th April, tendering your resignation of your office as English Agent for Canterbury. I am to express to you the sincere regret which His Honor and the Executive Council have received such an intimation; a regret heightened by the fact that your determination was caused by the non-advice by the Government of the arrangement entered into with the Bank of New Zealand in December last. It appears that the omission to advise by the mail following the completion of the arrangement arose, I need hardly say, from no intentional neglect on the part of the Government: of that the strongest assurances are forthcoming if they are needed, but the Government feel they would be wanting to their own dignity, if they, for one moment, considered it necessary to disprove such an imputation of intentional neglect as is contained in your letter under reply.

Copies of your letters have been laid before Mr. Bealey, Mr. Jollie, and Mr. Hall with the view of obtaining any explanations they may afford as to the circumstances under which the immediate advice to you of the arrangement was postponed till the following mail, on receipt of which the Government will forward copies to yourself.

In reiterating the expression of sincere regret with which His Honor views the unfortunate, though unintentional, mishap which has led to the tendering of your resignation, I am to request that you will add to the many services rendered to the Province that of continuing to retain your office until arrangements are made for relieving you of its duties.

I trust that before the departure of the next overland mail, His Honor the Superintendent will have returned from Wellington, when, no doubt, His Honor will enter fully into the subject of this letter.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

F. E. STEWART,

In the absence of the Superintendent.

TO HENRY SELFE SELFE.

Superintendent's Office,
Christchurch, 20th July, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that having taken my seat in the House of Representatives at Wellington, I came down here yesterday, having been absent for a month on a visit to Westland, and I return to Wellington to-morrow so as to be present at the debate on the Resolutions to be brought forward in the House by Mr. Whitaker on the 24th, on the question of Separation.

A message which I have forwarded to you by the Red Sea Telegraph, will inform you of the fact of my having most unfortunately omitted to post, in time for the last Panama mail, a letter to you which I had taken with me to Wellington on my way to Westland for that purpose. The telegram informs you of the purport of that letter, which was in reply to yours informing the late Superintendent of your desire to be relieved of the financial business connected with the negotiation of the Provincial Loans, and which letter stated that, in compliance with your request, the Government had handed over their Agency in

respect of those Debentures to the Bank of New Zealand, and requested you accordingly to be good enough to hand over the Debentures in your charge to that Bank. A duplicate of the letter I refer to has been forwarded by the Suez mail on the 17th instant, and a triplicate goes by this opportunity by Panama.

I need not say how much I regret my inadvertence in not having posted the original as above stated. The time of my stay in Wellington was limited to an hour and a half. The whole of that time was passed in an interview with Mr. Stafford; and it was only by great exertion that I was enabled to catch the steamer going to Hokitika.

At Nelson I endeavoured to induce, by the offer of a considerable gratuity, a steamer lying in harbour to take the letter to Wellington, but without effect.

I now pass to the more recent determination on your part to resign the office of English Agent for the Province; a determination of which I learn with the greatest concern, and with regard to which I can only confirm the terms of Mr. Secretary Stewart's letter written in my absence, and forwarded by Suez. The arrangement entered into with the Bank of New Zealand, under which the handing to them of Debentures in your hands has become advisable, is one which has been rendered necessary both in retrospective and prospective view of our financial position, and by the further reason of your resignation, and the limit fixed upon their sale is 91½.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. S. MOORHOUSE,

Superintendent.

TO HENRY SELFE SELFE.

Provincial Secretary's Office,

Christchurch, 18th August, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th May, No. 43, in which you inform His Honor of the continued depression of the English money market, and of the hopelessness of any attempt to raise money by the sale of our Debentures at anything like a satisfactory price.

I thank you for your information with regard to the disposal of the balance of the proceeds of the fifth instalment of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway Loan; and I note that the amount which would remain in your hands after the liquidation of the various liabilities to which you refer, would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Agency for about four months.

I have also to thank you for the copy of Mr. Westgarth's Circular enclosed with your letter. You will have, no doubt, heard of the terrible financial difficulties which have overtaken the Colony of Queensland; they may not be without their warning to us, not to push our credit too far.

You will learn with satisfaction of the successful opening of the Panama Postal Service. The "Rakaia" with the first outward mail reached Wellington within two days of her appointed time, having accomplished the whole distance from England to Tobago, the starting point on this side of the Isthmus, and from thence to Wellington in the short space of three months. Had the homeward mail been detained in Lyttelton a few hours, your letter now under reply would have been acknowledged by it.

His Honor is still attending the Session at Wellington. The battle of Separation has been again fought out, and has resulted in the defeat of the Separationists by a large majority. The financial proposals of the Government having given rise to great dissatisfaction in the House, and, I may add, in this Province also, we were not surprised at the news which came down last night, that a vote of want of confidence in the Ministry, as at present constituted, had been carried, and that they had, in consequence resigned. It was expected that Mr. Stafford would take office again, and re-construct a Ministry, in which Mr. Ward would probably be Postmaster, and Mr. Fitzherbert Finance Minister; Mr. Hall and Mr. Richardson were also talked of as likely to find places in it.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

F. E. STEWART,

Provincial Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE

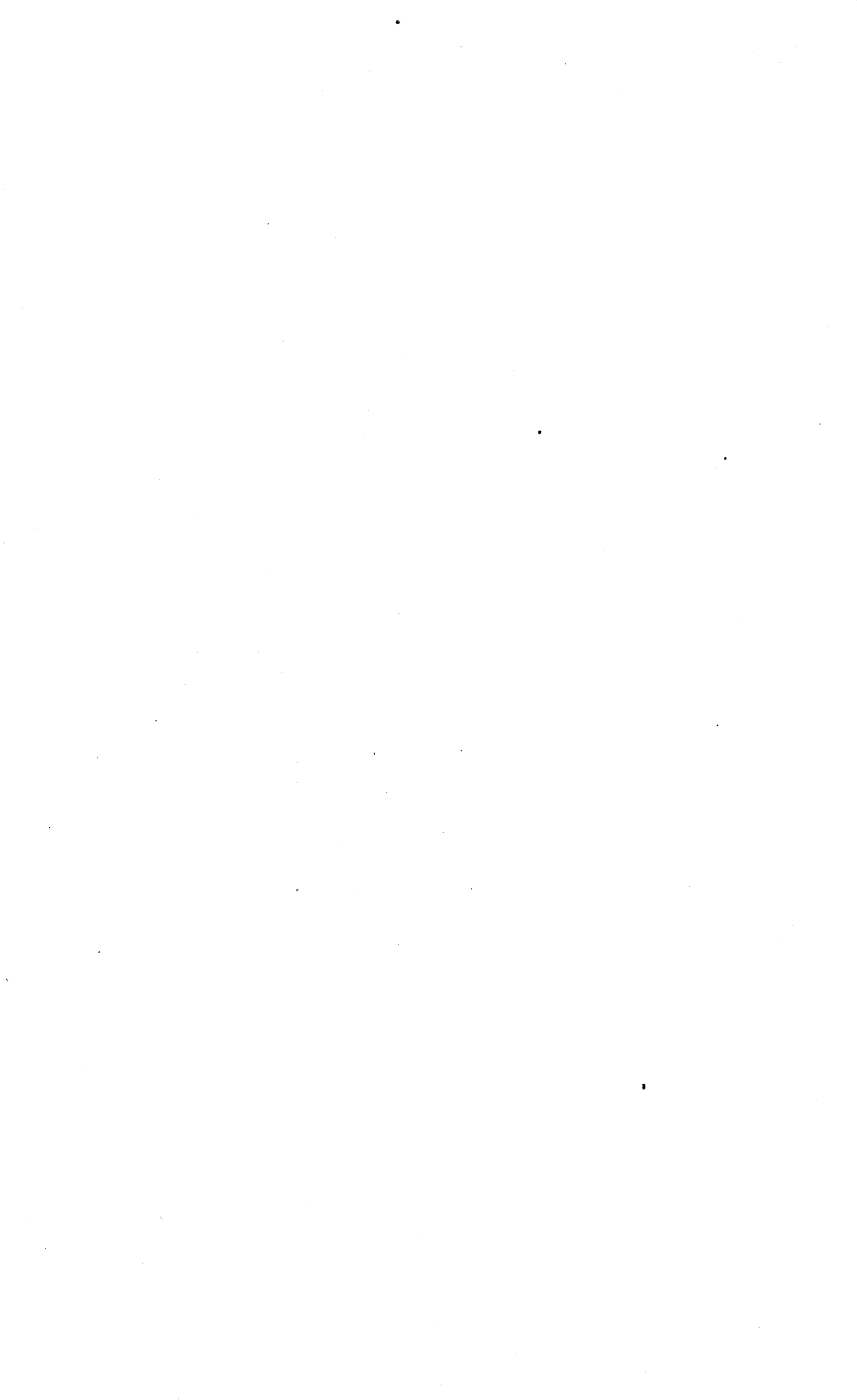
BETWEEN

JOHN MARSHMAN,

EMIGRATION AGENT,

AND

THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.



FROM JOHN MARSHMAN
TO
THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

16, Charing Cross, London,
26th October, 1865.

SIR,

I was prevented by an accident, which fortunately was not so bad as it might have been, from writing last month. I am glad to say I have quite recovered from it.

The information given as to the Labour Market in the newspapers of both July and August is much more full and intelligible than it had formerly been. I notice that it is supplied by the Immigration Officer, and am glad this plan has been adopted. Nobody else can, in the nature of things, be so well informed on the subject. It is no doubt difficult to describe it so as to convey to a stranger an accurate impression of the reality. Thus, while the Government is obliged to employ men on relief works at 5s. a day—60 is the number said to be employed in July—immigrants from this country are engaged readily at the old rates of wages; and I see also in the newspapers by the present mail that some contractors for works in Christchurch complain that they cannot get men except at extravagant rates, and that contracts taken on the assumption of the old rates—7s. and 8s. a day—cannot be carried on except at a considerable loss. This difficulty, supposing it to exist in the degree which the statement would seem to imply, will, I have no doubt, be temporary only, but it shows how difficult it is to adapt supply to demand, or to convey an accurate impression of the relation of one to the other.

I am pleased to learn from your letter of the 15th August, that the people by the "Indian Empire" were taken up readily, and that the ship made the voyage without a single death. The arrival of Immigrants, though in small numbers and at considerable intervals, when it is known that they are coming, has the effect in a greater degree than is really due to their numbers of giving confidence to employers, and of checking the disposition to demand exorbitant wages by the workmen. True that the workman is always entitled to ask for as high a rate of wages as the employer can afford to him, but if he believes that the employer is in his power the demand does not always stop there.

The Immigration Commissioners say that some of the Immigrants by the "Indian Empire" appear to have refused on one or more occasions to attend to the directions of the Surgeon as to cleaning their berths, and that the Surgeon and Master appear to have imperfectly understood their instructions, and hence the difficulty of enforcing discipline; and they recommended that the Emigration Agent should, at the muster on board the ship, address the Emigrants on these points. I really do not know what can be done to prevent these little difficulties beyond what is now done. The instructions issued to the Surgeon and the Captain on behalf of the Government are as plain and full as I know how to make them. Nobody of ordinary intelligence could, I imagine, fail to understand them if he read them carefully; and then as to the authority vested in those Officers that is defined by the "Passengers Act." No regulations by the Government could confer on either of them any power beyond that provided by the Statute. A copy of the "Passengers Act" is given always to both the Surgeon and the Captain: they are requested to read through carefully these and all other papers that are given to them, and to ask for any explanation or additional information which they might desire to have, and I always enquire whether they have done this, and whether they clearly understood the papers. Possibly the Commissioners may not be aware of this practice. Very much depends on the tact and management employed, and a deficiency of this cannot be supplied by any kind or quantity of instructions. If, for example, the people in the "Indian Empire" refused to clean their place out in the morning, the best thing the Captain could do was to order the cook not to serve breakfast to anybody in that part of the ship until this had been done to the Surgeon's satisfaction. The people would in that case soon have settled the matter for themselves by a pressure on the obstinate few who kept the majority without their breakfast. The Captain would be fully warranted in doing this; and if any of them complained of it, or proceeded against him at the end of the voyage, any Court in Christendom would justify such a course. But one cannot put such a suggestion as this into a formal code of instructions; like other contingencies, it must be left for the officer in charge to deal with. As to the informing the emigrants of their duties, and of the powers of control vested in the Surgeon and Captain, this also is done by printed Regulations posted in every compartment

of the ship, spare copies being given for replacing any that might be destroyed, and I could add nothing to them verbally: the plan, I imagine, more adapted to inform the people on these matters than any address or exhortation that I could give them. If what they read or see continually is disregarded, I am afraid that more respect would not be paid to what they had heard a long time ago. It is impossible to prevent entirely the possibility of these little complaints cropping up occasionally, fortunately they occur but very seldom.

I infer from your letter of the 15th of August that certain instructions therein referred to were not intended to mean what I thought they meant. It is remarked that I "enter into a long argument in one part of the letter, and quite ignore the context." This is hardly the case, the context referred to was not overlooked, but it seemed not to affect the explicit direction that followed, and which was conveyed as it seemed to me in terms more than usually imperative. My excuse for going into the question involved, at what seems to have been considered an unnecessary length, must be that I wished to explain clearly to the Government the difficulty, or rather the impossibility, of doing that which their instructions appeared to intend; what is however of more importance is that the Government approve generally of what has been done.

I hope no material loss will result from the defect in the form of Immigrants' Bills, disclosed in the case of the Provincial Treasurer *v.* Watson. It by no means follows that because a technical ground is supplied for repudiating a liability that everybody will be dishonest enough to avail himself of it. Does the contract between the parties to the bill, and the Government on which the bill is founded, not of itself constitute a ground of claim against them, irrespective of the bill itself? Perhaps not. The point does not seem to have been raised, and it may be that it could not have been raised in an action to be brought on the contract? It seems worth considering. Mr. Watson's reasons for repudiating the claim and resorting to a technicality to defeat it, have, if the statements in a letter which he has addressed to one of the newspapers are true, very considerable force. He is entitled to complain of his bill having been used without his concurrence for the passages of some other persons than those he had nominated. The contract on which the bill is founded limits the application of it to a specified purpose, if not in law, at least in equity and intention. Taking Mr. Watson's story to be true, I am not surprised at what he did.

The "Mermaid" will arrive almost as soon as you receive the advice of her having sailed. She left last month, three days after the mail, but my former letters announced the intention of despatching her about that time. The next ship will be the "Victory," to sail the 13th of December. The "Himalaya" sails about the end of this month. Mr. Hamilton Ward introduced several families; sixteen or eighteen persons who were accepted for assisted passages, and as they were known to him, and will probably enter into his employ (or some of them) in Canterbury, he requested that they might have passages in this ship with him, which I have arranged to give.

I enclosed in a letter sent by the Southampton part of this month's mail, copies of bills for encaustic tiles, Moir and Co.; stained glass, Lavers and Barraud; and curtains, Jones and Willis, to replace invoices that had been mislaid. Messrs Hart and Son told me a few days ago that the foreman who had charge of the making of the hot-water apparatus was in the country, and on his return they would try to prepare some plan which would assist in fixing it, but they doubted whether they would be able to supply a complete one. The apparatus was executed to a "plan" given by Mr. Mountfort, and this showed the details so fully that explanation of them either by further plans, or written particulars, was not considered necessary.

Enclosed are the office cash accounts for the quarter ending 30th September, and copies of the accounts of the several Sinking Funds to date. Mr. Selfe has alluded to them in his letter of this date.

Mr. Street, 30, Cornhill, is endeavouring to get the back volumes of the "Spectator." It is not to be got from a bookseller, like periodicals which are bound half-yearly, and the only chance of getting it at all is from somebody who happened to have it and is desirous of selling it.

The news by this mail is full of interest: Canterbury is occupied by the West Coast diggings, and the way to get to them. The General Assembly with Native Questions, Provincial Loans, &c.: as to the latter a project for adopting or guaranteeing them would no doubt be welcomed by bankrupt provinces, or those likely to become so; but no project of this nature that could be devised would operate otherwise than prejudicially upon the others, Canterbury amongst them.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

JOHN MARSHMAN,

Emigration Agent.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

16, Charing Cross,
London, 26th December, 1865.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, Nos. 24 and 25, 1865, with copies of the very satisfactory Report of the ship "Tudor." List of births and deaths equally satisfactory, and extracts from the diary of the Surgeon Superintendent. I quite concur in the propriety of the two or three suggestions made by Dr. M'Donald.

I have sent the book of the "Victory," which sailed on the 16th instant, to the Immigration Officer as usual.

The offer of free passages to single women appears to be accepted largely by people for their friends on this side, especially in Ireland. I think of the fifty or sixty nominations of single women received this month, two-thirds are from the counties Clare, Rosscommon, and Tipperary. My impression, founded on what has been said at different times, was that the Government preferred not to have this class of people at any price. The next emigrant ship will sail on the 28th of February.

I enclose copy of a letter from the Bank of New Zealand, advising remittance to the Colony of £21,654 7s. 3d., the balance after retaining £13,000 to meet Interest and Sinking Fund, due 31st instant, of £34,000 received by them on deposit in July last; a further account of the appropriation of the £13,000 will be sent probably by next month's mail. This remittance has been made pursuant to the Provincial Treasurer's letter to Mr. Selve of the 14th October; I do not know whether Mr. Selve is writing now to the Treasurer on the subject; and in case he should not do so, will you be good enough to communicate these particulars to him. With this letter are copies of the Interest Account furnished by the Bank in respect of this amount, and of the statement of charges incident to the stamping of the bonds or so many of them as have been stamped for the £50,000 sold in Canterbury two years ago. The Inland Revenue has, it will be observed, exacted a fine of £10 for the omission to get them stamped within the prescribed time—*i.e.*, the difference between £600 paid to them on the 4th of January, and £590 returned by them on the 30th: then they require in respect of every bond put in that the penalty of £10 each should be deposited, and after they have been stamped they return it in full. This may seem an unnecessarily complicated arrangement, but they will not do it in any other way.

I was, several months ago, directed to get patterns of clothing and other articles in use in the best managed English Lunatic Asylum, for the use of the Asylum at Canterbury. The Secretary of the Lunacy Commissioners, Mr. Spring Rice, advised me to consult Dr. Campbell, the Superintendent of the Essex County Asylum at Brentwood. I have done so, and Dr. Campbell has kindly undertaken to get together what has been asked for. I mention this now lest it should be supposed that the matter had been forgotten.

I hope to hear next month that the Weld Ministry have been reinstated. Their policy may, for anything we know, be open to question in respect of some of its details, but there can be no doubt that broadly and in principle it is sound.

The first thing to be done is to bring current expenditure within current income, and until this is done, and in a way too which promises to be permanent, the name of New Zealand and its credit will continue to be where it is now—*nowhere*. It is indeed to be regretted that the collective wisdom of the country is not wise enough and honest enough to see this.

I have the honor to be, &c.,
JOHN MARSHMAN,
Emigration Agent.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

16, Charing Cross, London,
26th January, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 28, 1865, with copy of Proclamation, prohibiting the importation of cattle. This Proclamation has been inserted in the *Times* as directed.

The report of the voyage of the "Blue Jacket" is less agreeable than have been those of recent ships. The aggregate of illness among the passengers appears large, judging from the number of cases reported by the Surgeon, but considering that but one death occurred (exclusive of two children from organic disease), it would seem to have been of a mild type.

I will take care that the limit set to the expenditure on Emigration between now and the end of June next is not exceeded. The offer of free passages to single women has induced a somewhat increased number of applications, but much less so than might have been expected—I mean than might have been expected by some one not aware of the increasing demand at home for the class of young women whom you desire to get, and the increasing difficulty among people here in getting good servants. A considerable number of those nominated by people in Canterbury decline to go, others will be rejected. These nominations are treated in all respects in the same way as applications which originate here. I cannot say how many single women there will be in the next ship, but probably a sensibly larger number than you have lately been in the habit of receiving. The next ship will be the "Bombay," to sail 7th of March—a week later than the date named in my letter of last month. The weather has been tempestuous of late, almost beyond precedent, outward bound ships detained by almost hundreds. I heard two days ago that a large ship for Queensland with 500 souls, which sailed about Christmas, had just put back to one of the south coast ports for supplies, after knocking about off the coast for a month. This bad weather seems, according to accounts given by ships from the southward, to have been limited to a small area to the southward and westward of the English land. I hope the "Victory" got far enough away before it came on, to be beyond its influence.

Among the many ships that have been lost none has been so much talked about and written about as the "London," which foundered about 250 miles from the coast with 220 souls. I have seldom read a more miserable story than that told by the few who were saved in one of the boats.

I enclose a second copy of account of machinery for the Timaru Landing: a first copy accompanied my letter of the 19th April last, and the receipt of it is mentioned in your Despatch No. 16, 15th July, 1866.

I enclose also the cash account of this office for the quarter ending 31st December, and statement of expenditure other than that relating to emigration within the nine months ending the same date. The amount, £591 19s. 10d., has been drawn for through the Bank of New Zealand. The draft will be received in Canterbury by the present mail, as well as another draft for £1000 on Emigration Account. The Provincial Treasurer has been advised of both these drafts.

A statement has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the appropriation of £13,000 retained as advised last month to pay interest, &c., on Loans due 31st December. The balance, £828 11s., has been transferred to Emigration Account, and will appear in this office account of the current quarter.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

JOHN MARSHMAN,

Emigration Agent.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

16, Charing Cross, London,
26th April, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 13th February last, with its enclosures. A copy of the Police Officer's Report in the case of Mrs. Lavery's daughter has been forwarded to the address given in Mrs. Lavery's letter. It has not been acknowledged, but I presume, from the letter not having been returned, that it has reached her.

The "Bombay" will sail next week with about 120 emigrants, rather more than 90 of whom are single women.

This mail will take a letter to the Superintendent from Mr. Seife, resigning the office of English Agent. The Government will I am sure receive it with regret. Personally I am very sorry for it. Mr.

Selfe's determination was taken immediately on receiving the correspondence to which his letter refers, and without consultation with me. He would I am sure have most willingly reconsidered this determination if I could have suggested grounds for it. Unfortunately I could suggest none. The arrangement made in December last with respect to advances against Debentures, and the disposal of them, are matters in which I may possibly receive your instructions hereafter. Whatever my opinion of it may be, and if ever you should regard that opinion as entitled to consideration, it might be considered unbecoming if I offered it now, and I will only express an earnest hope that it may not become necessary for the Government to permit that forced sale of Debentures which the agreement seems to contemplate.

I shall be glad to make the acquaintance of Mr. Hill, and to give him any assistance in my power with respect to the shipment of birds for which I am instructed to provide £100.

I have the honor to be, Sir, &c.,

JOHN MARSHMAN,

English Agent.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

16, Charing Cross, London,

24th May, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches, Nos. 7 and 8, 1866, and Bill of Lading of a case addressed to Messrs. Jones and Willis, shipped by the "Blue Jacket," which contains, I imagine, the curtains shipped by them last year for the Council Chamber. The ship had arrived and been discharged before the Bill of Lading was received, and the case, failing authority to anybody here to claim it, had been put into the dock warehouse. It is consigned, not to me, but Messrs. Jones and Willis. If the Bill of Lading had reached me before the package had passed out of the Captain's custody he would perhaps have delivered it on my receipt; but the Dock Company decline, and properly so, to deliver except to the order of the consignee. I have just learnt this, and am about to send the instrument to them for endorsement. I should not be surprised if they refused to endorse it, considering that the package contains articles which they are asked to take back and exchange for others; and if they should it is impossible as the case stands to compel them to do so. I do not know whether Mr. Mountfort has written to them on the subject. I will send a copy of his letter received two months ago, and will forward you by the next month's mail copies of any correspondence that may have passed with them. The opinion of the Provincial Solicitor on the form of Emigrants' bills and notes differs entirely from that of Mr. Dowdeswell. I do not perhaps understand the question, but my impression is—perhaps erroneously—that the form recommended by the Provincial Solicitor perpetuates the defect which was fatal to the Instrument on which the Government sued Mr. Watson last year and failed.

That Instrument—a Bill of Exchange—was made payable to the order of "The Provincial Treasurer," and it was held by the Court to be bad, not because the Provincial Treasurer was the payee instead of the Superintendent, but because the payee should be a person, and should be described by name; and this view is fully sustained by the decision of the English Court in the case or cases relied on by the defendant. The argument would have applied equally if the Bill had been made payable to "The Superintendent." The provisions of the Provincial Law Suits Act do not touch the point. I acted at once on Mr. Dowdeswell's opinion in respect of the Promissory Notes, and in consistence with it, made them payable to Mr. Armstrong. I should be glad to know whether you desire this practice to be discontinued.

I am pleased to learn that the West Coast Road is nearly completed. It may be hoped that the advantages to the Province will be commensurate with the outlay incurred in making it, and the Gold Fields recoup the Treasury to some extent in one form or another the heavy expenses they have hitherto occasioned.

The action of the Colonial Government in the matter of the further "Loan" to the Province of Auckland, and the unwarrantable proposal broached by Dr. Featherston of borrowing on the authority of the Three Million Loan Act a further sum equal to the discount at which that Loan has been sold will, it is to be feared, cut away the ground from under those who have hitherto contended for preserving the unity of the Colony.

Separation may be distasteful, and we would rather not admit the principle as a basis of discussion, but the Middle Island will be beggared if the present men remain in power and have their way. If the monstrous character of these propositions should have the effect of closely combining the Southern Members to resist them, they will have served a useful purpose.

JOHN MARSHMAN,
Emigration Agent.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

16, Charing Cross, London,
26th June, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches, 11 and 12, 1866, with copy of the Immigration Commissioners Report of the ship "Victory." I am truly pleased to receive so satisfactory an account of the voyage and of the passengers; Mrs. Taylor, the Matron, had been several times to Australia in that capacity, and no doubt the order and discipline maintained among the single women, which the Commissioners commend, is due to a knowledge of details of management which experience only can supply. One cannot help wishing it were possible to secure again the services of Mrs. Taylor, and any others who like her may acquit themselves so efficiently. Some time ago the Government had before them a suggestion that a staff of permanent Matrons should be appointed. The project was abandoned, or rather the suggestion—for it came in that shape from, I believe, Miss Rye—was declined on account of the expense. Admitting the value of experienced Matrons, it was a question whether the Government could afford to incur the cost of a permanent staff, and including return passage money it would be costly. I concurred in the opinion that having regard to the numbers of women sent out at one time it was not expedient to incur so large an outlay for supervision as the proposed plan would involve. If the numbers had then been what they are now, perhaps a somewhat different view might have been taken. It is a question entirely for the Government. You can judge far better than anybody here whether the present plan works sufficiently well, and satisfies the requirements, because you have the results before you, or whether it would be expedient to alter it.

The "Blue Jacket" will sail on the 11th of next month with about the same number of young women as the last ship had, and a few single men and married couples. The ships now on the way have very few men among their passengers, and I should not be surprised some time hence to find a scarcity of farm workmen reported, judging from the rapidity with which those by the "Victory" were engaged, and the upward tendency of wages. There are a few—perhaps half a dozen—Scotch shepherds amongst those by "Blue Jacket;" I had accepted them before your last letters were received. It is only at this time and in November that this class of people can be obtained.

I hope to hear by the next mail the result of the election of Superintendent.

The present month's news, commercial and political, from the different Provinces is more cheerful and encouraging than it has been previously.

I have the honor, &c.,
JOHN MARSHMAN,
Emigration Agent.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

16, Charing Cross, London,
22nd July, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, Nos. 14 and 15, of the 15th May last.

Since I last wrote, the "Blue Jacket" has been despatched with about 160 emigrants, free and assisted, and there was a considerable number of paying passengers. I hope they will avoid small-pox, mutiny, and other troubles, which gave the ship an unenviable distinction last year. The arrangements of the passengers' accommodation are to my apprehension as perfect as it is possible to make them; and as to the passengers, I have never seen a more respectable, presentable lot of people: the young women are exceptionally so.

The newspaper report of the Labour Market for the present month (May) states a moderate number of mechanics are wanted, as foundry hands, fitters, and blacksmiths. I do not know whether it is intended by the Government that I should be guided by these reports. The instructions given and repeated several months since, and which have not been rescinded, are to send no men at all. I have not acted on this instruction literally, but I have done so far as it was practicable, and have restricted the very limited assistance to men, to *bonâ fide* farm workmen, either single or married, without children, and the readiness with which these have been engaged, whose arrivals are advised, seems to show that if they were not urgently wanted they were at least acceptable: but I must await specific instructions before sending either an increased number of this class, or of mechanics of any description. The "Mermaid" will be the next ship, sailing on the 12th September.

The newspaper reports by the last mail, commercial, financial and otherwise, are more cheerful than they have been for a long time, and the Provincial Treasury seems to be realising a return for the outlay on the West Coast Road.

Some writers are endeavouring to persuade people that the Lyttelton Tunnel is a mistake, and that a 3 feet 6 inch line should be laid down to the southward—because it is being done in Queensland—to cost £1500 a mile: I do not know what sort of Railway it is expected to get for £1500 a mile. It is a pity the public mind should be disturbed with unprofitable discussions. All the points the writers make, and which are put as original, have been discussed and disposed of here long ago. When the opinions of first-class men who are up to the time can be had, nobody, I imagine, would rely on engineering matters upon the fancies of amateurs or the opinion of professional men who see 10 or 15 years behind it.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

JOHN MARSHMAN,

Emigration Agent.

FROM THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

TO

JOHN MARSHMAN.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, 5th September, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters Nos. 46 and 48, dated respectively the 19th and 26th June.

The "Bombay" arrived on the 18th ultimo, after a passage of 107 days; and I am glad to inform you that the Immigration Commissioners were able to report very favorably of the conduct of the immigrants during the passage.

I enclose a copy of the Report from which you will see that the Matron proved herself totally unfit for the duties of the office; and that it was found necessary to appoint one of the immigrants to fill her place. This fact, together with the incapacity of the Matron sent out in the "John Temperly," has drawn the attention of the Government to the question to which you refer, viz. :—to the employment of a staff of experienced Matrons; and the Government will give the subject their consideration. The Report further alludes to the very imperfect protection afforded by the fore and main hatches, and the Government would be glad if you would draw the Shipping Agent's attention to this point with a view to guarding against a similar defect in future.

Of the immigrants by the "Bombay," nine married couples, nineteen single men, and ninety-three single women have left the Barracks; the wages given having been, for married couples £70; single men £35 to £60; and single women £15 to £35; the demand for the latter continues unabated.

In looking over the passenger lists I observe in the case of some of the adults by the "Bombay" you have charged the full passage rate (or £12 12s.), in accordance with the latest instructions sent you; and that in the case of others you have charged the old rate of half cash for an assisted passage, or £8 10s. I should be glad if you would explain this apparent departure from instructions.

I note that the "Blue Jacket" would sail on 11th July.

The General Assembly is still sitting. A new Ministry have been formed under the same leadership as before; it is not probable that the Session will last much longer than will be necessary for passing the Estimates.

The Cook Straits Cable has been successfully laid, and communication with Wellington is now a matter of a few minutes.

F. E. STEWART,
Provincial Secretary.

TO JOHN MARSHMAN.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Christchurch, 5th October, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, *via* Suez, of your letters dated respectively July 19th and 22nd, Nos. 51 and 53; also the receipt *via* Panama of your letters dated 1st August, Nos. 57 and 58, together with the cash account of the office for the quarter ending 30th June last.

I note the gratuities payable in the case of the "Blue Jacket," and also that that vessel sailed from Gravesend on the 14th July; she may therefore be daily expected.

The Government will consider the request of Messrs Shaw Saville, and Co., that the second moiety of the passage money of that vessel may be paid to their Agents here. You speak highly of the respectable appearance of the passengers coming out by her, and I trust that the favorable impression you have formed of them may be borne out by their subsequent conduct during the passage.

A state of considerable depression still prevails here; and although the next shearing and harvest will absorb a great amount of labour, it will still be necessary to restrict our male immigration to the narrowest limits, as a great many may be expected to come over from the West Coast at those seasons looking for employment, and as a large influx from Melbourne to the diggings is now going on.

The Treasurer has addressed Mr. Selfe by this mail with reference to a further issue of Canterbury Loan Debentures.

The Superintendent has not yet returned from Wellington; the Session will however now soon be brought to a close. The meeting of the Provincial Council, which was to have taken place on this day, has been postponed to the 19th.

The first portion of the Great Southern Railway, consisting of 14 miles, will be opened on the 15th instant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. E. STEWART,

Provincial Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT
OF THE
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING JUNE 30, 1866.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TO H. J. TANCRED, ESQ., SPEAKER OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

Audit Office, Christchurch,
Oct. 19, 1866.

SIR,

Before commencing my Official Report and remarks upon the Accounts transmitted herewith, I have to refer with regret to the decease of Wm. Thomson, Esq., late Provincial Auditor, and to inform you that immediately after the occurrence of the event I commenced my duties as Acting Provincial Auditor, agreeably to the provisions of the "Provincial Audit Act, 1861."

I have the honor to hand you herewith the following documents, viz. :—

1. The Treasurer's Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure, rendered monthly, for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1866.
2. Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for each Quarter of the Financial Year, ending 30th June, 1866.
3. Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1866.
4. Comparative Statement, showing the Sums Voted for the service of the Provincial Government for the Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1866, the Expenditure on each Vote for the same period, the Balance (if any) unexpended of each Vote, and the sums paid on Accounts not specially provided for, or in excess of Specific Vote.
5. Statement of the Funded Debt of the Province on 30th June, 1866.
6. Tabular Statement showing the Amount passed Audit and forwarded to the Provincial Treasury, from 1st July to 30th September, 1866.

I purpose to particularise and comment upon such items of these Accounts as may appear of marked importance.

In the first place I have to draw your attention to the Unvoted Expenditure for the financial year amounting, as per Comparative Statement (Appendix A), to £21,207 9 5

Next to the Expenditure in excess of the Appropriation Ordinance, 1866, shown in the Comparative Statement as follows :—

Ordinary Account	£5,943	10	6	
Land and Works, General Account	9,233	16	4	
Railway and Harbour Works	5,354	17	11	
West Coast Gold-fields Account	94,928	1	1	
	115,460	5	10	

Lastly to the Accounts passed Audit from 1st July to 30th September, 1866, amounting, as per Tabular Statement, to 97,903 18 5

I have to report that the above amounts, making a total of 234,571 13 8 are Unauthorised Expenditure made without legal warrant, and require the express sanction of the Council.

The Revenue has arisen from the following sources, viz. :—

	PROCEEDS OF SALE OF DEBENTURES.			LAND SALES.			CUSTOMS.			OTHER RECEIPTS.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Account ...				6,650	0	0	38,739	9	10	25,942	9	10	71,331	19	8
Land and Works — General Account...	4,234	10	0	102,080	8	7				2,038	2	4	108,353	0	11
Railway and Harbour Works	105,592	8	5	72,486	19	0				6,050	0	0	184,129	7	5
West Coast Goldfields	3,272	0	0	4,365	13	0	40,466	11	11	71,116	0	6	119,220	5	5
	113,098	18	5	185,583	0	7	79,206	1	9	105,146	12	8	483,034	13	5
The gross total of Expenditure amounts to										£554,592	18	1			
Balance due to Bank 1st July, 1865										10,658	12	5			
													565,251	10	6
Balance due to Bank to 1st July, 1866													82,216	17	1

It will be observed that the balance due by the Province to the Bank of New Zealand, amounting on the 1st July, 1865, to £10,658 12s. 5d., had been increased to the sum of £111,751 5s. 8d., on 1st April, 1866, since which date it has been reduced, until on 30th June last it amounted to £82,216 17s. 1d. The Province was indebted to the Bank of New Zealand on the 17th day of October in the sum of £85,074 11s. 4d.

This undesirable financial position has been principally caused by the expenditure on the West Coast Account, the chief item being the road from Christchurch to Hokitika, by Arthur pass, amounting on the 30th June, 1866, to the sum of £134,259 16s. 9d.; and although it may appear somewhat departing from my province to comment thereon, I cannot refrain from remarking that it must be evident that while on the one hand this expenditure has inconvenienced and cramped the Government in its operations, on the other the Province has derived immense benefit from the opening of the road on the sale of live stock and produce, in addition to other considerable advantages arising from a safe and ready means of intercourse between the two sides of the Province.

I beg to draw particular attention to the efforts made by the Government to keep expenditure down to the lowest possible limits, which, apart from the reduction of the Bank balance, will be found in the Comparative Statement as under, viz. :—

Sums unexpended on Votes for the Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1866 :

Ordinary Account	£13,727	1	0
Land and Works General Account	50,406	9	11
Railway and Harbour Works	74,979	1	4
West Coast Gold-fields	45,139	3	11
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	£184,251	16	2

and although the prosecution of many works of great utility [has in consequence been compelled to be delayed, it must be allowed that the Government has exercised a wise and prudent firmness in limiting and arranging the expenditure of the public money.

In consequence of the death of the late Provincial Auditor, the Provincial Council will be called upon to concur with His Honor the Superintendent in nominating a fit and proper person to be Auditor of the Public Accounts of the Province of Canterbury, such appointment to be made within two months after the commencement of the ensuing Session.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. E. ALPORT,

Acting Provincial Auditor.

R E T U R N

SHOWING

1st.—The Total Acreage of Crown Lands held under the various classes of Pre-emptive Rights, on 30th September, 1866.

2nd.—The Road Districts in which the various Classes of Pre-emptive Rights have been granted.

3rd.—The Total Acreage of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights granted in each year, commencing 11th February, 1858, and ending 30th September, 1866; and also the proportion of Acreage granted in each year, in respect of each kind of Improvement.

R E T U R N

SHOWING

The TOTAL ACREAGE of CROWN LANDS held under the various classes of PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS, on 30th September, 1866.

	ACRES.
Homestead Pre-emptive Rights	47,939
Improvement Pre-emptive Rights	112,400
Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights	44,356
Total	204,695

WILLIAM GUISE BRITTAN,
Chief Commissioner.

R E T U R N

SHOWING

The ROAD DISTRICTS in which the various classes of PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS have been granted, to 30th September, 1866, from 11th February, 1858.

ROAD DISTRICT.	Homestead Pre-emptive Rights.	Improvement Pre-emptive Rights.	Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights.	TOTAL IN DISTRICT.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Avon	250	Nil.	3,980	4,230
Ashburton	9,550	39,117	1,250	49,917
Courtenay	2,250	5,856	5,500	13,606
Cust	1,000	2,900	2,000	5,900
Ellesmere	2,000	3,500	1,500	7,000
Geraldine	3,000	6,000	Nil.	9,000
Heathcote	250	Nil.	7,270	7,520
Halswell	250	700	6,000	6,950
Kowai	4,925	8,900	1,500	15,325
Lincoln... ..	Nil.	Nil.	2,525	2,525
Little River... ..	1,000	250	6,300	7,550
Lyttelton	Nil.	Nil.	320	320
Levels	548	3,000	Nil.	3,548
Malvern	3,310	3,307	6,750	13,367
Mount Cook	5,250	3,550	Nil.	8,800
Okain Bay	Nil.	Nil.	1,470	1,470
Oxford	3,250	5,800	250	9,300
Port Victoria	Nil.	550	3,570	4,120
Port Levy	Nil.	Nil.	3,530	3,530
Pigeon Bay	Nil.	50	7,795	7,845
Riccarton	250	150	980	1,330
Rangiora and Man- deville	5,000	1,100	5,865	11,965
Spreydon	Nil.	Nil.	1,105	1,105
Springs... ..	825	100	3,080	4,005
Rakaia	4,500	11,500	8,500	24,500
Templeton	Nil.	Nil.	825	825
Wainui... ..	320	260	3,650	4,230
Waimate	2,750	9,756	Nil.	12,506
Waipara	1,750	5,600	Nil.	7,350
Total	52,228	111,946	85,465	249,639

WILLIAM GUISE BRITTAN,
Chief Commissioner.

R E T U R N

SHOWING

The TOTAL ACREAGE of IMPROVEMENT PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS granted in each year, commencing 11th February, 1858, and ending 30th September, 1866; and also the proportion of Acreage granted in each year, in respect of each kind of Improvement.

YEAR.	NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT.			TOTAL FOR YEAR.
	FENCING.	BUILDINGS.	YARDS, DIPS, &c.	
Commencing 11th February,	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
1858	Nil.	250	50	300
1859	50	1,050	150	1,250
1860	550	800	400	1,750
1861	4,150	1,500	450	6,100
1862	4,785	2,400	1,050	8,235
1863	8,900	1,300	750	10,950
1864	16,686	1,341	200	18,227
1865	33,780	2,358	1,600	37,738
1866	26,081	1,065	250	27,396
Ending 30th September.				
TOTAL	94,982	12,064	4,900	111,946

WILLIAM GUISE BRITTAN,
Chief Commissioner.

RETURN

OF

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS ON RUNS

PURCHASED EITHER BY HOLDER OR BY CHALLENGER,

From 1st April, 1856, to 30th June, 1866.

R E T U R N

OF

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS ON RUNS purchased either by Holder or by Challenger,
from 1st April, 1856, to 30th June, 1866.

YEAR.	PURCHASED BY HOLDER.	PURCHASED BY CHALLENGER.	TOTAL PURCHASED IN YEAR.
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.	A. R. P.
1856	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
1857	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
1858	167 0 0	Nil.	167 0 0
1859	110 0 0	234 0 0	344 0 0
1860	Nil.	118 0 0	118 0 0
1861	60 0 0	Nil.	60 0 0
1862	120 0 0	20 0 0	140 0 0
1863	170 0 0	294 0 0	464 0 0
1864	1,036 3 0	314 0 0	1350 3 0
1865	667 2 0	225 2 0	893 0 0
1866	966 3 0	97 1 20	1064 0 20
TOTALS	3298 0 0	1302 3 20	4600 3 20

WILLIAM GUISE BRITTAN,
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PASTURAGE LICENSES, CLASS 2.

NO. OF RUN.	LICENSEE.	AREA.	Homestead or other Improvement Pre- emptive Rights on Run, exclusive of Fencing.	Improvement Pre- emptive Rights, Fencing only.
		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
1	Rhodes, Brothers	250		
2	Ditto	250		
4	McLean, A.	360		
5	Cholmondeley, C. P.	250		
8	Lelievre and Malmanche	500		
11	Brough, T.	110		
12	McQueen, A., Representatives of late	60		
13	Hodgson, P. N.	100		
14	Hornbrook, A.	380		
15	Cridland, H. J.	1000	50	
16	Fleming, R.	190		
19	Ditto	200		
20	Holmes, G.	1100		
21	Webb and others	480		
23	Ware, T.	460		
24	Templer, E. M.	1200		
28	Hargreaves, E. A.	250		
29	Ditto	300		
30	Green, A.	340		
31	Cook, J., Representatives of late	332		
38	Flutey and Co.	570		
39	Lee, Brothers	1600		50
41	Bryan, J.	480	50	
42	Phillips, H.	250		
43	Waghorn and others	210		
45	Ditto	200		
46	Manson, S.	20		
49	Hargreaves, E. A.	300		
51	Macpherson, J. D.	250		
52	Ditto	250		
53	Ditto	215		
54	Manson, S.	230		
55	McKinnon, M.	460		
57	Boleyn, J.	250		
60	Webb, W.	230	30	
67	Rhodes, Brothers	1000		
72	Fleming, R.	500		
73	Ditto	250		
82	Holmes, G.	1300	50	
83	Cook, James, Representatives of late	250		
84	Morten, R. M.	250		
87	Acland, J. B. A.	250		
88	Stevens and Aldridge	500		
90	Turton, W.	500		
92	Fraser, J.	4000		
94	Cryer, M.	870	50	
95	Deane, C. W., Representatives of late			
96	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	540		
97	Fereday, E. H.	1700	155	
99	Coup, W.	430		
100	Brittan, W. G.	3500	260	

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		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
101	Prebble, W.	70	70	
102	Raven, J.	1980	52	
108	Higgins, R. L.	4700	250	460
110	Barrett, T.	54		
111	Turner, C.	3360		
113	Palmer, J.	1000		
117	Kerr, P.	1010		
120	Roberts, J.	950	230	92
122	Mathias, O.	1100		
124	Griff, J.	1000	215	140
125	Irvine, A.	250		
126	Bowriaud, E.	250		
127	Fereday, E. H.	580		
128	Ditto	320		
129	Ditto	39		
130	Hankey and others	380		
131	Ditto	33		
132	Washbourne, H. J.	1600		
133	Macpherson, J. D.	2500	125	
134	Douglas, J.	1350		
135	Warrington, C. H. L.	840		150
136	Templer, E. M.	2450		
137	Ditto	600		
138	Brabazon, J.	700		
139	Moody, W.	174		50
140	Head, H. A.	1400	70	
141	Bridge, C. J.	90		90
142	Taylor, R.	580	170	20
143	Newton, C.	3750	300	
144	Hay, E., Executors of late	500		
145	Thacker, J. E.	250		
146	Ditto	225		
147	Rhodes, Brothers	960	48	150
149	Macdonald, A.	250		
150	Bryan, J.	510		
152	Hodgkinson, G.	3200		
153	Enys, J. D.	250		
154	Small, M.	68		
155	Ditto	47		
156	Lelievre, F.	250		
157	Harris, W.	50		
158	McKay, D.	2000		
159	Munro, R.	250		
160	Ellen, W.	1000		
	Totals	72387	2175	1342

PASTURAGE LICENSES, CLASS 3.

No. OF RUN.	LICENSEE.	AREA.		Improvement Pre- emptive Rights, Fencing only.
		ACRES.	ACRES.	
1	Pearson, S.	7400	250	400
1a	Macpherson, J. D.	12950	450	900
2	Ditto	5160	50	200
3	Chapman, R.	8500	110	400
4a	New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	5100	124	600
6	Walker, E. B.	20650	300	1050
7	Rhodes, Brothers	5500	100	450
7a, 206	Ditto	8950	100	
8	Courage, F.	7960	360	310
11	O'Connell, S.	11550	710	800
12, 431	Gebbie, M.	7700		100
13	Wright and Lucas	5000	50	150
14	Murphy, J. R.	7900	150	19 2 20
15	Cridland, H. J.	5000		400
16	Karslake and Anson	8000	350	1350
17	Hall, J.	11880	50	1125
19	Bealey, J. and S.	7900	250	
20	Hall, J.	20000	400	1340
21	Lee, G. W. H.	23700	250	
22	Halkett, P. A.	7130	350	
23	Douglas, T.	16400	400	100
24	Ward, J. H.	8880	450	500
25	Thompson, Brothers	25000	250	
26, 114	Brabazon, J., and Newton, C.	9680	550	
29	Ellis, T.	7940	350	650
30	Rhodes, G.	10450	100	
30a	Rhodes, J., and Haylock, C.	7000		50
31	Hayhurst, J.	25000	250	50
32	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	8800		100
33	Phillips, H.	10250	350	200
34	Rhodes and Wilkin	7000	240	1050
35	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10800	300	1200
37	Brabazon, J., and Newton, C.	7580	100	300
37a	McLean, A.	7350	300	280
38	Hill and Broome	9680	450	1400
39	Owen, Rev. J.	14670	60	
40, 85, 95	Wilson, J. C.	17800		
41	Deans' Trustees and James Young Deans	21100	100	1438
42	Cridland, H. J.	5000	300	500
44	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10000	400	400
45	Watson and Browne	20000	250	
46	Westenra, P.	9300	300	150
47	Ditto	5950	30	150
48	Bealey, J. and S.	5000	50	450
49	Rhodes, R. H.	18000	500	416
50	Ditto	7760	234	800
51	Lake, A., Representatives of	10000	400	100
53, 82, 426	Davie, C.	5200	50	250
54	Bray, W. B.	10000	250	350
56	Cridland, H. J.	5000	300	100
57	Phillips, H.	5000	300	
57a	Ditto	7000		100
58	Aitken, J. C.	14500	300	1250
59	Reede, C.	19600	350	3100
60	Bealey, J. and S.	5000	250	800
61	Ditto	5000		350
62	Ditto	5000	250	100
63, 64	Ditto	8700		400
65	Rhodes, R. H.	14400	219	1580
66	Macpherson, J. D.	7000	350	350

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		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
67	Cordy, J.	7500	250	250
68	Watson and Browne	10000		
69	Studholme, Brothers	25000		
70	Pigeon and Narby	5000		
71	Douglas, G.	6200	250	782
73	Browne, J. T.	9700	250	850
76	Hood, T. H.	13800	700	1050
77	Malmanche, E., and Lelievre, F.	5000	331	
79, 432	Taylor, R.	6600	250	
81	Daly, R.	5100	250	643
83	Dixon, M.	7500	300	122
86	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10000	100	
86a	Ditto	10000		
87, 88	Hankey and others	17700	50	1028
89	Ditto	5000		240
90	Ditto	5700	250	292
91	Ditto	6700		
93	New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	10200	50	200
94	Westenra, R.	9600	50	450
94a	Wilson, J. C.	10000	300	
96	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10000	400	350
97	Messrs. Blakiston, Maude, and Davie	7870	100	50
98	Allen, Rev. J. C.	8100		
99	Tancred, Sir T.	19000	350	736
101	Raven, J.	9000	400	400
104, 425	New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	13900	139 2 0	
74	Wilson, J. C.	6100		
75	Brown, J. T.	6400	350	400
106	Bray, W. B.	10000		350
107	Hood, T. H.	8700		500
108	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	18700	500	2580
109	Macpherson, J. D.	5000	300	600
112	Brown and Allen	10000		950
113	Ditto	8000	250	900
115	Aynsley, H. P. M.	8000	100	200
116	Delamain, F. W.	18700	250	1800
117	Mackie and Beard	19000	250	1400
118	Kermode and Co.	19000	500	1350
119	Kesteven, T.	14460	391	350
121	Oakden, J. J.	10000	300	
123	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000		
124	Hart, G.	20000	500	2000
125	McLean, J.	20000	500	750
126	Bank of New South Wales	20000	1200	2380
127	McFarlane, J.	5000	236	550
128	Chapman, E.	10000		600
129	Hankey and others	20000		400
130	Longden and Deane	16900	500	50
132	Hankey and others	5550	250	
135	Miles and Co.	9500	250	
139	Moore, G. H.	13900	300	1250
140	Kermode and Co.	19040		1150
143	Birdling, W.	5000		
143a	Ditto	5000		
145	Knowles, H. C. H.	5000	300	300
146	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000	250	
148	Aynsley, H. P. M.	10000	300	125
150	Moore, G. H.	27360		1300
151	Douglas, T.	5000	250	
152	Aynsley, H. P. M.	5000	450	325
153	Barker A. C.	32000	500	350
153a	Harper, C. J.	16000	400	600
154	Minchin, E. C.	5000	200	
155	Oakden, J. J.	10000		
157	Pownell, T. A.	5000	250	
157a	Ditto	15000		

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		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
158	Douglas Alderson and Co.	19300	450	
160	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	40000		
161, 213	Aitken, J. C. and J. H. K.	21400	50	
163	Dalziell, J. S.	20000	300	100
164	Matson, G.	25000	250	750
165, 166, 168	McFarlane, J.	25000	50	
169	Lee, C. W. H.	5000		
170	Ditto	5000	50	
171	Watson and Browne	10000	250	
172	Hay, J.	15000		
173	Hay, E., Executors of late	10000		
174	Bank of New South Wales	29000	300	
175	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	11000	250	
179	Fraser, H.	20000	250	
180	Fraser, S.	10000		
181	Potts, T. H.	20000		
182	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000	300	
183, 330	Rhodes, Brothers	9500	250	
184	Matthias and Ensor	25000	250	
185	Paterson, A.	20000		
186	Clowes, T. A.	15000		
187	Ditto	5000		
189	Potts, T. H.	7000		50
190	Deane, R.	5000	250	
191	McFarlane, J.	7000		50
193	New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	10000	250	
194	O'Connell, S.	5000	110	200
195	Neeve, F. D. S.	5000	450	50
197	Douglas Alderson and Co.	85000	50	
198	Ditto	10000		
199	Browne and Allen	9000		1150
200	Hawdon, J.	22000	350	
201	Coster, J. L.	5000	250	360
202	Taylor, H.	20000		
204, 406	Studholme, Brothers	14700	350	750
205	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	15000		
205 ^a	Ditto	10000	500	
207	Taylor, H.	5000		
208	Gibson, E.	30000	350	
210	Longden, J.	6500		
211	Deane, R.	5000		
212	Wemyss, J. B.	12000		
213	Aitken, J. C. and J. F. K., <i>see</i> 161			
214	Butler, J.	5450		
215	Foster and Moore	13700	250	
216	Hawdon, J.	11400	400	150
216 ^a	Ditto	5000	250	
217	Ditto	13200	50	
218	Ditto	10000	300	
219	Minchin, E. C.	9650	350	
221, 222	Campbell, R., Junior	5000	50	
223	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	25000	350	150
224	Clowes, T. A.	10000	250	
225	Teschmaker, Brothers	20000	250	
229	Hay, J.	5000		550
230, 258	Maxwell, R. C.	9900	500	30
232	Milton, W. N.	20000	250	
233	Russell, G. G.	15000	350	100
234	Brown, J. T.	5600	250	
234 ^a	Mannering, T. S.	10000	250	
235	Macpherson, J. D.	13000	300	
236	Fraser and Budge	20000		
237	Gould G.	30000	250	
239	Kerr, P.	6620		
240, 255	Walker, Clogstoun and Walker	49900	300	400
241	Foster and Moore.	5000		

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		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
242	Butler, J.	10450	250	
244	Hay, E., Executors of late	5000		
246	Moore, G. H.	27600	300	
247	Russell, T.	26280	250	150
248	Hawdon, J.	5000	50	
249	Oliver, A.	10000	250	
250	Hargreaves, E. A.	35000	250	
251	Hall, G. W.	40000		
252	Russell, G. G.	20000	250	
253	Beswick, J.	20000	250	
254	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10000		400
256	Potts, T. H.	5000		
257	Douglas, G.	7000	50	50
260	Macpherson, J. D.	5000	250	
261	Luxmoore, P. B.	10000	250	
262	Bank of New South Wales	10000	50	
263	New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	6000	100	
264	Coster, J. T.	5000		
265	Douglas, Alderson and Co.	20000		
265a	Ditto	15000		
266	Dark, Brothers	10000	300	
267	Ditto	9000		
268	Acland, J. B. A.	20000	580	250
269	Hall, G. W.	20000		550
270	Foster, J.	7000	300	
271	Minchin, E. C.	8000	250	
272	Palmer, J.	21150	400	825
273	Hall, T. W.	10000		
274	Ditto	10000		
275	Ditto	30000	50	
277	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000	250	
278	Neeve, F. D. J.	5000		
279	Oliver, A.	10000		
280	Cox, A.	5370		50
281	Acland, J. B. A.	20000	250	
283	Mallet, E.	5000		
284	Ditto	5000		
287	Deane, R.	5000		
289	Scott, H. A.	5000	500	
290	Hall, J.	8000		
291	Palmer, J.	5900		
293	Potts, T. H.	10000		
294	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000		
295	Luxmoore, P. B.	10000		
296	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	30000	250	
298	Bank of New South Wales	5000		
300	Fraser, H.	5000		
301	Teschemaker, F. W. and T. J. C., LeCren, H. J. and Fisher, T.	60000		
302	Ellis, T.	5000		
303	Minchin, E. C.	5000		
304	Ditto	5000		50
305	Messrs. Dampier, Atkinson, and Allan	20000	350	
307	Hodgkinson, G.	10000	250	
308	Acland, J. B. A.	20000		
309	Mallet, E.	10000	50	
310	Ditto	44500	300	
311	Gibson, E.	20000		
314	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10000		
315	Hodgkinson, G.	15000	250	
318	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	8500	250	
319	Fraser, H.	13000	50	
320	Russell, G. G.	10000	50	50
321	Pike, B.	20000	50	
322	Pike, S. H.	22000	600	200
324	Parkinson, T. H.	5000		

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		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
325	Hall, T. W.	10000		
326	Fraser, J.	15000		
328	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000		
329	Cridland, H. J.	5000		
331	Walker, Clogstoun and Walker	30000	250	
332	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10000		
333	Goldney, Brothers	20000	400	50
334	Douglas, Alderson, and Co.	5000		
338	Butler, S.	10450		
340	Acland, J. B. A.	10000		
341, 342, 343	Ditto	15000		
345	Scott, H. A.	9000		
348	Butler, S.	5000		
349	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	7000		
350	Potts, T. H.	5000		
352	Palmer, J.	15000		
353	Butler, J.	10000		
355	Neeve, F. D. S.	5750		225
356	Ditto	8000		
357	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	22000	350	
358	Maude, T. W., and Jollie, E.	6000		
360	Gibson, E.	22000		
364	Fleming, R.	7000	250	
367	Butler, S.	5000		
369	Acland, J. B. A.	13000	250	
370	Walker, Clogstoun and Walker	8500		
373	McFarlane, J.	5000		200
374	Bradley, R. R. and Taylor, J. H.	10000	250	50
375	Cator, W., and Campbell, M. S.	5400		
376	Butler, S.	5000		
377	Bank of New South Wales	7200		
378	Hall, T. W.	5000		
379	Ditto	5000		
380	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	15000		
381	Browne and Maude	15000		
383	Ditto	10000		
384	Caton, J. H.	10000	300	
386	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	10000		
389	Scott, F. A.	5000	250	
391	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000		
395	Morten, R. M.	5000		
396	Ditto	6300	250	
397	Ditto	5000		
398	Washbourne, H. J. junior	5000		
399	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000		
401	Peter, W. S.	42000	400	1400
402	Butler, S.	5000		
405	New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	27000	350	1800
410	Acland, J. B. A.	6000	50	
411	Jollie, F.	26700	350	800
412	Meyer, H.	20000	50	
413	Hornbrook, A.	23900	450	359
414	Graham, J. R.	20000	250	
416	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	39500	550	100
418	Shrimpton, J. J. G. and W.	15000		
421	Ditto	10000		
422	Ditto	10000		
424	King, J., Representatives of	13500	350	78
427	Taylor, R.	5000		
428	Palmer, J.	5000		
429	Rhodes, Brothers	5000		
430	Maddison, W. R.	5300	250	
433	Price and Birdling	5000		
435, 436, 437	Palmer, J.	5000		
439	Milton, W. N.	10000		
440	Macdonald, W. K.	21150	250	500

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		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
441	Douglas, Alderson, and Co.	6600		
443	De Bourbel, H. H.	7000		
444	Browne, F. N.	30000		
444a	Ditto	10000		
446	Palmer, J.	6400	50	
447	Ditto	5000		
448	Clifford and Weld	58600	300	2319
449	Thomson, Brothers	27850	300	1145
450	Ditto	28000	300	1550
451	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	20300	350	1857
452	Macdonald, A.	21423	150	
453	Gray, E.	25000	100	1000
454	Ditto	26300	50	800
455	Miller and Gooch	5000		
456	Hawdon, J.	5000		
457	Cox, A.	11800	250	
458	De Bourbel, H. H.	12000		
459	Palmer, J.	9750	250	
460	Ditto	13500		
462	Dark, Brothers	5000		
463	New Zealand Trust and Loan Company	15600	450	500
464	Ditto	25000		
465	Ditto	30000		50
466	Coster, T. L.	10000		
467a	Turton, W.	10000		
469	Waitt, R.	25500		
470	Macdonald, A. R.	22100	50	250
471	Greenwood's Trustees	41900	100	1519
472	Moorhouse, T. C.	25000		
477	Campbell, R., Junior	10000		
479	Hodgkinson, G.	5000		
480	Ditto	5000		
481	Ostler, W. H.	8000		
485	Dampier, C. E.	5000		
486	Meyer, H.	25000	50	825
487	Holmes and Tolmie	25000	50	275
488	Ditto	25000		200
489	Studholme, Brothers	21900	300	
490	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	18000	300	900
491	Macpherson, J. D.	5000		
493	Purnell, Brothers	33300	100	500
494	Scott, H. A.	5000		
495	Cox, A.	1400	250	250
497	Kinnebrook, D.	5000		
498	McRae and Burnett	5000		
499	Wilson, J. C.	54000	50	2100
500	Minchin, F. N.	5000		
501	Ditto	5000	50	
502	Coster, T. L.	5000		
503	Buckley, G., McLean, J., and McLean, A.	20000	100	675
504	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	25000	50	1300
505	Buckley, G., McLean, J., and McLean, A.	33000		975
506	Mallet, E.	5000	250	
507	Adams and Fell	19300	450	1129
508	Palmer, J.	5000		
510	Minchin, F. N.	5000		
511	Sherrin, R. A.	5000		
512	De Bourbel, H. H.	5000	250	
513	Ditto	10000		
514	Minchin, F. N.	5000		
515	Ditto	5000		
518	Joblin, G. R.	5000	50	
519, 520, 521	Hankey and others	152400	300	3734
522	Joblin, G. R.	5000	250	
523	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	5000		
524	Shrimpton, J. J. G. and W.	11500		

No. OF RUN.	LICENSEE.	AREA.	Homestead or other Improvement Pre- emptive Rights on Run, exclusive of Fencing.	Improvement Pre- emptive Rights, Fencing only.
		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
525, 526	Kermode and Co.	47400	400	400
527	Ditto	17600		650
528	Shrimpton, J. J. G. and W.	5000		
529	Cox, A.	12400		650
530	Fraser, H.	12000		
531	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	31000		
532	Neave, F. D. S.	5000		
533	Macdonald, A.	5000		
534	Hodgkinson, G.	5000		
535	Ditto	5000		
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538	Ditto	5000		
539	Russell, G. G.	20000	300	
540	Hodgkinson, G.	5000		
541	Ostler, W.	5000		
542	Lockhart, G. D.	9000		
543	Tooth, R.	53000	250	
544	Macdonald, A.	7500		
546	Tripp, C. G.	53000	550	900
547	McLean, A.	37800	100	1250
548	Hornbrook, W.	22200	100	100
549	Buchanan, H.	11500	250	
550	Carew, W. and P. M.	9400		
551	Cox, A.	17630		
552	Ditto	10000		
553	Trust and Agency Company of Australasia	40000		
554	Studholme, Brothers	33000		
555	Messrs. Miles and Co.	5000		
556	Minchin, C.	12500		
557	Macdonald, A.	6000		
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WILLIAM GUISE BRITTAN,

Chief Commissioner.

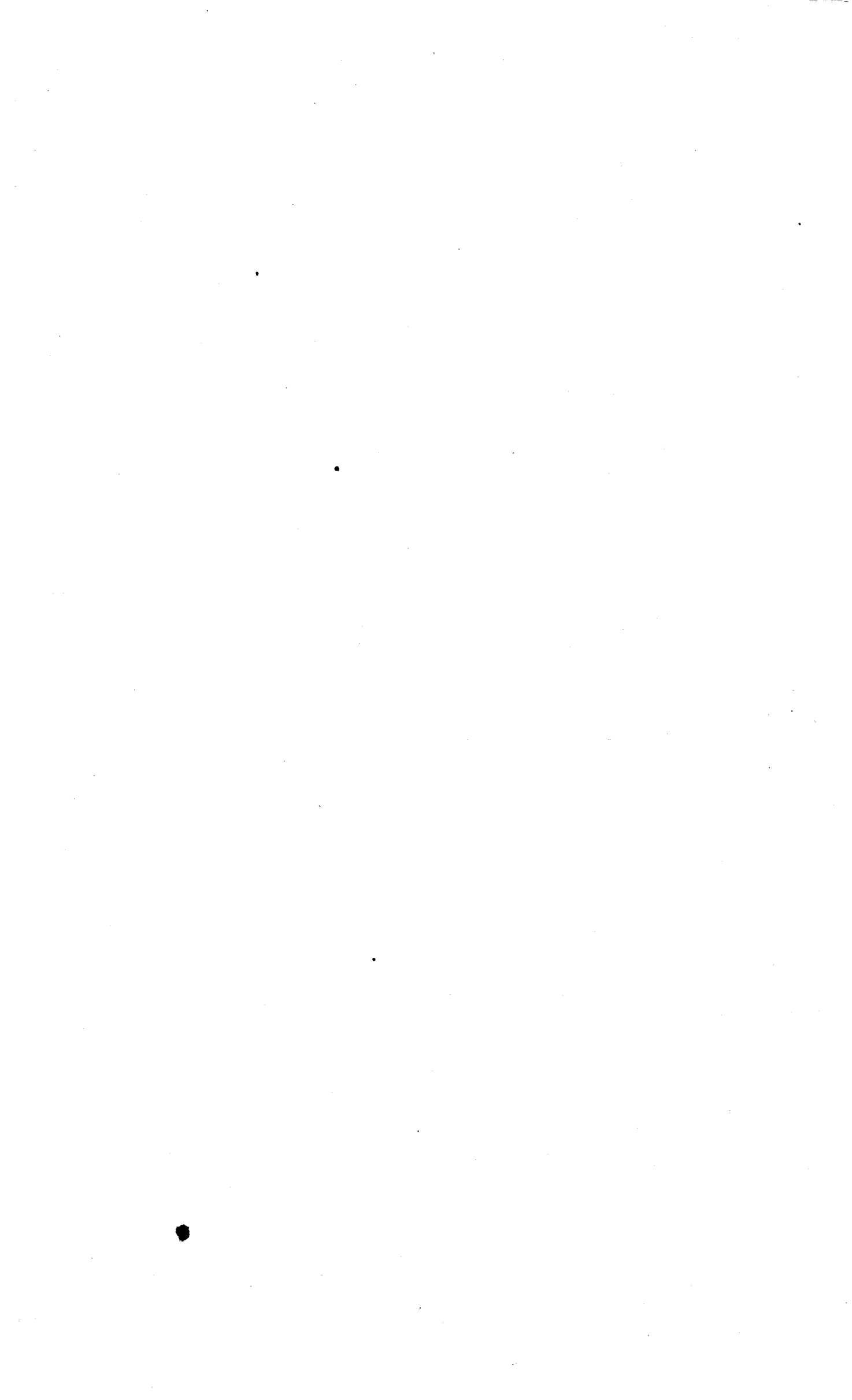
R E P O R T

OF

THE PROVINCIAL ENGINEER

ON THE

PROGRESS OF PUBLIC WORKS.



PUBLIC WORKS.

TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Provincial Engineer's Office,

Christchurch, October 22, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to report upon the progress made with the works under my charge during the past financial year.

LYTTELTON AND CHRISTCHURCH RAILWAY.

Steady progress has been made at the Tunnel Works,—the distance between the faces of the drives having decreased from 792 yards on the 1st July, 1865, to 272 yards 1st October, 1866.

As the average rate of progress during the last four years has been 444 yards per annum, there is little doubt but that the whole of this important undertaking will be completed in the course of the present financial year.

The line between Ferrymead and Christchurch has been kept in fair working order by the Lessees, and the trains have run with great regularity.

The following Return shews the total amount of traffic that has passed over the Line up to the end of the financial year 1865-6.

TRAFFIC FROM DECEMBER, 1863, TO JUNE, 1866, (INCLUSIVE).

HALF YEAR ENDING	GOODS.	GRAIN.	TIMBER.	WOOL.	PASSENGERS
	Tons.	Bushels.	Feet.	Bales.	
June 30, 1864	9,197	31,004	757,879	4,729	43,477
December 31, 1864	9,916	38,917	1,033,929	1,915	37,846
June 30, 1865	7,248	43,174	1,724,557	4,630	36,900
December 31, 1865	5,415	38,556	1,321,292	1,531	34,746
June 30, 1866	6,344	31,626	1,595,202	6,692	25,532
TOTALS	38,120	183,277	6,432,859	19,497	178,501

Christchurch, September, 1866.

GEORGE HOLMES, & CO.,

Per. ROBT. CROSBIE,

Accountant.

N.B.—The period ending June 30, 1864, includes the month of December, 1863.

It will be necessary to take steps at an early date for erecting repairing shops and engine sheds for the additional rolling stock that will be required for working the Line on the opening of the tunnel.

It will also be necessary, in addition to the permanent way which has been ordered for the Lyttelton Station, to provide for the erection of such buildings as may be required for the efficient working of the goods traffic. As the extent of these requirements must depend mainly upon the arrangements to be made between the Customs Department and the Provincial Government, with regard to the examination of imported goods, it is desirable that such arrangements should be decided on with as little delay as possible.

HARBOUR WORKS.

The works now in progress in Lyttelton Harbour consist of a Breakwater at Officers Point, the construction of a Sea Wall connecting the Oxford-street Jetty and the Railway Embankment, and the Extension of the Oxford-street Jetty.

The Breakwater is being executed by prison labour, under efficient superintendence, and the work progresses in a satisfactory manner.

The Contract for the Sea Wall was taken by Messrs Wright, and Co., and was to have been completed by the end of last March.

Owing to the delays which have occurred in the delivery of the timber required, the execution of this Contract has been extended into the winter months, and the work has received considerable injury from being exposed in its unfinished state to the south-west gales, which will still further delay its completion.

SCREW PILE JETTY.

This work was contracted for by Mr. Cairns, to be completed by the last day of July, 1866, but the Contractor having failed to carry out his Contract in a proper manner, the work has been taken in hand by the Government under a special agreement made with the Contractor's sureties. For further information respecting the Harbour Works I beg to refer you to my previous Report on the subject, No. $\frac{170.}{8. 10. 66.}$

It will be necessary to widen the Embankment now in course of construction in connection with the Sea Wall, in order to give the required width of ground for station purposes.

I think this work had better be left until the tunnel is completed, when the material can be brought from the cutting in the Heathcote Valley at a very moderate cost.

ROADS.

The principal work of the past year has been the connection of the Canterbury Plains with the auriferous districts of Westland, by the construction of the Otira Route. This work was begun in May, 1865, simply as a bridle road; but in consequence of the rapidly increasing importance of the Western Gold-fields, it was shortly afterwards determined to construct it as a dray road, and it was opened for coach traffic in March, 1866. Since then the road has been metalled, widened, and greatly improved, and with the exception of the steep portion of the old bridle track over Porters Pass, may be said to be completed, all the contracts having been finished some time since.

Great damage has however been done by the spring floods to those portions of the road which cross the old river bed of the Teramakau. Although the repair of the damaged portions does not involve any heavy works, the yearly occurrence of floods doing more or less damage must be looked forward to in this portion of the road.

The works of the Otira Road have been carried on under the superintendence of Mr. W. Blake, Mr. E. Blake, and Mr. Aitken, whose detailed Reports on the lengths of road under their respective charges have been already forwarded to you.

The route by the Hurunui Saddle, which has some advantages for stock-driving over the Otira Route, has been greatly improved, and the old track over the Saddle widened and cleared of fallen timber.

The North Rakaia Pass, which was first made known by the reports of Messrs Harman and Browning, has been made accessible from the Plains by cutting a track through the scrub at its foot, and by forming a path up the eastern face; while a track has been cut from its western face to the Town of Hokitika. This Pass forms a good road for sheep when not snowed up, but the precipitous nature of its eastern face renders it impassable for cattle, whilst from its great height it is blocked up with snow for about eight months of the year.

WAIMAKARIRI RIVER.

The floods in the Waimakariri have given great alarm, and not without just reason. The great bulk of the water having been diverted by the gradual accumulation of shingle in the south branch into the north branch, the latter stream has repeatedly overflowed its banks, occasioning great injury, not only to the land on Kaiapoi Island, but to the low lying portions of the Town of Kaiapoi, whilst the permanent increase in the body of water brought down on the north side of the Island, has raised the level of the water at the mouth of the Rangiora Main Drain, and seriously injured the drainage of the lower part of the Rangiora Swamp.

The following series of gaugings of the river taken under my directions by Mr. James Crawford, give some interesting results.

DATE WHEN RIVER GAUGED.	LOCALITY.	VELOCITY IN FEET PER MINUTE.			AREA OF DISCHARGE.	DISCHARGE IN GALLONS PER MINUTE.	REMARKS.
		SURFACE OF WATER.	BOTTOM OF WATER.	MEAN VELOCITY.			
21st February, 1866	Gorge ...	274·40	246·40	260·40	243·161	1·514·908	While gauging this part of the river was low.
23rd " "	Breakwater	302·	260·	281·	248·326	1·546·058	"
24th " "	Forks ...	296·40	256·40	276·40	245·231	1·527·789	"
7th March, 1866 ...	Kaiapoi						
" " " ...	South Branch	292	274	283	66·071	411·622	
" " " ...	North Branch	439	419	429	361·073	2·249·474	While gauging this part there was a considerable fresh in river.
16th " " ...	North Branch	330	294	312	227·258	1·415·817	Second gauging.
" " " ...	South Branch	276	252	264	51·405	320·153	"

From the gorge to the forks above Kaiapoi Island, the average discharge when the river is low is at the rate of 1·530·000 gallons per minute, there being apparently no increase in the volume of water as it passes along the shingle plains, but a little above the Town of Kaiapoi the volume of water increases to 1·735·000 gallons per minute, of which more than three-fourths now pass through the North Channel.

During the spring freshes the discharge is nearly doubled, and the bed of the river being unable to hold this body of water, the stream overflows its banks at various points from the head of Kaiapoi Island down to the Town of Kaiapoi.

So many reports have been already made to the Government on the best method of preventing the injury arising from the perennial floods, that there is but little left to be said on the subject.

I may however be allowed to point out briefly what are the principal difficulties of the question.

To embank the river from the head of Kaiapoi Island to the Town of Kaiapoi would be practicable, although costly, and for some time this work would afford considerable protection to the land on the Island, as well as to the Town of Kaiapoi; but the flood water would by this means be thrown on the Rangiora Swamp to a greater extent than at present; neither would this prevent the rapid accumulation of shingle in the lower part of the river, which threatens at no distant time to stop the navigation.

It must also be remembered that the value of this bank would be at once destroyed so soon as by the accumulation of shingle at the forks the bed of the stream has risen to the level of the top of the bank, which would be only the work of a year or two.

Another proposition, which appears to offer more permanent relief, is to cut through the low bank at Mason's corner, and allow the river to take a straight course across the Island.

The great fall of the land on this the shortest possible course that can be given to the river, renders it probable that this new channel, once opened, might be left as the permanent channel for many years.

The length of tidal stream on the south branch, between the junction with the proposed new channel and the Town of Kaiapoi, affords ample space for the deposit of shingle without interfering with the navigation, and the relief that would be afforded to the north branch would lower its level, and restore the drainage of the Rangiora Swamp.

But against this plan must be set the difficulty of obtaining the consent of the landowners on the proposed line, and the risk of the Government being involved in heavy claims for compensation.

For some years past the damage done by the freshes has been confined to the neighbourhood of Kaiapoi, but during the freshes of Christmas 1865-6, the river overflowed its banks at several points about 19 miles from Christchurch.

Although no serious damage occurred from this overflow, it was at once apparent that if unchecked the river would probably scour out fresh channels, and what at its commencement was an insignificant creek, might in a few years become the main channel for the water, as has been the case in the Rangitata River, where the great body of the stream has shifted into what is known as the Deep Creek.

In order to guard against this risk, two embankments were thrown up across the overflow channels in the early part of the present year, one opposite Sandy Knolls, the other some miles higher up the stream.

The upper of these embankments has done its work well, turning the flood water back into the main channel, and raising the level of the ground above it by checking the flow of silt brought down by the flood water. The lower embankment has been breached by the force of the late freshes, which have also scoured away the main bank of the river immediately above the embankment, leaving an uninterrupted flow of water from the main river along an old channel into the Fendalltown branch of the Avon.

During the continuance of the spring freshes it would not be advisable to meddle with the river banks, but it will be desirable at an early date to repair the breach in the bank, and to reinstate the embankment with such modifications and additional work as may seem calculated to prevent the recurrence of damage in future.

MAINTENANCE OF TRUNK ROADS.

I would beg to call your attention to the unsatisfactory condition of many portions of the main lines of road, and to the necessity of a more direct control by the Government over the works on the trunk lines than at present exists under the Road Board Ordinance.

WESTLAND.

The Public Works in Westland have been carried on by Mr. James Rochfort, District Engineer, under my advice and occasional supervision; a full account of the works will be found in a separate Report, ^{174.}_{12. 10. 66.}

PROVINCIAL ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

Since my resumption of the duties of Provincial Engineer in October, 1865, my time has been occupied to a considerable extent in bringing my department into an efficient state, the numerous recent changes in the management of the office having unavoidably caused considerable inconvenience. The valuable collection of maps and sections has been arranged and catalogued. The books and papers, containing the records of the department from its foundation in 1854, have also been catalogued in order of date; and the offices have been repaired, and some slight alterations made, which greatly increase their convenience.

A very complete system of keeping the accounts of the department has been commenced, with the approval of the Deputy Auditor, which has greatly lessened the amount of office work requisite under the system previously in use, whilst affording at the same time much more information; the saving in office work being accompanied by a corresponding reduction in the staff.

It is with deep regret that I refer to the death of Mr. George Dobson, who was murdered on the 28th of May last, by bushrangers, whilst travelling alone on the Grey and Arnold road. Mr. G. Dobson had for many years been engaged on the Road and Railway Surveys of the Province, and had rendered good service in his recent energetic explorations of the Waimakariri Passes. A short time before his death he had been appointed Assistant District Engineer for Westland, and his untimely fate has left a gap in the Engineering staff which it will not be easy to replace.

Of the Resident Engineers who have been in charge of the works on the Otira road, I should propose to retain Mr. Walter Blake as Engineering Surveyor in Eastland; whilst I have recommended that for the current financial year Mr. Edwin Blake should remain in charge of the Otira road from the eastern foot of Porters Pass to the mouth of the Arahura. I have no further occasion at present for the services of Mr. A. Aitken, but I have no doubt there will be ample employment for him in Westland in opening up new tracks, and making bush roads; a class of work in which he has displayed great ability.

During the present financial year I propose to complete, as far as practicable, the levels of the several lines of road, and to fix one or more benchmarks in each district for the information of the Road Boards, so that the several Drainage Surveys, which may be undertaken in the different parts of the Province, shall be properly connected with each other, and referred to one common datum.

I have the honor to remain Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. DOBSON,
Provincial Engineer.

R E P O R T

OF

THE PROVINCIAL ENGINEER

UPON THE

P R E S E N T S T A T E

OF

THE LYTTELTON HARBOUR WORKS.

HARBOUR WORKS, LYTTELTON.

TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Provincial Engineer's Office,
Christchurch, October 8, 1866.

SIR,

The works in progress at Lyttelton Harbour comprise :—

1. Breakwater at Officer's Point, as recommended by the English Commissioners.
2. A Sea Wall extending from the Oxford-street Jetty to the Railway Embankment.
3. A Screw Pile Jetty, 60 yards in length, in extension of the Oxford-street Jetty.

BREAKWATER AT OFFICERS POINT.

This work was begun July 1, 1865, and has been carried on uninterruptedly ever since by prison labor, under the supervision of Mr. Paul Jones, the overseer of the works.

The design of the work is very simple. The stone as quarried from the cliff is tipped into embankment, and allowed to take its own slope. As the embankment becomes consolidated, massive side and cross walls built with large blocks roughly squared, are brought up from low water to the height of six feet above high water, and the space between the walls are then filled with rubble. In order to facilitate at a future time the construction of a Wharf on the inner side of the Breakwater, iron tie rods are built into the walls at intervals of nine feet, to which the timber work of the Wharf can be bolted, these rods being secured by passing through timber frames built into the heart of the masonry.

The average number of prisoners engaged on the works may be stated as between 40 and 50.

The cost of the employment of the prison gang upon these works from July 1, 1865, to September 30, 1866, exclusive of the salary of the Resident Engineer, (of which but a small per centage is chargeable to the Breakwater), has been as follows, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Plant, tools, timber, workshops, ironwork, fuze, lighting, and sundries, as per Engineer's ledger	682	15	0
Value of blasting powder supplied from stores	347	5	0
Total	1030	0	0

The amount of rock blasted and put in place to the above-named date is 21,459 cubic yards.

The cost of the work therefore in addition to the maintenance and supervision of the prisoners, has been at the rate of about one shilling per cubic yard, or about one-fifth of what it would have cost had it been placed in the hands of a contractor.

The following particulars may be interesting for the sake of comparison with similar works :—

From July 1, 1865, to October 1, 1866—Average number of prisoners employed				40
Blasting Powder used				4630 lbs.
Coils of Fuze used				223
Amount of Clay removed				1876 yds. cube.
Amount of Rock removed				21,459 „
Number of shots fired				877

The annexed tracing shews the state of the work on the first of October, 1866.

Occasional damage has been done to the upright walls during heavy gales, but it has not been of a serious character, and has been readily repaired; nor do I consider, although the soft and yielding nature of the harbour mud renders great caution necessary, that any difficulty is likely to arise which will interfere with the successful prosecution of the work.

SEA WALL CONTRACT.

This Contract comprises the rebuilding of the open portion of the Oxford-street Jetty, the construction of 700 feet of embankment, faced with a timber framing to form a Wharf connecting the Oxford-street Jetty with the Railway Embankment, and the erection of a Litterage Jetty at the west end of the new Wharf, for the use of steam lighters loading or discharging goods at the Railway Station.

The Contract was taken by Messrs Wright, and Co., for the sum of £25,603, payment to be made half in cash, and half in 6 per cent. debentures at par,—the work to be completed by the end of March, 1866.

The rebuilding of the Oxford-street Jetty was commenced August 15, 1865, and with the exception of some work not yet finished, has been executed in a satisfactory manner.

Great delay however occurred in commencing the new Wharf, the first pile not having been driven until December 1, 1865.

The timber framing with its stone backing ought to have been completed up to the Railway Embankment before the clay filling was commenced, and had this been done during the summer months, as contemplated by the Contract, the risk of injury to the work by winter gales would have been greatly lessened.

But in consequence of the delays which occurred in the delivery of the timber ordered by the Contractor, the work had made but little progress by the end of March, 1866, when it ought to have been completed; whilst in order to save time he had not only carried forward his clay filling with the timber framing, but had filled in several thousand yards of clay required for the foundation of the Customs Shed, which material he was obliged to remove in order to enable him to open a sufficiently large face of rock at his stone quarries.

On the 18th April occurred the first severe gale of the winter season, when the unfinished work was severely shaken by the force of the sea. No permanent injury was however sustained until during my unavoidable absence in Westland during the early part of June. A portion of the wharf moved bodily forwards to the extent of five feet, the stone embankment slipping forward with the timber framing. The immediate cause of this failure is probably the soft nature of the ground on the surface of the harbour overlaying a harder stratum of clay and sand at varying depths,—the soft ground having been squeezed out by the weight of the clay filling, carrying with it to seaward both the stone backing and timber framing; whilst the portion of the harbour enclosed between the new Wharf and Norwich Quay has shoaled by the forcing up of the mud to the height of several feet.

The mischief has been greatly increased by the injudicious manner in which the work has been carried on.

The work having been driven into the winter months by the delay in the supply of the timber, whilst to avoid further delay the clay filling was carried on simultaneously with the stone backing before sufficient time had elapsed for the latter to take its bearing, and before the closing of the work against the Railway Embankment had checked the run of the sea in the rear of the work.

With the concurrence of the Executive, on my return from Westland, I made several alterations in the design of the work, giving the stone backing a wider base, and driving the sheet piling down to a greater depth than at first intended; the clay filling being at the same time suspended until the stone work had been carried up to the Railway Embankment.

Although these precautions have not prevented a further portion of the work from slipping outward, the injury done is much less than on the occasion of the first slip. Nor do I consider that when the Embankment has taken its bearing there will be any further tendency to move forward either from the pressure of the remainder of the Embankment, or from the weight of the Railway Trains.

I should recommend that after the work has had time to settle thoroughly, another row of iron bark piles should be driven in front of the work, and the Wharf extended for a width of ten feet beyond the line originally contracted for, which will give room for an additional line of rails in the Station.

Should the weather prove favourable, the works connected with Messrs Wright, and Co.'s Contract will probably be completed about Christmas,—and I am bound in justice to the Contractors to state that, whilst great blame is due to them for the delays which have taken place in the supply of the timber, and for the injudicious management of the earthwork, I do not consider that under the best management the settlement of the work could have been altogether prevented, and that the carpentry and ironwork comprised in their Contract have been executed in the most satisfactory manner.

The annexed tracings will explain the original design of the work, the plan contracted for, and the alterations which have been since made. It is to be regretted that the original design (altered for reasons of economy) was not adhered to, as I am of opinion that although the ground has proved to be of a much more treacherous character than could have been anticipated from the borings taken before commencing the work, a Stone Embankment of the dimensions originally planned would have remained immovable, provided it had been completed and allowed to take its bearing before the commencement of the clay filling.

The whole of the work has been under the superintendence of Mr. C. M. Igglesden, as Resident Engineer, since its commencement.

SCREW PILE JETTY.

The Contract for this work was let to Mr. A. Cairns for the sum of £7299 1s. 10d., to be completed by July 31, 1866.

The Contract comprises the construction of an Iron Screw Pile Jetty, 182 feet long by 41 feet wide, and the supply of a five ton crane, and two steam hoists.

Each pile is to be cast in four pieces, and the Contract stipulates that in all cases where the pile rests on the reef that the third length from the top shall be cast of such a length as to suit the depth of the reef.

The Contractor however took no steps to ascertain the requisite lengths by boring on the site of the work, and had these pieces all cut of the same length.

The Contractor commenced operations early in July, and immediately afterwards applied for an extension of time for four months, which after some consideration was granted on his assigning to the Government the whole of the material imported for the work.

Since then the works have been carried on in a very unsatisfactory manner, the piles having repeatedly to be redrawn and their lengths altered in consequence of the defective method employed by the Contractor for ascertaining the position of the rock on which they are to rest; whilst a great deal of valuable material has been damaged and rendered useless by improper handling.

Under these circumstances I have thought it advisable to exercise more than usual supervision on the work, and have therefore detached Mr. Lockyear to assist Mr. Igglesden, that gentlemen being unable to devote sufficient time to the Screw Pile Jetty without neglecting other duties.

E. DOBSON,
Provincial Engineer.

REPORT

OF

W. T. DOYNE, C.E.,

ON

THE OPAWA BRIDGE.



REPORT ON THE OPAWA BRIDGE.

TO THE PROVINCIAL ENGINEER.

Christchurch, 13th December, 1865.

SIR,

In accordance with a letter received from the Secretary for Public Works on the 7th instant, requesting me to assist the Government by my advice in the matter of the Heathcote viaduct of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway, and our conversation on the subject on the 8th and 11th instant, I have now the honor to report that I have examined the work, in company with Mr. Major, my principal assistant; Mr. Richardson, one of the contractors, and the foreman who was in charge of the pile-driving when the bridge was constructed; and I have in this way collected all available information.

As you are aware, the bridge is composed of timber, having ten bays of fifteen feet span each supported on pile piers driven into the ground. Five of these piers are in the waterway of the river, which, at that point, is almost seventy feet wide. The piers in the bed of the river are, and for some time past have been, sinking and leaning out of the perpendicular, and thus rendering the bridge unsafe for traffic.

An examination of the bed of the river has shewn that it has been scoured out to a considerable depth below its level when the bridge was first erected. This action seems to be attributable to the great accumulation of water-cress which at times floats down the river, and being impeded by the piers of the bridge forms a surface dam to the water, which is obliged to force its way underneath, and having thus a greatly increased hydraulic pressure, produces a powerful scour upon the bottom of the river, which, being composed of sand, has rapidly deepened, and the piles have become partially denuded and deprived of the support they formerly had.

So far as the information you have afforded me enables me to judge, there appears to be on the surface, at the level of the river, a crust of light mould about eight feet in thickness, and underneath that fine sharp sand, full of water, of unknown depth.

If this sand should, on further examination, prove to be important in depth, I do not think that any ordinary timber pile structure could be relied upon, for though it is very difficult to drive even pointed piles into sand saturated with water by the mere force of impact, they always settle down gradually under the effect of vibration when heavily loaded. Besides, I think it is desirable to remove all obstructions to the passage of the water, and thus do away with the excessive scour to which the bottom of the river is now subjected, and that therefore it will be better to cross the river by one span from bank to bank.

I think the banks have not sufficient strength to carry the weight of abutments built on the surface, as they would probably by their weight break through the crust, or cause the sand to "spew" up in the bottom of the river, and thus cause by an increased removal of sand a tendency to undermine the banks.

It is therefore, I think, desirable to construct deep foundations, and as ordinary coffer dams are not applicable to the case of a running sand, I think you must have recourse either to screw-piles or pneumatic cylinders. Screw-piles on Mitchell's plan would be the most economical, but as you think it may be very difficult to get them down in consequence of the sunken timber which is frequently found in the neighbourhood, you may be driven to adopt the pneumatic cylinders.

Before, however, coming to a decision on this point, I would recommend that a design for screw-pile foundations be made, and that the positions of the piers be marked on the ground. That then a very careful examination of the sub-strata be made by borings sunk in pipe casings in the centre of the position which each pile would occupy. That in the event of no timber being met with, further boring should be made over the site which the whole pier would occupy, until perfectly reliable information has been obtained as to the character of the sub-strata to a depth of forty feet below high-water mark, when it will be very easy to determine which mode of construction is best adapted to the case.

You have informed me that the well-sinker who made the boring for Mr. Williams's artesian well near the bridge, stated that he passed through only sand and gravel, till he struck the water supply at a depth of about 87 (eighty-seven) feet. There is evidently some mistake here; he must have passed through a watertight stratum of important thickness before he met the artesian water, otherwise it could not rise to the surface; a watertight roof to a pent-up basin or tank being one of the essential conditions to artesian supply.

As there is this mistake in his observations there may be others; and as the various observations I have referred to in my late Report on the Lower Plains, lead to the conviction that permeable and impermeable layers will be found interstratified throughout the whole of the neighbourhood of Christchurch, I think it probable, or at least quite possible, that sand found in the bed of the Heathcote may prove, on closer examination, to be not so deep as has been supposed; and that the results of a further investigation on this point might modify all our views on the character of the design, and save much expenditure on foundations.

In any case, however, I think it will be desirable to throw one span of about 100 feet over the river, so as to remove all pressure by either embankments or land-bays from the immediate vicinity of the banks, when I think the viaduct may be extended by light bays of wood or iron, having their foundations on timber-rafts resting near the surface.

Provided screw-piles or cylinders having a sufficient area of base were sunk to a depth of about 15 feet below the bed of the river, I believe that even in the sand they would be perfectly secure, but I should like to have an opportunity of re-considering this point when the proposed borings have been completed. The men employed to make the borings cannot have too close a supervision. I know by experience how little, nominally, the best workmen are to be relied upon in a matter of this kind, where very accurate observation is necessary.

If in investigation it appears that screw-pile foundations can be applied without any unusual difficulty, then the cost of the main span and the piers I estimate at about £4000 to £4500 (four thousand to four thousand five hundred pounds); if it should be necessary to use foundations of pneumatic cylinders, then the additional cost would probably be about £1000 (one thousand pounds). These estimates are, of course, only approximate, but I feel no doubt that they ought to prove ample.

I think the course you adopted in loading the bed of the river with stones was judicious, and that they should not be removed.

In the event of your wishing me to give you any further assistance in the matter after the borings have been made, I shall be happy to do so; and if I should not be in Canterbury, any communication made through Mr. Major, who will know my movements, will receive immediate attention.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. T. DOYNE.

REPORT

OF

W. T. DOYNE, C.E.,

ON THE SUBJECT OF

BRIDGING THE OPIHI RIVER.

REPORT ON BRIDGING THE OPIHI RIVER.

TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Christchurch, 6th April, 1866.

SIR,

In compliance with your instructions, I have examined the Opihi River, with a view to enabling me to advise the Government as to the best mode and the cost of bridging it, and I have now to report for the information of His Honor the Superintendent, as follows:—

1st. As to the desirability of Building a Bridge to carry the present Ordinary Road Traffic in such a manner as to make it suitable hereafter for the Railway Traffic.—I entertain considerable doubts on the advisability of attempting this course, because I doubt in the first instance whether ordinary timber piles of sufficient dimensions could be driven to a sufficient depth to make the work secure under the weight of locomotive traffic; and even if they could, the bridge would be very much more extensive than the present traffic requires; it would be at best but a temporary structure, and to a certain extent experimental. As the railway may not be carried so far for many years, I would suggest that it may be more convenient at present, and even ultimately more economical to keep the two questions quite distinct, by building now a bridge of the most economical character, that will safely carry the road traffic for some years to come, leaving the railway bridge for future consideration. I the more readily tender this advice, because I do not at present see my way clearly to the construction of a railway bridge at a moderate cost, while the experience of the next few years may develop many resources to that end, of which we may avail ourselves, and I think I see my way to the construction of a bridge for ordinary road traffic at a reasonable expenditure, using only local materials which are easily obtained.

2nd. As to Cost.—Taking as my date the cost of the Harbour Works now in progress in Timaru, I estimate that a safe bridge with the necessary opening for the first stream to the south of the main river, the diversion of the west stream, and the embanked approaches, can be carried out for the sum of between £2000 and £2500; the bridge work to be heart of totara, from the Peninsula, sawn square, and well put together.

I am not now prepared to say how a bridge for railway traffic should be constructed, or what would be its cost; but it would very largely exceed, perhaps by two, three, or four times the amount I have named for the proposed road bridge.

With such a bridge over the Opihi, and a foot-bridge over the Temuka, I think the traffic of this District would be amply provided for for many years to come, and I doubt there being any advantage in incurring, at present, further expenditure.

I therefore advise, that if the Government is prepared to proceed with these works, you should have proper drawings and specifications prepared, and tenders called for their execution.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. T. DOYNE.

CORRESPONDENCE

RESPECTING THE

REMOVAL OF THE TEMPLETON RAILWAY STATION

FROM RESERVE, No. 373.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To A. BEETHAM, Esq., CHRISTCHURCH.

Public Works Office,
Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., July 31, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant upon the subject of the removal of the Templeton Railway Station to a point about three quarters of a mile from the site reserved by Government, and stating that if that site be not adhered to, a very serious loss to yourself and others must ensue.

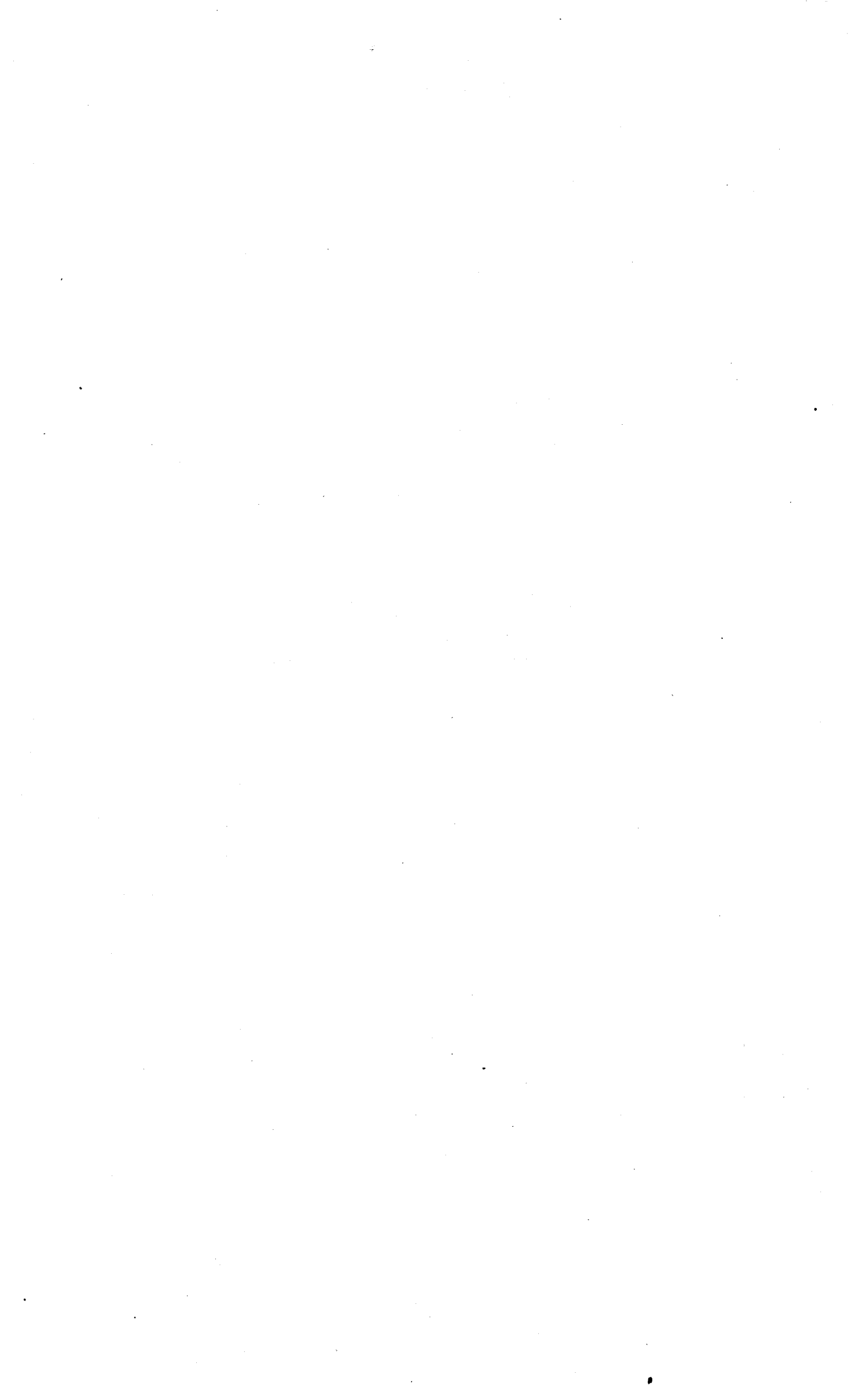
In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the Government decided upon the precise position of the Templeton Station in the month of November last, in accordance with what was considered to be a general wish on the part of those most interested, and any proposal for the alteration in the site cannot now be entertained.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. E. STEWART,

Secretary for Public Works.



AMENDED AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND W. T. DOYNE, C. E.,

FOR

SUPERINTENDING THE CONSTRUCTION

OF

THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY.



AMENDED AGREEMENT.

TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Christchurch, 4th December, 1866.

SIR,

Referring to my conversation of to-day with His Honor the Superintendent and the Members of the Executive Council, on the subject of my letter of the 12th ultimo, in which I offered to make a reduction of seven hundred pounds (£700) in the total amount which I am from first to last to receive for providing superintendence for the works of the Southern Railway, on condition that I shall not be required to continue my supervision of such works after the opening of the railway to the Selwyn, and in no case later than the 16th day of June, 1867; referring also to his Honor's proposal that I should increase this sum of seven hundred pounds (£700) to one thousand pounds (£1000) in consideration of the value to me of the interest accruing on the earlier payment of the instalment, I have now the honor to state—

That I am quite willing to accept the principle he has laid down, and to give the Government the benefit of all actual savings and interest which will follow on the altered arrangement, but I cannot accept three hundred pounds (£300) as the value of the interest. I estimate the actual value to me to be about forty pounds (£40), but I am willing to meet his Honor's views half way, and allow a further reduction of one hundred and fifty pounds (£150) in consideration of any benefits that may arise to me in interest of money and saving of time; that is, that the total sum named in my contract shall be reduced by eight hundred and fifty pounds (£850), and the balance so estimated to be paid in equal monthly instalments (on the 16th day of each month) calculated from the date on which I received the last payment, namely, the 16th day of October last, and ending on the 16th day of June, 1867.

The altered arrangement will then stand thus—

(1). I am to continue to provide for the supervision of the Railway Works until the 16th day of June, 1867, but no longer; and in the event of the Railway being opened for public traffic to the River Selwyn at an earlier date—then only to that date.

2. The Government agree to pay me, or such person on my behalf as I may authorise to receive it, the following sums on the dates appended.

December 6, 1866	...	...	...	£238 18 3
" 16, "	...	...	...	238 18 3
January 16, 1867	...	...	...	238 18 3
February 16, "	...	...	...	238 18 3
March 16, "	...	...	...	238 18 3
April 16, "	...	...	...	238 18 3
May 16, "	...	...	...	238 18 3
June 16, "	...	...	...	238 18 3
Total				1911 5 10

The Government also (as his Honor proposed) to give me a letter undertaking to pay these sums on the dates named to me or such person on my behalf as I may authorise to receive them.

In all other respects than those here named my original agreement to remain in force.

This offer to hold good until three o'clock p.m., to-morrow the 5th instant, when if it shall not have been accepted by the Government this negotiation is to be considered at an end, and all that has passed on the subject is to be without prejudice to any of my rights under my original agreement.

If any errors should be discovered in these calculations, they are to be revised so as to make the results consistent with the spirit of this letter.

I have, &c.,

W. T. DOYNE.

To W. T. DOYNE, C.E.,

Public Works Office,
Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., 5th December, 1866.

SIR,

With reference to your letter dated yesterday and received to day, in the matter of the reduction from the original amount decided on for your professional supervision of the works of the Great Southern Railway, provided your services would not be required after the 16th June, 1867.

I am directed by his Honor the Superintendent to state that his Honor is advised to accept the proposal therein made, conditional upon the performance by you of the services stipulated in the original Contract with the Provincial Government, in so far as the works at present in progress by Messrs Holmes and Co., are concerned.

The Provincial Government will make the payments in the manner proposed in your letter above referred to, subject to your being liable for any imperfect performance of the Contract undertaken by you.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD JOLLIE,

Secretary for Public Works.

RETURN

SHEWING THE WORKING OF THE SEVERAL

ROAD BOARDS

THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE,

DURING THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1866.

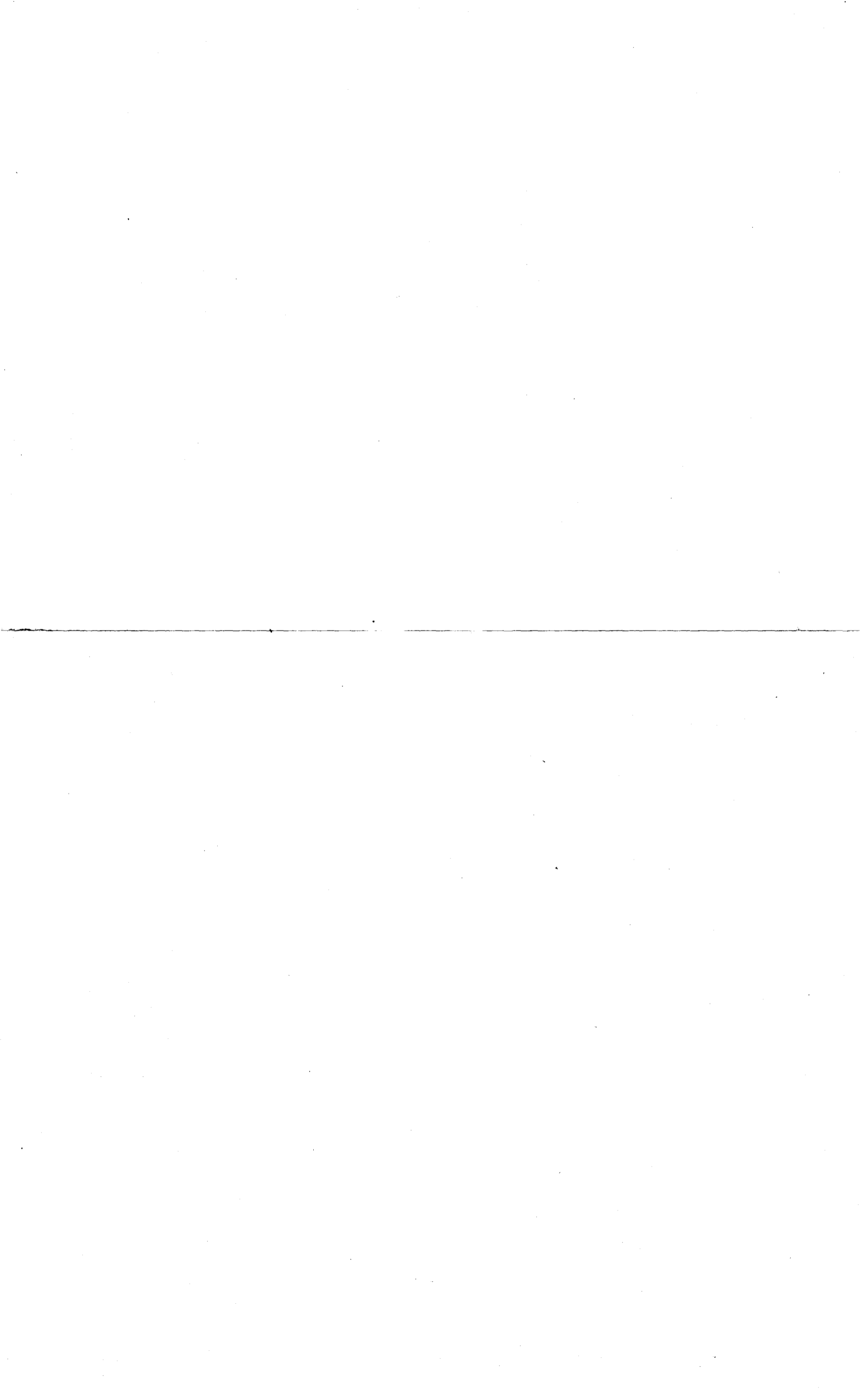
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					From Provincial Government.	From other Sources.					On Main Roads.	On By-roads and other Works.				
1	WAIPARA ...	No Return.														
2	KOWAI ...	Ratepayers, 551 Rateable Properties, 846 Annual Value, £17,730 14 0 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } 64,039 Annual Value, £4475 15 0 ...	1700	Nil.	522 6 8	1023 17 7	1s.	1110 6 3	667 9 3	442 17 0	513 11 3	284 13 6	479 12 2	603 6 3	Clerk and Collector, £178 19 8. Road Surveyor until 1st August, per ann. £300; Ditto since that date per annum £250.	To the 1st August, 1865 two Officers were employed by the Board and from that date only one.
3	OXFORD ...	Ratepayers, 191 Rateable Properties ... Annual Value, £5134 8 11 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } 49,056 Annual Value, £3301 10 11 ...	400	73 18 10	162 10 0	182 14 0	6d.	210 15 11	182 14 6	28 1 11	134 9 11	60 5 0	10 0 0	0 1 10	Clerk, Collector, & Road Inspector, £5 pr month	£79 has been expended in salaries and building offices.
4	CUSTR ...	Ratepayers, 124 Rateable Properties, 124 Annual Value, £6948 5 7 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } 18,978 Annual Value, £1081 8 10 ...	300	30 9 10	162 10 0	200 0 0	1s.	347 8 8	220 0 0	126 17 6	*504 16 2	132 0 0	Nil.	10 0 0	Collector, 5 per cent. on amount of rates collected.	* This amount is stated to be the sum spent since the Road Board has been in operation.
5	MANDYVILLE AND RANGIORA ...	Ratepayers, 652 Rateable Properties, 952 Annual Value, £27,787 13 0 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } 4900 Annual Value, £343 ...	2200	Nil.	835 0 0	Private cont. 59 1 0 Inwaste land 100 acres, and 50 acres.	1s.	1389 7 0	833 9 7	555 17 5	673 17 9	552 2 1	367 0 9	309 17 3	Surveyor and Clerk per annum, £150. Rate Collector, 5 per cent. on rates collected. Expended in Salaries & allowances, £191 13 6	£100 per annum paid to the Clerk of Works to the 30th December; since that date, £150.
6	AVON ...	Ratepayers, 613 Rateable Properties ... Annual Value, £26,000 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } Nil. Annual Value, Nil ...	600		375 9 0	Nil.	1s.	1300 0 0	500 0 0	743 5 0	530 12 0	565 0 0	90 0 0	Nil.	* Clerk of Works, £150 per annum.	
7	RICCARTON ...	Ratepayers, 240 Rateable Properties, 283 Annual Value, £23,694 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } Nil. Annual Value, Nil ...	600	56 10 10	250 0 0	Nil.	1s.	1184 14 0	441 9 0	743 5 0	317 12 0	412 19 6		340 9 6	Surveyor, £150 pr ann.	
8	TEMPLETON ...	Ratepayers, 148 Rateable Properties, 148 Annual Value, £6520 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } Nil. Annual Value, Nil ...	800	95 5 8	*875 0 0	239 16 3	9d.	244 10 0	234 1 3	10 9 7	578 10 0	236 10 4	76 7 0	155 14 7	Surveyor, Clerk, & Collector, salary £150 per annum.	* Including special grant of £500 for Harewood or West Coast Road.
9	HEATHCOTE ...	Ratepayers, 689 Rateable Properties, 746 Annual Value, 27,276 8 0 No. of sheep on Ratepayers Roll } 2115 Annual Value, £148 ...	800	74 10 6	225 0 0	1463 11 6 and 386 acres of land.	6d.	681 15 8½	475 12 6	206 3 2½	584 2 5	989 0 11	379 7 11	115 8 2	Surveyor, £300 per annum, including forage	



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					From Provincial Government.	From other Sources.					On Main Roads.	On By-roads and other Works.				
10	SPEYDON ...	Ratepayers, 382 Rateable Properties, 501 Annual Value, £18,256 No. of sheep on } Nil Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, Nil	500	284 4 10	125 0 0	743 13 6	6d.	* Nil.	* Nil.	* Nil.	201 1 9	555 15 8	99 0 0	120 16 5	Clerk, Surveyor, Collector, Genl Manager, &c., £250 per annum. Toll Collr., weekly, 45s. Foreman of labor gang, daily, 8s.	* No Rate levied June 30, 1865, to June 30, 1866. A Rate of in the £ ordered to be levied in July, 1866.
11	HAISWELL...	Ratepayers, 53 Rateable Properties, 137 Annual Value, £3929 6 0 No. of sheep on } Nil Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, Nil	500	50 10 6	296 15 0	16 7 4	6d.	98 0 9	16 7 4	81 3 5	35 14 0	245 8 9	Nil.	14 12 10	Clerk, per annum, £30 Revising the Ratepayers Roll, £5 5s.	
12	LINCOLN ...	Ratepayers, 237 Rateable Properties, 282 Annual Value, £10,588 No. of sheep on } Nil Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, Nil	1500	122 1 6	750 0 0	Nil.	1s.	529 0 0	500 7 6	28 12 6	1173 8 9	338 6 2	277 12 6	Nil.	Surveyor, Clerk, Treasurer and Rate Collector, £220 pr annum to Dec. 10, £150 from January 1, 1866.	
13	SPRINGS ...	Ratepayers, 213 Rateable Properties, 230 Annual Value, £7300 No. of sheep on } Nil Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, Nil	2500	1382 7 11	1400 0 0	Nil.	4s.	365 0 0	255 0 0	110 0 0	1608 10 9	1042 3 5	113 16 0	121 4 6	Clerk, Surveyor, & Rate Collector, 4 months at £200, 1 month at £220, & 6 months at £170 per annum. Expended in salaries, £154 16 8.	
14	PORT LEVY ...	Ratepayers, 17 Rateable Properties, 86 Annual Value, £1760 No. of sheep on } not Ratepayers Roll } ascertained Annual Value, not ascertained	50	1 18 0	Nil.	Nil.		Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	97 17 1	Nil.	37 0 0	Nil.	
15	PORT VICTORIA ...	Ratepayers, 46 Rateable Properties, 46 Annual Value, £3164 5 0 No. of sheep on } Nil Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, Nil	600	235 1 9	600 15 0	6d.	82 2 3	63 13 3	18 19 0	613 19 0	172 19 5	5 0 0	45 11 9	£8 expended.	Nil.	
16	LITTLE RIVER ...	Ratepayers, 94 Rateable Properties, 380 Annual Value, £1882 No. of sheep on } 1604 Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £112	600	390 9 9	250 0 0	90 5 6	1s.	90 0 0	12 1 0	87 13 0	476 10 6	Nil.	100 0 0	124 7 10	C. J. Hubbard, Clerk of Works, Collector, and preparing Ratepayers Roll, £63 18 0.	
17	AKAROA & WAIRURI ...	Ratepayers, 222 Rateable Properties, 316 Annual Value, £9943 10 0 No. of sheep on } Nil Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, Nil	1500	656 19 1	250 0 0	Contributions 20 0 0 Grant of land 124 acres.	6d.	248 11 9	127 2 4	121 9 5	770 3 0	115 2 2	483 11 3	6 11 10	Engineer, Treasurer, & Clerk, £250 pr annum.	

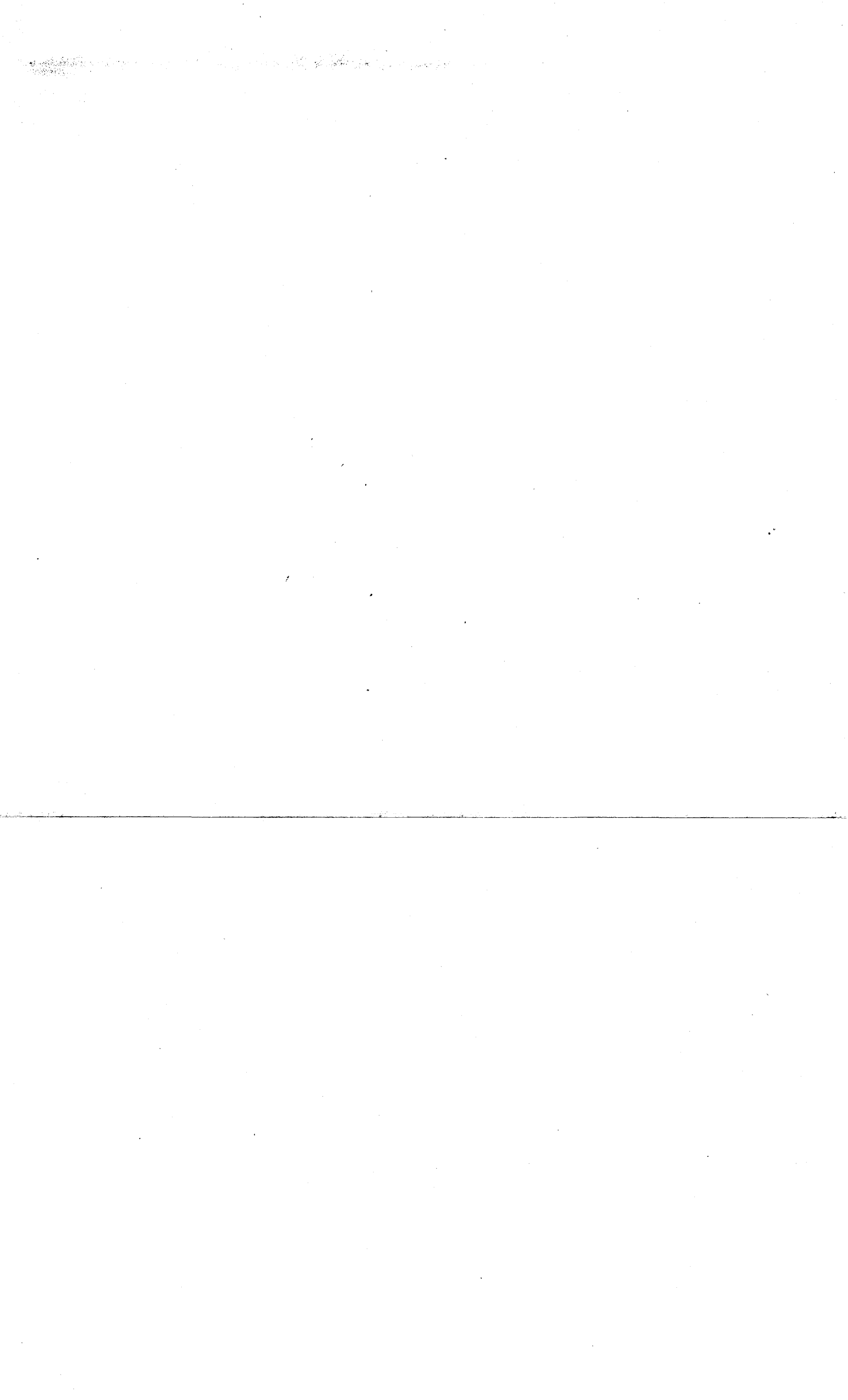


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18	OKAIN'S BAY	Ratepayers, Rateable Properties, Annual Value No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value														
19	PIGEON BAY	Ratepayers, 39 Rateable Properties, 3851 Annual Value, £2098 10 8 No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, Nil	150	4 10 1	105 0 0	100 0 0 In aid of jetty	6d.	51 9 2½	46 10 6	4 18 7½	188 6 0	Nil.	191 8 0			
20	COURTENAY	Ratepayers, 156 Rateable Properties, 206 Annual Value, £6,112 No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £2100	150	4 10 1	125 0 0	254 10 1		Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	248 7 4	55 14 9	Nil.	Nil.	Clerk and Surveyor, at £120 per annum.	Preparation of Rate-payers Roll, advertising, stationery, &c. £16 6 10
21	ELLESMERE	Ratepayers, 318 Rateable Properties, 318 Annual Value, £10,793 6 8 No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £635 17 7	2500	844 18 4	1250 0 0	1187 16 1 land, 400 acres		Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	697 10 1	1490 6 0	320 3 3	Nil.	Road Overseer, £200 Forage 50 £250	
22	MALVERN	Ratepayers, 70 Rateable Properties, 173 Annual Value, £2854 14 0 No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £2769 4 0	150	70 0 0	75 0 0	Nil.	6d.	175 6 0	103 1 10½	72 4 1½	103 0 0		5 0 0	81 0 7	Collector, £10 pr annum	
23	RAKAIA	Ratepayers, 61 Rateable Properties, 91 Annual Value, £686 7 1 No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £5778 11 10	150	10 14 9	75 0 0	Nil.		Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	19 0 0	20 2 0	Nil.	41 10 3	Clerk, £10 per annum	
24	ASHBURTON	Ratepayers, 114 Rateable Properties, 540 Annual Value, £3455 16 0 No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £16,273 5 7	500	850 0 0	250 0 0	Nil.		Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	374 0 0	120 0 0	42 5 0	826 10 0	Nil.	
25	GERALDINE	Ratepayers, 221 Rateable Properties, 482 Annual Value, £14,919 No. of sheep on } Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £8612	2500	796 16 3	1000 0 0	154 11 9	1s.	1176 11 0	972 12 0	203 19 0	2156 12 8	1513 12 10	332 11 3	426 3 3	Engineer, £250 pr ann. Clerk, £75 previous to March last, and £50 per annum subsequently. Assessor, £40.	



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					From Provincial Government.	From other Sources.					On Main Roads.	On By-roads and other Works.					
26	WAIMATE ...	Ratepayers, 19 Rateable Properties, 328 Annual Value, £11,289 No. of sheep on } 148,527 Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £10,396 17 9½	1800	141 8 1	700 0 0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	599 0 6	Nil.	445 14 6	5 0 0	Engineer & Clerk, £300 per annum.	Office rent, £4. Amount spent in salaries, £115 during the year.	
27	LEVELS ...	Ratepayers, 191 Rateable Properties, 242 Annual Value, £8622 ... No. of sheep on } 39,348 Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £2732 5 0	1500	470 3 6	908 5 2	Grant for Otupua bridge, £274 15 3. Completion of grant for previous year, £100. Total, £374 15s 3d.	1s.	567 14 3	556 9 11	11 4 4	468 4 2	202 19 0	33 13 1	489 5 0	Engineer, £200 pr ann. Clerk, £25 per annum.		
28	MOUNT COOK ...	Ratepayers, 15 Rateable Properties, 21 Annual Value, £286 ... No. of sheep on } 163,059 Ratepayers Roll } Annual Value, £8612 ...	400	885 0 0	125 0 0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	712 0 0	55 5 0	65 13 0	124 19 6	Engineer, £30. Preparing Ratepayers Roll, £18.		



RETURN

SHOWING

LAND SOLD AND RESERVES MADE

In the different Road Districts within the Province,

To THE 31 OCTOBER, 1866.

R E T U R N .

DISTRICT.	ACREAGE SOLD.			ACREAGE RESERVED.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Waipara	77,129	0	0	3,425	0	0
Kowai	49,322	0	0	346	0	0
Oxford	11,998	2	38	2,202	0	0
Cust	22,895	2	0	449	1	1
Rangiora and Mandeville	59,572	2	10	985	0	0
Malvern	20,010	2	20	2,155	0	0
Courtenay	28,459	3	2	1,080	0	0
Templeton	11,145	1	0	1,441	1	0
Riccarton	9,894	1	2	85	0	0
Avon	14,327	3	14	92	0	0
Heathcote	10,126	2	32	758	1	0
Spreydon	8,589	1	22	295	0	33
Lincoln	20,628	0	0	108	2	3
Springs	27,562	0	34	258	0	0
Halswell	5,892	2	0	4	0	0
Port Victoria	5,495	0	0	15	0	0
Port Levy	3,358	0	0	2,977	0	0
Pigeon Bay... ..	4,789	2	29	14	0	0
Okain Bay	3,565	0	0	41	3	20
Wainui	13,495	2	28	2,971	1	16
Little River	13,915	3	0	1,195	0	0
Ellesmere	65,774	2	25	1,281	0	0
Rakaia	11,772	0	0	1,300	0	0
Ashburton	53,046	1	0	2,855	0	0
Geraldine	40,695	0	16	6,080	3	5
Levels	35,922	3	24	838	0	0
Town of Timaru	141	2	34	93	3	36
Waimate	36,812	3	15	9,216	3	10
Mount Cook	540	0	0	1,800	0	0
Total	666,878	3	25	44,364	1	4

THOMAS CASS,
Chief Surveyor.

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OF

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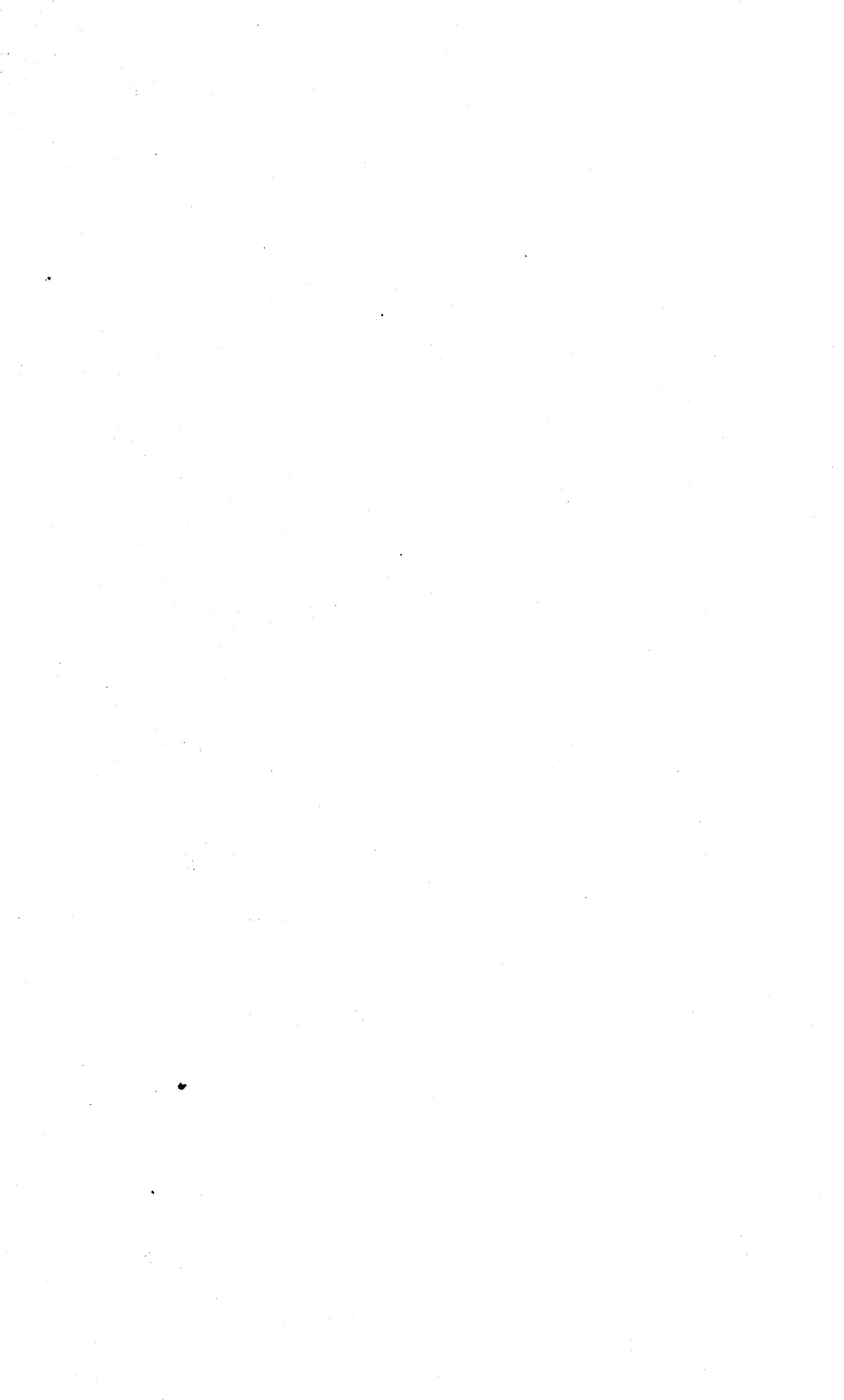
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P R O V I N C E O F C A N T E R B U R Y,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1866.



R E P O R T.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Christchurch, September 12, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward my Annual Report on the State of the Flocks in the Province, for the year ending 30th June, 1866.

The return of the number of sheep over six months of age in the Province on the 1st January last, was as under:—

Males, 654,256 ; females, 1,081,160 ; total, 1,735,416 : of these 1,635,795 were depastured on runs, and 99,621 on farms.

The total increase in the number of sheep in the past year being 303,416.

During the past year the number of sheep imported into the Province has been 27,232 ; by sea, 1,337 ; from Nelson, 17,948 ; from Otago, 7,947 ; against an import of 38,880 in the previous year.

The number of scabby sheep cleaned within the last twelve months has been 99,800 ; in the Northern District, 17,850 ; in the Central District, 81,950 : leaving on the 30th June in the Northern District 129,670 sheep diseased, and in the Central District 28,550.

The amount of fines received in the Resident Magistrates' Courts for the past year, has been—in the Northern District, £25 ; in the Central District, £516 15s. ; against £953 5s. in the previous year.

In comparison, the Report of this year may not appear so favourable as that of last year, the number of diseased sheep in the Province according to the return having increased ; this may be explained in some degree by the fact of two large flocks of sheep in the Northern District which had been clean for upwards of twelve months having broken out scabby in the months of September and October last.

Of the number of scabby sheep in the Province, at least 100,000 are now only waiting the necessary time to allow of their being inspected for a certificate ; of that number it may reasonably be supposed that at least three-fourths may prove to be clean.

Although I do not look forward with any certainty to scab being speedily eradicated from the Province, yet it is satisfactory to know there is not a scabby sheep south of the Ashburton. Since the month of November there has been a steady decrease in the number of diseased sheep in the Central District, for at present there are only three stations situated to the south of the Rakaia on which the flocks are scabby, and there seems every probability of the disease being shortly eradicated from that part of the Province. The sheep on the farms in the Districts round Christchurch are now very generally free from disease.

It is a source of considerable satisfaction to observe that the number of diseased sheep bears so small a proportion to the total number of sheep in the Province, which at the present time calculating a reasonable increase upon the female stock, in the published return of January this year, may be estimated in round numbers to be 2,200,000.

Of this number the proportion of diseased sheep is only about 5 per cent., and if the flocks now waiting their time for inspection should obtain clean certificates, this amount will be materially reduced, and may then be estimated at about 3 per cent.

I wish, however, notwithstanding the small proportion which the diseased sheep bear collectively to the whole number in the Province, to impress very strongly upon the owners of diseased flocks the necessity for increased exertions in order to effect a cure of the disease.

It is beyond measure the most economical, as well as the most advantageous in every way to the flock-owner, to spare no expense or trouble to clean his sheep at the outset thoroughly : it is satisfactory to find that sheep-owners are now becoming aware that it is only by prompt measures that they can hope to eradicate scab from their flocks.

The exertions of some owners to clean their sheep would have been more successful if they had not been induced to purchase low priced, inferior tobacco, and I cannot too strongly impress on the owners of scabby sheep the necessity of using tobacco of the very best quality—it can only end in disappointment to attempt to clean sheep with inferior tobacco.

It is surprising that station owners should not have turned their attention to the cultivation of tobacco, for with care a crop could generally be secured, the chief difficulty being in the after preparation.

The alteration in the law that was passed in 1864, making it compulsory for a dip to be erected on each sheep station is now admitted by its strongest opponents to have been most judicious; the great advantage for all parties concerned is in being in a position to grapple with the disease in its incipient state.

Now that a number of the runs are becoming stocked, or nearly so, the weight of the sheep is materially falling off—it is only from those runs from which drafts of sheep have not been taken for years, and which are only partially stocked, that wethers in large numbers of heavy weight can be procured. With the falling off in the condition of the sheep, the fleece as a matter of course loses weight. Those sheep owners who wish to improve their flocks, see the necessity of regularly culling out the old and worthless sheep.

It may not be out of place to draw the attention of run owners to the fact that injudicious crossings with heavy breeds of English sheep are not considered advantageous for the natural pastures of this country.

I think that it would be impossible to introduce a sheep more fitted by nature and habits to suit the natural state of the country than the Merino. At the same time it is very evident that the so called Merino of this country requires improvement both in carcase and fleece.

I believe in all cases purity of blood in each particular breed is what owners of sheep should look to.

In some instances I hear of a large per centage of lambs in particular flocks, but do not suppose the average for the Province can be above 50 per cent.

The past year has been extremely fine for pastoral pursuits, there having been an abundance of grass, and the flocks generally are in fine condition.

I have much pleasure in bringing under the notice of the Provincial Government the satisfactory manner in which I have been assisted in carrying out the duties of the department by the Inspectors, Messrs Scarvall, Paterson, Holderness, and Palfrey.

P. B. BOULTON,

Chief Inspector of Sheep.

RETURN OF FINES

RECEIVED IN

THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT

UNDER

“THE SHEEP ORDINANCE,”

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1866.

RETURN OF FINES.

														£	s.	d.
Greenwood, G. O.	...	...	...	...	...	Northern District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
Morley, B.	...	...	...	...	...	Southern District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	0
Aynsley, H. P. M.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300	0	0
Collisson, J. B.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	10	0
Moorhouse, W. S.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	0	0
Stewart, F. E.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Fereday, E. H.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
ELL, G. W.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	10	0
King, J. J.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118	0	0
Caton, J. H.	...	...	...	...	...	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	0
														<u>£541 15 0</u>		



RETURN OF SHEEP

OVER SIX MONTHS OF AGE

IN THE

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY,

ON THE 1st JANUARY, 1866.

DIVERSION OF SUMNER ROAD.



CORRESPONDENCE

RELATIVE TO

MR. W. WILSON'S CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Christchurch, 21st May, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose a claim for compensation under the Sumner Road Ordinance, Session IV, No. 7, together with a tracing of the land taken, showing that it includes the Powder Magazine and a building adjoining.

I have estimated the land at the same price per acre which I am offered for a portion of it, and if the claim as it now stands is allowed, I am prepared to take Waste Lands, with a right of selection at the proper time, either upon the East or the West Coast.

I should be obliged by the matter being disposed of before the date of the Christchurch election of members for the Provincial Council.

I have, &c.,

W. WILSON.

CLAIM UNDER "SUMNER ROAD ORDINANCE, SESSION IV, No 7."

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT—

TO W. WILSON.

		<i>Dr.</i>		
1866:		£	s.	d.
May 11.	To 3 acres 3 roods 14 perches of Land at £100 per acre for New Sumner Road as per tracing enclosed	383	16	0
	To 70 chains of post and rail fencing at £2 10s. per chain	175	0	0
	To damage by severance, half the value of land taken	191	18	0
	To damage to section by stones cast upon land during formation of road, viz., 35 chains at £1 per chain	35	0	0
		785 14 0		
	To interest on amount for two years at 10 per cent. per annum	157	2	6
		942 16 6		

The Ordinance under which this claim is made dates so far back as 1855; there is therefore eleven years interest fairly due. I have however limited my claim to two years interest.

TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Provincial Engineer's Office,
Christchurch, May 25, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to report on Mr. W. Wilson's claim for compensation in respect of the land taken out of section No. 130, for the construction of the Sumner Road.

The claim appears to have been made first in May, 1865, nearly eight years after the time allowed by the Sumner Road Ordinance for making such claims.

With the exception of a small plot near the beach, no portion of the section has ever been inclosed,

cultivated, or used in any way except for grazing cattle, and from its hilly and broken character its value is nominal except as pasturage land.

It may at some future time acquire a value as building property, but at present there is but little demand for such property, except in situations far better adapted for building on than the hill-sides of Polhill Bay, in which No. 130 is situated.

At the time the Sumner Road was made, the value of the section could not be quoted at more than £5 per acre at the very outside, and it is doubtful whether it would have realised even the cost price of £3 per acre, had it been put up for sale.

With regard to the claim for severance, it will be observed that the road gives a double frontage for building purposes; the original section having only a single frontage, and that on the lower side of the road.

There can be no doubt, therefore, if the property has acquired a value as building land, that the increased value given to the portion between the old and new roads by the construction of the latter, far outweighs the value of the land taken for that purpose, and therefore under clause 7 of the Sumner Road Ordinance the owner has no claim on the Government for compensation.

Briefly then I would say—

1. That the utmost that could be claimed as compensation would be the value of the land at the time the road was made, say £5 per acre for 3 acres 3 roods 14 perches, say £20. But the increased value given to the property as building land, far outbalances this claim.

2. That the right to claim compensation has lapsed from non-compliance with the Sumner Road Ordinance.

3. That by clause 7, the improved value of the property precludes its owner from receiving any compensation whatever.

I have, &c.,

E. DOBSON,

Provincial Engineer.

TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Christchurch, June 26th, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant informing me that the Provincial Government refuse to compensate me for the four acres of my section No. 130, adjoining the Town of Lyttelton taken for the purposes of the Sumner Road.

I have the honor to request that you would have the kindness to state to me *the grounds* upon which the Government have arrived at this decision.

I have, &c.,

W. M. WILSON.

TO WILLIAM WILSON, Esq.

Public Works Office,

29th June, 1866.

SIR,

In reply to your request to be informed of the grounds upon which the Government have arrived at their decision of refusing to compensate you for the four acres of section No. 130 adjoining the Town of Lyttelton, I have the honor to state that the Government are advised that they are not bound in law to grant the compensation in question.

I have, &c.,

F. E. STEWART,

Secretary for Public Works.

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

CLAIM UNDER SUMNER ROAD ORDINANCE.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Christchurch, 21st September, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to renew my application to the Provincial Government for compensation for the three acres three roods and fourteen perches of my land taken for the formation of some 39 chains of the Sumner Road, out of rural section 130, within the Municipality of Lyttelton, for which I claim in accordance with my account rendered May 11, 1866.

The Government being under some misapprehension respecting the claim, I beg to submit the following particulars as to title.

1st.—The Canterbury Association Land Order, under which the land was selected, had been mislaid in England, and did not reach the Province until the end of April, 1865.

2nd.—On the 11th day of May, 1865, the Land Order was surrendered to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, for which a Crown Grant was to be obtained.

3rd.—On the 20th of July, 1866, the Crown Grant was issued by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and lodged with the Registrar of Deeds for Registration.

4th.—Upon the 20th day of September, 1866, I received the Deed from the Registrar's office.

It was not before yesterday therefore that I was in a position to have furnished the Government with a perfect title, although I used due diligence in carrying it through its various stages, from a Canterbury Association Loan Order until it became a Registered Crown Grant.

I beg to request that this claim may at once receive the consideration of Government, and be settled, if possible, before the meeting of the Provincial Council.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. WILSON.

TO WILLIAM WILSON, Esq.

Public Works Office,

Christchurch, 1st October, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21st ultimo, which reached me on the 27th idem, having reference to your claim for compensation for certain land taken for the formation of Sumner Road, and giving particulars in explanation of the delay which has occurred in the obtainment by you of the Crown Grant of the section in question.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the Government, having taken your letter into consideration, do not discover any reason for altering their decision on the matter, as conveyed to you by my letters of 15th and 29th June last.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

F. E. STEWART,

Secretary for Public Works.

RETURN

OF THE

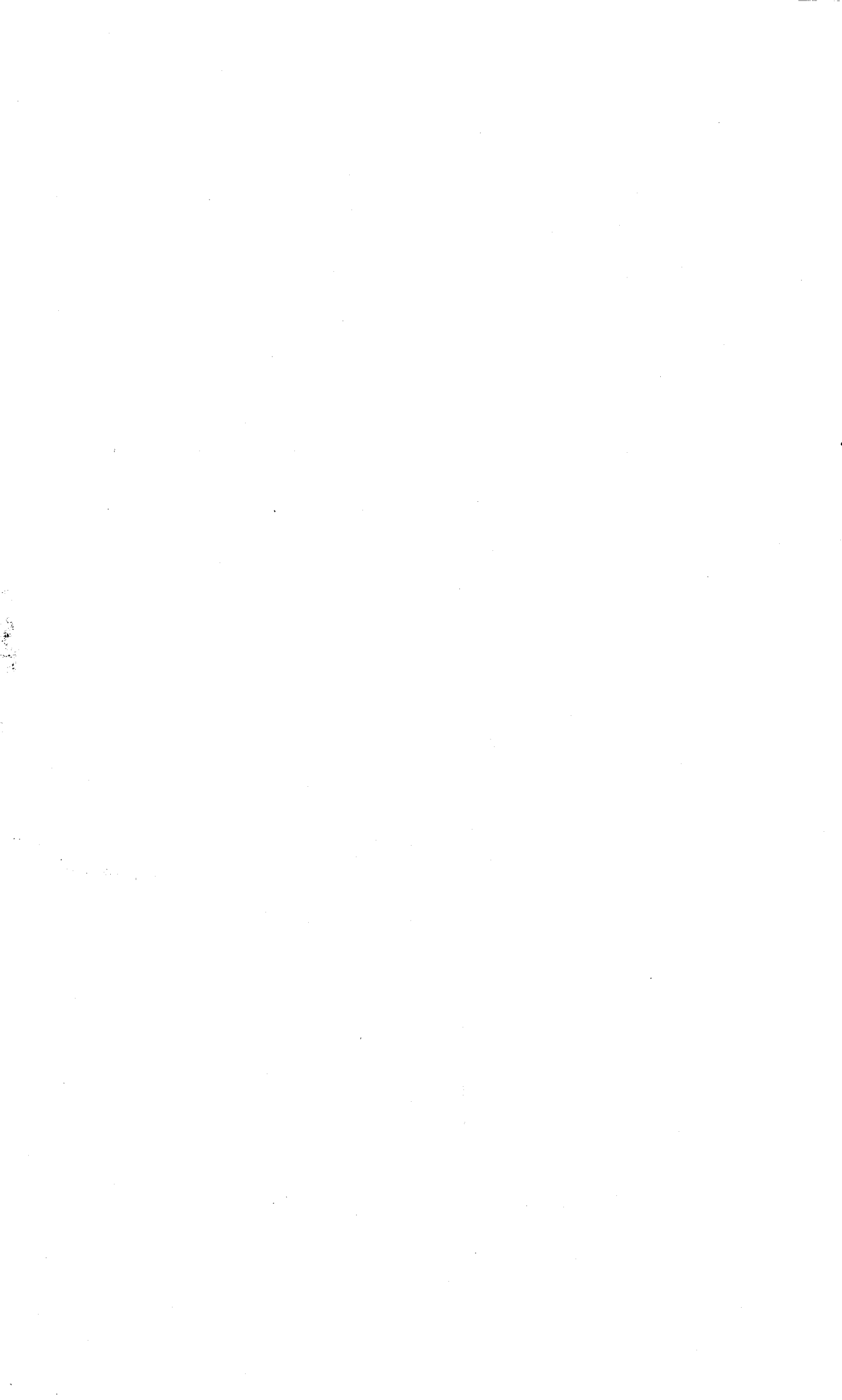
**Amount of Land purchased in each Road
District South of the Rangitata,**

DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1866.

RETURN OF THE AMOUNT OF LAND

PURCHASED IN EACH ROAD DISTRICT SOUTH OF THE RANGITATA.

Road Districts.	Acreage of Townland.		Acreage of Rural Land.		Proceeds of Townland.		Proceeds of Rural Land.		Total Acreage of Town and Rural Land.		Total Proceeds of Town and Rural Land.	
	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.	£	S. D.	£	S. D.	A.	R. P.	£	S. D.
CERBALDINE	Nil.	6,115 0 0	Nil.	12,230 0 0	6,115 0 0	12,230 0 0	6,115 0 0	12,230 0 0	12,230 0 0	0 0
LEVELS	Nil.	5,967 0 0	Nil.	11,934 0 0	5,967 0 0	11,934 0 0	5,967 0 0	11,934 0 0	11,934 0 0	0 0
TIMABU	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
WAIMATE	Nil.	2,848 0 0	Nil.	5,696 0 0	2,848 0 0	5,696 0 0	2,848 0 0	5,696 0 0	5,696 0 0	0 0
MOUNT COOK	Nil.	90 0 0	Nil.	180 0 0	90 0 0	180 0 0	90 0 0	180 0 0	180 0 0	0 0
TOTALS	Nil.	15,020 0 0	Nil.	30,040 0 0	15,020 0 0	30,040 0 0	15,020 0 0	30,040 0 0	30,040 0 0	0 0



WAIMAKARIRI OVERFLOWS.

CORRESPONDENCE

RELATIVE TO

THE EXPENDITURE OF THE £500

VOTED BY

RESOLUTION OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, JAN. 24, 1866,

FOR

THE PROTECTION OF THE TOWN OF KAIAPOI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KAIAPOI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KAIAPOI.

Public Works Office,
Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., June 29, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that I visited Kaiapoi Island yesterday, at the request of Mr. Beswick and Mr. Wylde, Members of the Provincial Council for the Mandeville District, and for the Town of Kaiapoi respectively, with the intention of again seeing for myself during a state of fresh the river and the locality overflowed by it at the point named "Sneyd's Corner."

From representations made on that occasion by the above-named gentlemen, and by others who accompanied them, I understand that the flood of water over Sneyd's Town and its neighbourhood was very considerably less than it was at the last Christmas flood, and even less than the ordinary spring freshes, which may be expected to return in the course of a very few months, and which I fear cannot but carry away any work which may be erected, constructed with the funds at the disposal either of the Government or the Municipal Council.

It appears, nevertheless, that in the opinion of the Council, and of others most interested in the preservation of the river bank, that the sum of £500 voted by the Provincial Council would prove sufficient to provide such defences against the river as would protect the town from flood.

In deference only to the above opinion, the Provincial Government will cause the above amount (£500) to be paid to the Chairman of the Municipal Council towards the construction of such works as may be decided on, coupled however with the understanding as conveyed by me personally to Messrs. Dudley, Beswick, and Wylde, and accepted by them on the occasion of my last visit, that the Government by this payment release themselves for the future from any further additions to the very considerable sums expended from time to time for the protection of private property in this District.

The sum named will accordingly be paid to you as required to be expended under the direction of the Committee named in your letter of April 14, with the addition to their number of Messrs Beswick, Dixon, and Hassall, and it is further understood that beyond the understanding above mentioned the Provincial Government desire to attach no conditions to the payment of the sum in question.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. E. STEWART,
Secretary for Public Works.

TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Kaiapoi, July 4, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date 29th June, and to state that it was laid before the Committee, who instructed me to convey their thanks for the same, and that they willingly accepted it with the condition attached.

I have the honor to remain, Sir, &c.,

CHARLES DUDLEY,
Chairman of the Committee.



R E P O R T

OF

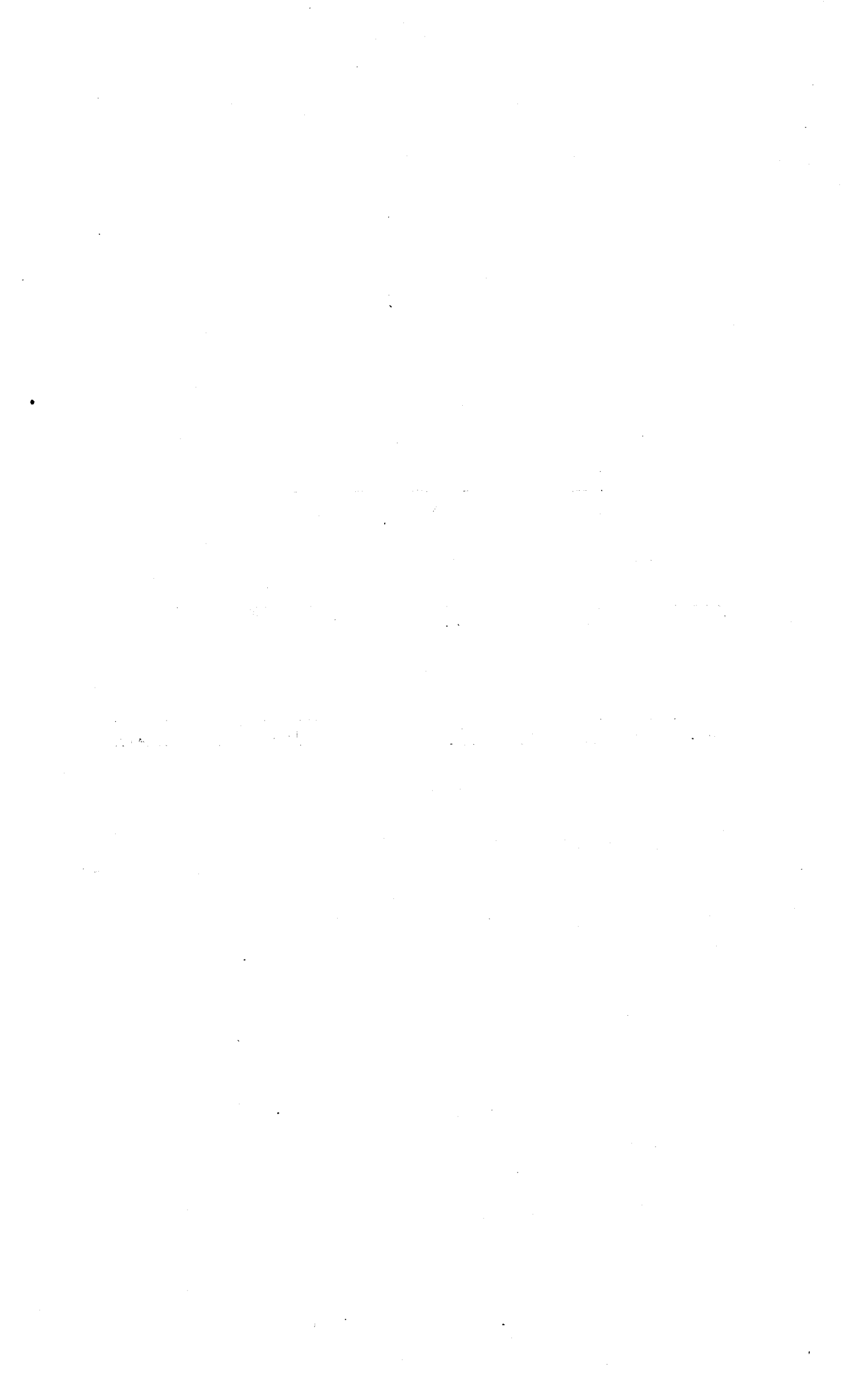
THE PROVINCIAL ENGINEER

ON THE

OVERFLOW OF THE WAIMAKARIRI

NEAR

WHITE'S ACCOMMODATION HOUSE



R E P O R T .

TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Provincial Engineer's Office,
Christchurch, 9th February, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that since the date of my Report on the Overflow of the Waimakariri, I have had a careful survey made by Mr. Crawford of that portion of the south bank now subject to overflow.

For a distance of about seven miles below White's old accommodation house the bed of the river and its southern bank are practically so nearly on the same level, that a trifling change in the disposition of the loose shingle in the main stream will divert the water from one bank to the other.

For a long time past the bulk of the river has been running on the north side, but the alterations of the shingle banks, caused by the Christmas freshes, have thrown the water to the south bank, and a great body of water is now flowing down old channels which have been dry for many years, and finding its way into the Fendalton branch of the Avon river. Although it is quite possible that the next fresh may again throw the water towards the north bank, it is quite as possible that succeeding freshes may confirm the present course of the river and throw the main body of water into the Avon.

I think the course to be adopted is—1st, to aim at bringing the south bank of the river as far as possible to a straight line, so that there may be no obstructions to the downward passage of the shingle in the main stream: and 2nd, to raise the south bank above the level of freshes by running out a series of groins from the higher ground to the river bank to retain the silt and shingle, and to divert the overflow into the main stream.

At the present time I would recommend the formation of two of these groins in the position shewn on the accompanying plan; they would each be rather more than half-a-mile in length, formed of the river shingle, ten feet wide on top, averaging about a yard in height, with very flat slopes; the whole to be covered with earth from the adjoining terraces, and sown with broom and wattle seed.

The cost of these two embankments planted complete would be about two thousand pounds; and I think that their construction would remove all present danger to the town of Christchurch.

But I think it is probable that it will be necessary for some years to come to protect in a similar manner those portions of the banks which may be injured by freshes until the whole of the threatened district has been effectually secured.

I have the honor to request further instructions,

And to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. DOBSON,

Provincial Engineer.

RETURN
OF
CATTLE AND SHEEP
DRIVEN PAST MR. BLAKE'S CAMP,
ON THEIR ROAD TO HOKITIKA,
FROM 1ST DECEMBER, 1865, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1866.

RETURN OF CATTLE AND SHEEP
DRIVEN PAST MR. BLAKE'S CAMP ON THEIR ROAD TO HOKITIKA.

	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	DATE.	TOTAL.
	1865:	1866:									
	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	
CATTLE	449	557	775	987	949	575	508	1,083	931	1,007	7,821
GOATS ... ..	...	...	...	230	...	...	...	...	...	...	230
SHEEP	72	440	17	856	810	867	Nil.	2,910	3,310	3,332	12,614

CORRESPONDENCE

ON THE SUBJECT OF

THE ROAD TO THE WEST COAST

BY

THE HURUNUI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE PROVINCIAL ENGINEER.

Public Works Office,
Christchurch, April 9, 1866.

SIR,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 7th instant, forwarding specification and estimate for the improvement of the Hurunui Route.

The Government would have had much pleasure in directing that the whole of the works specified should be proceeded with, but, as you rightly observe, there exists an urgent necessity for economy in the expenditure of public funds, and under the circumstances I can only authorise the carrying out of your suggestion, that a sum of about £600 may be expended upon the improvement of the Hurunui saddle and its eastern and western approaches. I trust that the expenditure of this sum will be sufficient to make a fair track for pack horses and stock over the saddle.

As a general principle, I think it desirable that all public works should be let by tender: in this instance, however, as the saving of time is an important object, owing to the approach of winter, the Government will authorise your entrusting the execution of the work to Mr. George Gibbs, of Woodend, who must be prepared to proceed with it forthwith.

I have the honor to remain Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. E. STEWART,

Secretary for Public Works.

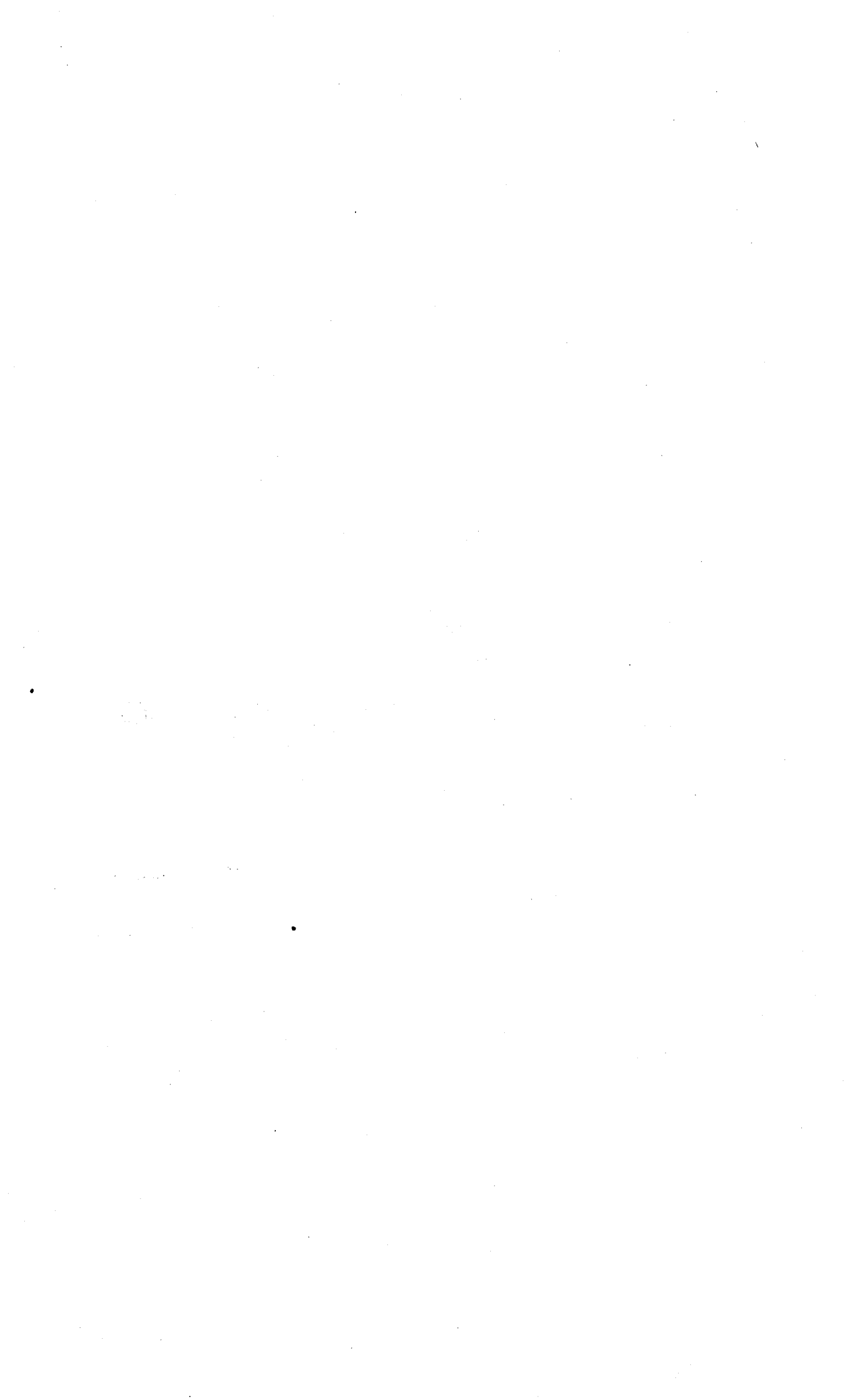
R E P O R T

OF

THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

ON

IMMIGRATION.



REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

The Committee, having read several letters of Mr. Marshman's, bearing on the Immigration system, and having taken the evidence of Mr. Blakiston, Assistant Provincial Secretary; of Mr. Armstrong, Immigration Officer; of Mr. Mackay, Assistant Immigration Officer, and of Mr. March, clerk in the Immigration Office, beg to report—

That it does not appear from the evidence that there is at present any Contract existing for the conveyance of Emigrants from England to this Province.

The Committee are of opinion that the present method of allowing the Emigration Agent, Mr. Marshman, to employ any vessels he pleases without calling for tenders, and his system of giving each contract to one firm, is not conducive to economy, and creates an injurious monopoly in the carriage of merchandise.

The Committee are of opinion that the Emigration Agent has not exercised proper precaution in the selection of the class of single women required for the Province, and that in some cases the surgeons and matrons were inefficient for the duties required of them. The Committee also wish strongly to express their disapproval of the general tone of some of the Agent's Letters to the Provincial Government which have been laid before them.

The Committee would recommend that an Emigration Agent should continue to select the Emigrants, but that the whole of the shipping arrangements should be placed in the hands of the Park-street Commissioners.

The Committee would recommend that single women between the ages of 12 to 30 should have free passages, and in the case of grown-up families (particularly daughters) the parents and sons should be allowed assistance to the extent of one-half the passage money. The remaining half to be paid before embarkation, or if preferred, by bills given by friends in the Province to the extent of two-thirds of such passage money, instead of one-half in cash.

The Committee are of opinion that in all cases where practicable the relatives of Female Emigrants should accompany them, as the Committee think it of very great importance that family ties should not be broken. The Committee believe that a better class of young women would be induced to come out if accompanied by their parents, or other near relatives, and the protection of those relatives would exercise a beneficial effect upon their character.

The Committee are of opinion that no Promissory Notes should be taken in England on any account whatever from Emigrants for passage money.

The Committee beg to report that they are convinced, on the whole of the evidence taken, that it is highly advisable to do away with the present system of Immigration entirely, and that Assisted Emigrants should be sent out under the Park-street Commissioners upon a similar system to that adopted in Queensland and other Colonies, and that for the purpose of receiving applications here, and attending generally to the interest of the Immigrants on landing, the services of an Immigration Officer at a salary not exceeding £300 per annum, and a Clerk, as at present, would be quite ample for the duties. The Committee are also of opinion that the Charitable Aid Fund could be administered by the same officials.

The Committee are of opinion that no person should be allowed to engage servants on board ship at Lyttelton without the written consent of the Immigration Officer.

The Committee find that there is a debt of £32,500 due to the Immigration Department; and are of opinion that very great laxity has been shown by the Immigration Officer in taking measures to collect that amount, and that several thousand pounds have, in all probability, been lost. The Committee believe that a further considerable loss will take place, unless some efficient measures are at once taken for the purpose of compelling payment.

That for this purpose the Committee are of opinion that the Immigration Officer and Clerk should (in the event of the suggestions of the Committee being adopted) be instructed, as part of their duties, to undertake the collection of the large balance now outstanding, and that power should be given them by the Government to take vigorous measures for carrying this suggestion into effect.

D. DAVIS,

Chairman.

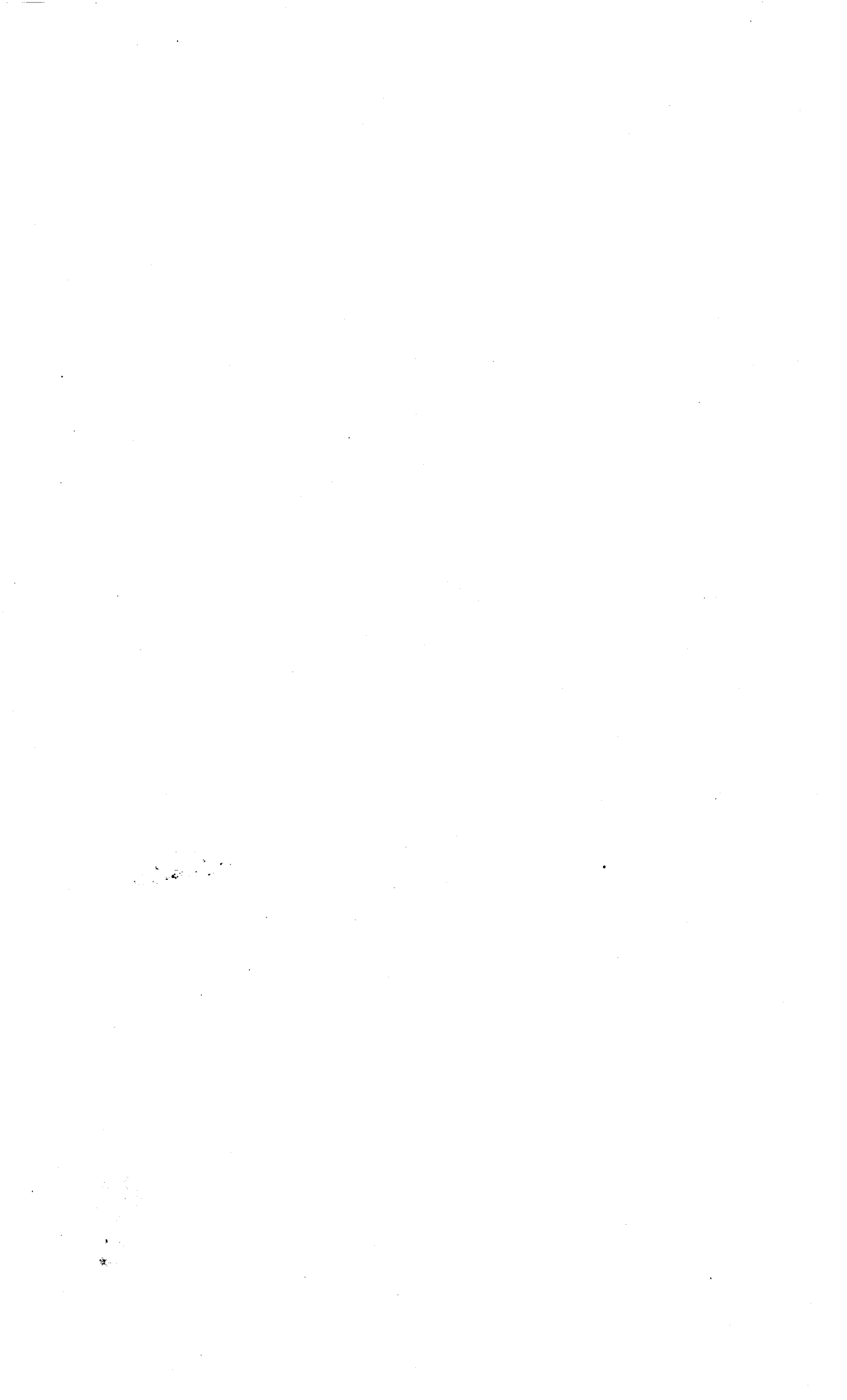
R E P O R T.

OF

T H E S E L E C T C O M M I T T E E

I N T H E M A T T E R O F

P R E - E M P T I V E R I G H T S.



PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS.

The Committee, in accordance with the Resolution by which they were appointed, propose to divide their Report into two parts, the first reporting upon the working of the Waste Lands Regulations in the matter of Pre-emptive Rights; the second as to the advisability of Roads being reserved through unsurveyed sections.

P A R T I.

AS TO THE WORKING OF THE WASTE LANDS REGULATIONS IN THE MATTER OF PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS.

The Committee, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution, have taken the evidence of the following persons, viz. :—Mr. W. G. Brittan, the Commissioner of the Waste Lands Board; Mr. T. Cass, the Chief Surveyor; Mr. C. Davie, Assistant Chief Surveyor; Mr. J. Williams, Mr. W. T. L. Travers, Mr. E. G. Wright, Mr. C. Clark, Mr. E. Reece, Mr. Travis, Mr. J. G. Brown, Mr. F. T. Haskins.

The evidence at length will be found appended to this Report. The Committee have also procured the following Returns, viz. :—

Schedule of Improvements in respect of which Improvement Pre-emptive Rights are granted by the Waste Lands Board.

Return of Pre-emptive Rights on Runs existing October 30, 1866.

Return of Pre-emptive Rights on Runs purchased either by holder or by challenger from April 1, 1856, to June 30, 1866.

Return showing—

1. Total acreage of Crown Lands held under the various classes of Pre-emptive Rights on September 30, 1866.
2. The Road Districts in which the various class of Pre-emptive Rights have been granted.
3. The total acreage of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights granted in each year, commencing February 11, 1858, and ending September 30, 1866.

These Returns have been laid upon the table of the Council.

Pre-emptive Rights are divided into three classes—Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights, Homestead Pre-emptive Rights, and Improvement Pre-emptive Rights. Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights were granted by the Canterbury Association to purchasers of land at the rate of five acres of Pre-emptive Right for every acre purchased. These Pre-emptive Rights were originally held upon peculiarly favourable conditions, which have been considerably modified by the existing Regulations. These are, as will be seen, held now by a less secure tenure than Homestead or Improvement Pre-emptive Rights. Homestead Pre-emptive Rights are granted under the 60th clause of the Waste Lands Regulations, which enacts that the holder of a Pasturage License shall be entitled to a Pre-emptive Right over a block of land comprising and circumjacent to his homestead or principal station, containing 250 acres, if the run exceeds 5000 acres, and containing a quantity equivalent to 5 per cent. on the acreage of the run if it do not exceed that amount.

Improvement Pre-emptive Rights are granted under the latter part of the same 60th clause, which enacts that every holder of a Pasturage License shall be entitled to a Pre-emptive Right over all lands occupied by any buildings, enclosures, plantation, cultivations, or any such other improvements as shall, in the judgment of the Waste Lands Board, be deemed sufficient for the purposes of this clause, together with fifty acres comprising and circumjacent to the lands so occupied or improved. The total extent of Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights is now 44,356 acres, of Homestead Pre-emptive Rights 47,939

acres, and of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights 112,400 acres. The total extent of Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights originally granted was 85,465 acres. The total extent of Homestead Pre-emptive Rights granted from 11th February, 1858, to the 30th of September last, is 52,228 acres. The total extent of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights granted during the same period is 111,946 acres.

It is needless to say that no more land can now be taken up under Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights, and little, if any, under Homestead Pre-emptive Rights, as all the country available for pasturage purposes is already occupied.

The number of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights may however be increased indefinitely, and will of course constantly extend as new improvements are made. As will be seen by the return, the number of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights has increased very rapidly, especially during the last two years, the increase being in a great extent referable to the large amount of fencing that has been erected during that period, although a considerable number of Pre-emptive Rights has been granted for other improvements. It is evident that the granting of Pre-emptive Rights in respect of improvements has, in many cases, interfered and will continue to interfere with the settlement of the country by freeholders.

The Committee however do not consider it within their province to give an opinion on the general question of the policy or impolicy of protecting improvements made by runholders by granting Pre-emptive Rights or otherwise. They wish to confine their observations to the system of Pre-emptive Rights as at present existing under the Waste Land Regulations, and to point out some of its most prominent features. An Improvement Pre-emptive Right is obtained by a runholder on application to the Waste Land Board. The runholder must in his application set out the nature and value of the improvements, and the position of the land over which he asks for a Pre-emptive Right. The Pre-emptive Right is then granted by the Board, subject to the improvements being found satisfactory; but as a matter of fact no further enquiry is made as to the nature or value of the improvements, unless some person challenging should object to the validity of the Pre-emptive Right, on the ground of the improvements being insufficient. In such a case a special survey is ordered by the Board. In all other cases the Board relies solely on a written statement signed by the applicant. Instructions have been recently issued to the District Surveyors to report upon any cases where the improvements on a Pre-emptive Right coming under their observation are manifestly insufficient, and the Government propose immediately to appoint them Assistant Inspectors of Pre-emptive Rights.

The description and value of the improvements in respect of which a Pre-emptive Right is to be granted is left (as will be seen by clause 60 of the Waste Land Regulations) in a great degree to the discretion of the Board.

The value of improvements for which a Pre-emptive Right of fifty acres must be claimed was formerly fixed by the Board at £20, but since 1861, when the value was raised in consequence of a recommendation of a Select Committee of this Council, it has been fixed at £50. The nature of the improvements for which the Board has decided to grant Improvement Pre-emptive Rights will be seen in the Schedule annexed.

It appears that the Board, in granting Improvement Pre-emptive Rights, does not take into consideration the fact of the improvements erected being necessary for working the run.

It would have been much more satisfactory if the exact nature and value of the improvements for which a Pre-emptive Right could be claimed had been fixed by law, and that in this, as well as in other matters, the action of the Board had been purely ministerial. By the 62nd clause of the Waste Land Regulations it is enacted that the lands included in a Pre-emptive Right may be of such form as the applicant shall choose, but any land purchased by him in the exercise of such right shall be subject as to form and frontage to the Regulations relating to purchased sections. The Board has taken upon itself the responsibility of disregarding this clause, and with one exception declines to grant Pre-emptive Rights other than those of the form and frontage of purchased sections. The Board in so doing has apparently acted beyond the law, but as they conceived in accordance with the spirit of the Land Regulations. The Board is anxious that this section should be amended. The exception above alluded to is where the Pre-emptive Right is granted in respect of a fence running along a road or river. In such case the Board will grant a Pre-emptive Right over fifty acres (forty chains by twelve and a half chains,) having forty chains frontage to the road or river, and running back twelve and a half chains. A person wishing to purchase a fifty-acre section could only take up twelve and a half chains frontage to the road or river, and would

have to run back forty chains. The Pre-emptive Right over fifty acres in this case covers the frontage of 160 acres of land. The right of Pre-emption as to all classes of Pre-emptive Rights must be exercised within a week after notice for all lands within twenty miles of Christchurch, and within a month for all lands at a greater distance. The right is exercised by a deposit of 10 per cent. of the purchase money with the Waste Land Board, and the holder of the Pre-emptive Right has six weeks beyond the week or month to pay the balance.

A considerable difference exists between Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Rights on the one hand, and Homestead and Improvement Pre-emptive Rights on the other. Where a Canterbury Association Pre-emptive Right, or any part of it, is challenged, the holder, if he does not buy the whole of what is challenged, loses his right of pre-emption over the balance, which becomes immediately waste land of the Crown, and is open for purchase: where, however, an Homestead or Improvement Pre-emptive Right is challenged, the holder may purchase twenty acres of it, and still retain his Pre-emptive Right over the remainder, and by from time to time purchasing twenty acres exhaust the patience of an intending purchaser. The committee think that this latter privilege, on account of the vexation and loss of time it has caused to purchasers, has given rise to much of the dissatisfaction which exists.

The principal defects of the present system seem therefore to be:—

1. The large discretion given to the Waste Land Board as to granting or withholding Improvement Pre-emptive Rights.

2. The unsatisfactory nature of the evidence on which Improvement Pre-emptive Rights are granted.

3. The fact that Improvement Pre-emptive Rights can be granted in respect of improvements not required for working the run.

4. The wording of the 62nd clause, which enables a Pre-emptive Right to be taken up in such form as the applicant shall choose.

5. The length of time given to exercise the Right of Pre-emption, and to pay the purchase money.

6. The facilities afforded for obstructing purchasers by the holders of Improvement and Homestead Pre-emptive Rights being able to buy twenty acres at a time of the part challenged, and still to retain the Right of Pre-emption over the balance. The effect of this has been to deter persons from challenging Pre-emptive Rights on account of the annoyance and loss of time to which they would be subjected, and consequently to render the tenure of a Pre-emptive Right more secure than was originally contemplated, or than is really necessary for protecting the improvements.

7. The fact that the Pre-emptive Right holder is allowed to cultivate the Pre-emptive Rights and compete with the freeholder, although he is practically free from the payment of rents and rates.

To these objections must be added the expense of serving the notices of challenge and the survey and inspection of Pre-emptive Rights, which is borne by the public; on the other hand it must be said that the system of Improvement Pre-emptive Rights has encouraged runholders to erect improvements, and especially fences, which have increased to a great extent the capacity of the Province for carrying stock, and have assisted to check the spread of disease. In the opinion of many it would be almost impossible to work runs on the Plains with the present amount of stock on them were not fences erected. It has been already said that the total extent of Pre-emptive Rights is at present 112,400 acres; and therefore, assuming the Pre-emptive Rights to have been granted at the rate of fifty acres for every £50 expended according to the scale adopted by the Board, there has been no less a sum than £112,400 expended in Improvement Pre-emptive Rights.

It is difficult to say how far the free selection of land has been obstructed by the system. There seems no reason to doubt that a great proportion of the Improvement Pre-emptive Rights have been taken up for the *bonâ fide* purpose of protecting improvements, and irrespective of the character of the land over which they were placed; and according to the evidence of the Chief Surveyor, the great bulk of them is on land not worth £2 per acre. This, however, is by no means without exception, as the instances of cultivating Pre-emptive Rights given in evidence show clearly.

The evident tendency of the existing system is sooner or later to place a much larger area of the country under Improvement Pre-emptive Rights than was originally intended.

PART II.

AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF RESERVING ROADS THROUGH UNSURVEYED SECTIONS.

The Committee report that they are of opinion that the Waste Land Board should have discretionary power to reserve rights of road through purchased sections until such time as the Crown Grants are issued.

That a per-centage of acreage should be given in all cases where rights of road are reserved.

That upon the application of any purchaser of land through which rights of road have been reserved to the Waste Land Board, the Chief Surveyor shall, within three months from such application, lay out through such land such roads as may be required, and if this is not done within the three months the right of road shall lapse.

That if in any case the purchaser shall feel aggrieved by the manner in which roads are laid out through his land he shall be at liberty to appeal to the Superintendent and Executive Council, whose decision shall be final.

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