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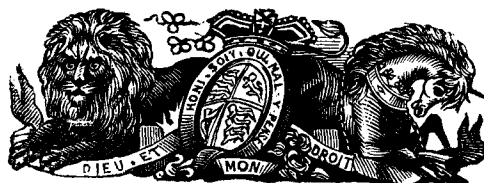
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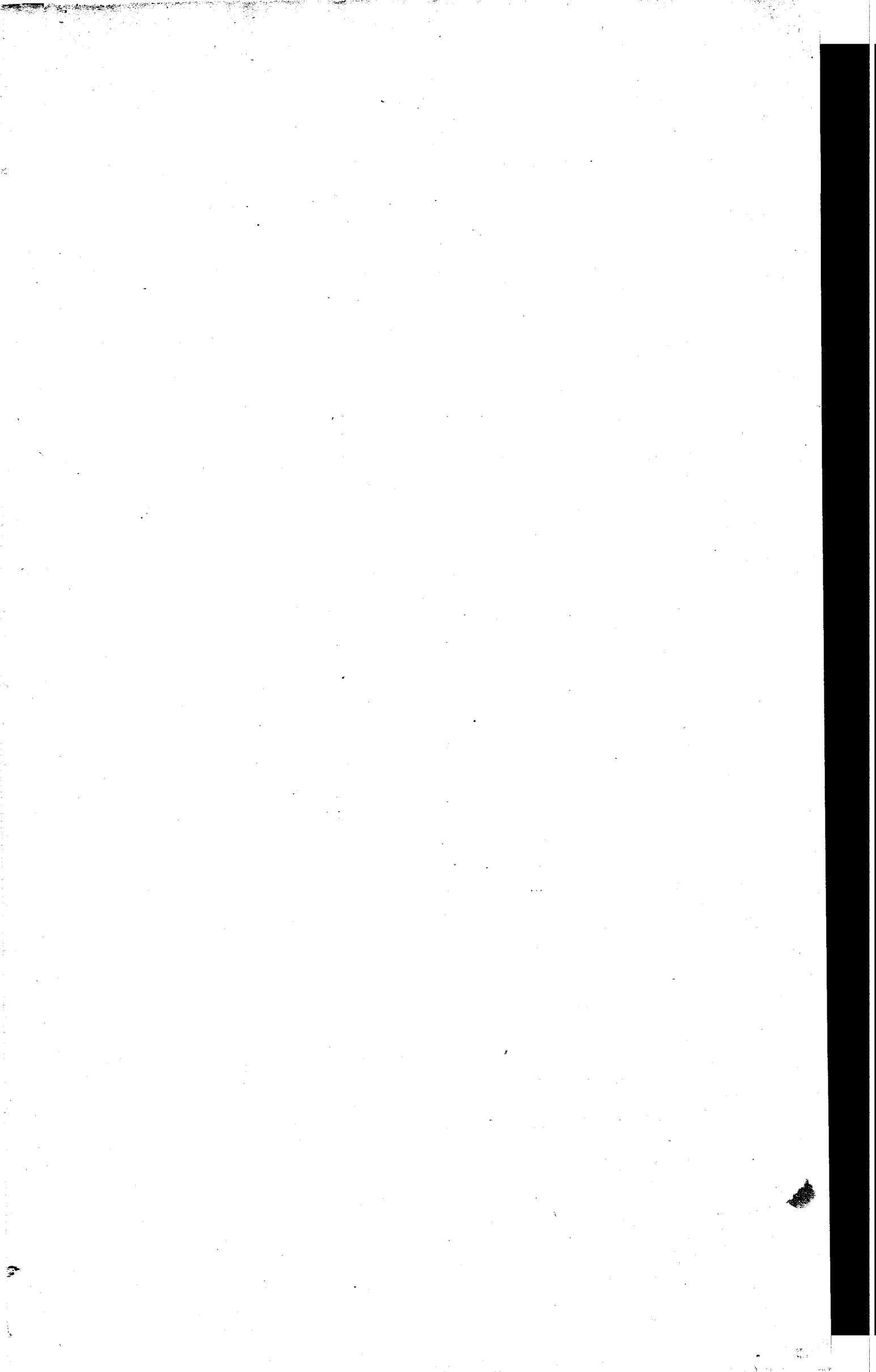
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		Date.	Page.	Date.	Page.	
1	Confirmation of the appointment of W. H. Reynolds, Esq., as Speaker	May 1	1	Referred to Select Committee, May 6 ; Report brought up, May 16 ; Report adopted, May 17.
2	Lease of Reynolds' Bonded Store Sites	May 3	7	May 17	35	
3	Sabbath Traffic by Drays and Waggons (transmitting two Petitions from Taieri District praying for prohibition of) ...	May 7	11	Considered in Committee of Supply, in connection with item, "Dock, £50,000."
4	Transmitting certain Correspondence relating to the Refusal of Delegated Powers over the Gold Fields	May 8	15	.....	...
5	Transmitting Correspondence respecting the Construction of pro-Dry Dock at Port Chalmers	May 14	21	
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9	Amendments in the Gold Fields Provincial Management Bill	May 17	33	May 17	33	
10	Assenting to Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill...	May 20	36	.....	...
11	Transmitting List of Sections applied for in the Towns of Lawrence and Waipori	May 21	39	.....	...
12	Assenting to the Gold Fields Provincial Management Bill	May 21	39	.....	...
13	Transmitting Supplementary Estimates No. 1	May 23	44	.....	...
14	Assenting to the Administration of Justice, and Fencing Bills	May 27	47	.....	...
15	Appointment of Assessors under the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866"	May 27	47	May 31	61	
16	Transmitting Communication from Mr. Wm. Murray of Port Chalmers, respecting the immediate construction of a Floating Dock	May 28	51	June 3	65, 66	
17	Transmitting Supplementary Estimates No. 2	May 29	54	

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SHORT TITLE.	INTRODUCED AND READ FIRST TIME.	READ SECOND TIME.	COMMITTED.	RE-COMMITTED.	READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.	REMARKS.
Administration of Justice	May 6—Provincial Solicitor	May 15	May 15	...*	May 15	Assented to May 27.
Appropriation	May 29—Provincial Solicitor	May 29	May 29	...	May 29	Assented to May 31.
Bush Reserves	May 10—Mr. Mosley	...	...	...	...	Lapsed May 29.
Dog Nuisance Ordinance 1862 Amendment	May 10—Mr. Haughton	...	...	...	...	Withdrawn by Mr. Haughton May 29.
Dunedin Building Ordinance 1862 Amendment	May 1—Provincial Solicitor	May 3	...	...	...	Withdrawn by Provincial Solicitor May 31.
Dunedin Reserves Management	May 6—Provincial Solicitor	May 8	May 8	...	May 15	Reserved June 5.
Fencing	May 1—Provincial Solicitor	May 3	May 15	May 17	May 20	Referred to a Select Committee May 3. Assented to May 27.
Gold Fields Provincial Management	May 1—Provincial Solicitor	May 2	May 2	May 17	May 2	Assented to May 21.
Immigration and British Agent Ordinance 1854 Amendment	May 23—Provincial Solicitor	May 31	May 31	...	May 31	Assented to June 5.
Licensing Ordinance 1865 Amendment	May 14—Provincial Solicitor	...	...	...	...	Ordered to "be read a second time this day six months," May 16.
Neglected and Criminal Children	May 22—Provincial Solicitor	May 29	May 29	...	May 30	Assented to June 5.
Oamaru Town Board Ordinance 1862 Repeal	May 2—Provincial Solicitor	May 6	May 6	...	May 6	Reserved June 5.
Otago Loan	May 22—Provincial Solicitor	May 29	May 31	...	May 31	Reserved June 5.
Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal	May 2—Provincial Solicitor	May 6	May 6	...	May 6	Reserved June 5.
Provincial Wardens Courts Jurisdiction Extension... ..	May 27—Provincial Solicitor	May 31	May 31	...	May 31	Assented to June 5.
Sheep	May 6—Provincial Solicitor	May 8	May 31	...	May 31	Referred to a Select Committee May 8. Assented to June 5.
Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest	May 14—Provincial Solicitor	May 16	May 16	...	May 16	Assented to May 20.
Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest (No. 2)	June 3—Provincial Solicitor	June 3	June 3	...	June 3	Reserved June 5.
Turnpikes Ordinance 1866 Amendment	May 6—Provincial Solicitor	May 8	May 8	...	May 8	Assented to June 5.

No. III.—ABSTRACT OF ADDRESSES AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

ORDER.	SUBJECT.	MOVER OF MOTION.	PASSED.		REPLIED TO.	
			DATE.	PAGE.	DATE.	PAGE.
1	Appointment of W. H. Reynolds, Esq., as Speaker	Provincial Treasurer ...	May 1	1	May 1	1
2	Reply to His Honor's opening Address	Mr. Thomson	May 2	5, 6	...	...
3	Reserves for purposes of Public Recreation, Lawrence	Provincial Secretary	May 7	11	...	...
4	One Million Loan	Provincial Treasurer	May 7	11	May 22	42
5	Council Hall Fittings	Mr. Hay	May 8	15	May 15	25
6	Allowance to Country Members	Mr. Tayler	May 8	16	...	...
7	Resolutions on Gold Fields Management	Provincial Treasurer	May 8	16	...	...
8	Resolutions respecting the Provinces	Provincial Treasurer	May 9	18	...	...
9	Unauthorised Expenditure	Provincial Treasurer	May 10	20	...	...
10	Pleuro-pneumonia	Mr. Muir and Mr. Fraser	May 14	22	...	...
11	Light-houses at Cape Saunders and the Nuggets	Mr. Burns	May 14	22	...	...
12	Electric Telegraph Ordinance 1862 (Violation of provisions of)	Mr. Millar	May 14	23	...	...
13	Agents on the Gold Fields	Mr. Hay	May 14	23	...	...
14	Letter from Mr. Fox to Superintendent of Otago, dated 19th June, 1862	Mr. M'Indoe, for Mr. Mitchell	May 14	23	...	...
15	Reserves for a Municipal Estate, Milton	Provincial Secretary	May 15	27	...	...
16	Separation	Mr. Millar	May 15	26, 27	...	...
17	Carnie's Petition (Transmitting Report of Select Committee on)	Mr. M'Indoe	May 16	30	...	...
18	Bush Lands	Mr. Mosley	May 17	33	...	...
19	Duty on Gold	Mr. Shepherd	May 17	33	...	...
20	Instruction in Music for the Public Schools	Mr. Reid	May 17	34	...	...
21	His Honor's Message No. 2 (Transmitting copy Report of Select Committee on)	Mr. Mouat	May 17	35	...	...
22	Plans and Specifications of projected Dry Dock	Mr. Millar	May 20	36	...	...
23	Select Committee Rooms	Mr. Burns	May 21	39	...	...
24	Educational Reserves (with List laid on Table May 15)	Provincial Solicitor	May 22	42	...	...
25	Reserve as Site for a Mechanics' Institute or Public Library, Palmerston	Mr. Mitchell	May 22	42	...	...
26	Reserve as Site for a Mechanics' Institute or Public Library, Hawksbury	Mr. Mitchell	May 22	42	...	...
27	Tenders for Government Contracts	Mr. Hughes, for Mr. Brown	May 23	45	...	...
28	Reserve as Site for Mechanics' Institute, Hampden	Mr. Hutcheson	May 23	45	...	...
29	Regulation of Elections Act (Vote by Ballot)	Mr. Shepherd	May 23	45	...	...
30	Instruction in Drawing for the Public Schools	Mr. Reid	May 23	45	...	...
31	School Fees	Mr. M'Indoe	May 27	48	...	...
32	Sites for Government Buildings in Gold Fields Towns... ..	Provincial Solicitor	May 27	48	...	...
33	Bridge at the Taieri Junction	Mr. Reid	May 28	51	...	...
34	Bridle Track from Lawrence to Blue Spur, Gabriel's	Mr. Hay	May 28	52
35	Loan of £5,000 to the Dunedin Water Works Company	Mr. Main	May 28	52

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ORDER.	SUBJECT.	MOVER OF MOTION.	PASSED.		REPLIED TO.	
			DATE.	PAGE.	DATE.	PAGE.
36	Schoolmasters' Libraries	Mr. Barr	May 29	55
37	Prizes to District Schools	Mr. Barr	May 29	55	May 29	...
38	Entrance to Harbor, Port Molyneux	Mr. Henderson	May 29	55	May 29	...
39	Subsidy to Wakatipu Hospital	Mr. Shepherd, for Mr. Mouat	May 29	55	May 29	...
40	Bridge over Carron Creek, &c.	Mr. Muir	May 29	55	May 29	...
41	Compensation to Southern Steam Navigation Company	Mr. Julius... ..	May 29	56	May 29	...
42	Road, "Waitahuna to Main Line"	Mr. Mouat... ..	May 29	57	...	...
43	Assessors under the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866," (Reply to Message No. 15)	Provincial Treasurer	May 31	61	...	...
44	Reserves for Municipal Purposes, Balclutha	Capt. Mackenzie, for Mr. Thomson	May 31	62	...	...
45	Clutha Bridge, Balclutha... ..	Mr. Turnbull	June 3	64	...	...
46	Glenore and Tokomairiro Petition (transmitting Report of Select Committee on)	Mr. Fraser	June 3	65	...	...
47	Floating Dock, Port Chalmers (in reply to Message No. 16)	Mr. Burns	June 3	65, 66	...	..
48	Southern Trunk Railway Resolutions	Mr. Sibbald	June 3	66	...	...
49	Defence against Attack from Seaboard	Mr. Fraser... ..	June 4	69	...	...
50	Resolutions respecting Dunedin Corporation	Mr. Turnbull	June 4	69	...	...
51	New Hundred in West Taieri District	Mr. Reid	June 4	70	June 5	73
52	Provincial Council Apartments, &c.	Mr. Julius... ..	June 4	70
53	Runs 35, 36, and 94 (new Hundred)	Mr. Clark	June 4	70	June 5	73

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No. IV.—SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION.

ORDER	SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	MOVER.	[APPOINTED.	REPORTED.	REMARKS.
1	House ...	Mr. France, Mr. Julius, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Driver, Mr. Reid, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Duncan.	Mr. Duncan	May 1	Time to time	Interim Report, May 27. (<i>See Reports of Select Committees, page 4.</i>) Report considered and amended, May 31 and June 4.
2	Printing...	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. M'Indoe, Capt. Mackenzie and Mr. Vogel.	Mr. Vogel	May 2	Time to time	Interim Report May 6. (<i>See Reports of Select Committees, page 1.</i>) Report considered and recommendation negatived, May 6.
3	Standing Orders...	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Burns, Mr. Main, Mr. Millar, Mr. Reid and Mr. Haggitt.	Mr. Haggitt	May 2	May 3	See <i>Reports of Select Committees, page 1.</i> Report considered and adopted, May 6.
4	Private Petitions...	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Main, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Mollison.	Mr. Mollison	May 2	Time to time	Interim Reports brought up :— <i>May 14.</i> —No. 1, George Henry Short ; No. 2, Mathew Bailey Muir. <i>May 17.</i> —No. 3, David Kirby. <i>May 23.</i> —No. 4, Williams and M'Laren. <i>May 27.</i> —No. 5, John Stoddart ; and No. 6, David Ross. <i>May 29.</i> —No. 7, John Nugent Wood. (<i>Reports of Select Committees, pages 11 and 12.</i>)
5	Dunedin Corporation ...	Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Muir, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Vogel, Mr. Sibbald and Mr. Turnbull.	Mr. Vogel	May 3	May 29	Mr. Sibbald and Mr. Turnbull added, on motion of Provincial Treasurer, May 7. (<i>Reports of Select Committees, page 3.</i>) Resolutions brought up by Committee considered, June 4.
6	Fencing Bill ...	Mr. Main, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Burns.	Mr. Burns	May 3	May 14	<i>Reports of Select Committees, page 7.</i>
7	Message No. 2 ...	Mr. Robertson, Mr. Millar, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Main, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Haughton and Mr. Mouat.	Mr. Mouat	May 6	May 16	Appointed by ballot. (<i>Reports of Select Committees, page 8.</i>) Report considered and adopted, May 17.
8	Classification of Convicts ...	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Muir, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Sibbald and Mr. Thomson.	Mr. Thomson	May 7	May 29	<i>Reports of Select Committees, page 4.</i> No action taken on Report.
9	Southern Trunk Railway ...	Mr. Speaker, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Sibbald and Mr. Tayler.	Mr. Sibbald	May 7	May 28	Mr. Tayler added, on motion of Mr. M'Dermid, May 8. (<i>Reports of Select Committees, page 11.</i>) Report considered, June 3.

No. IV.—SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION.--Continued.

ORDER.	SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	MOVER.	APPOINTED.	REPORTED.	REMARKS.
10	Petition of Alex. Carnie {	Mr. Millar, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Driver and Mr. M'Indoe.	Mr. M'Indoe	May 8	May 15	<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 7. Report considered, May 16.
11	Sheep Bill ...	Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Julius, Mr. Main, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Driver, Mr. Reid and Mr. Haggitt.	Mr. Haggitt	May 8	May 21	<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 1. Report considered in Committee on <i>Sheep Bill</i> . (See Bills.)
12	Harbor Department	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Seaton and Mr. Thomson.	Mr. Thomson	May 15	May 22	Appointed by Ballot. (<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 2.) Report considered and recommendations of Committee negated, May 30.
13	Separation ...	Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Vogel and Mr. Millar.	Mr. Millar	May 15	May 28	<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 9. Report considered and adopted, June 3.
14	Gold Fields ...	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Vogel, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Hay and Mr. Brown.	Mr. Brown	May 16	June 3 and 4	Appointed by Ballot. <i>June 3</i> .—Interim Reports No. 1 (Charles Henry Hertslett's Petition) and No. 2 (respecting the refusal of certain witnesses to give evidence. <i>June 4</i> .—Final Report. (<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , pages 6 and 7.) Interim Report No. 2 considered, June 3.
15	Taieri District { Petition	Mr. Driver, Mr. Shand, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Millar and Mr. Reid.	Mr. Reid	May 16	May 23	Appointed by Ballot. (<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 8.) Report considered and "Previous Question" carried, May 27.
16	Petition of Southern Steam Navigation Co... {	Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Reid, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Julius, Mr. Tayler and Mr. Driver.	Mr. Driver	May 17	May 28	Appointed by Ballot. (<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 10.) Motion by Mr. Julius, embodying recommendation of Committee, affirmed, May 29.
17	Glenore and Tokomairiro { Petition	Mr. Hughes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reid, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Mouat and Mr. Clark.	Mr. Clark	May 21	May 28	<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 10. Report considered and adopted, June 3.
18	High School ...	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Reid, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Mosley.	Mr. Mosley	May 22	June 3	<i>Reports of Select Committees</i> , page 5. Report considered and recommendations of Committee adopted, June 5.

No. V.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION.

ORDER.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	FROM WHOM.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE.	NO. OF SIGS.	REMARKS.
1	Setting forth certain alleged losses said to have arisen out of a deviation from a certain Contract for making a portion of the Northern Trunk Road, and praying for redress	David Kirby	Mr. Haughton	May 3	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, May 6. Reported on, May 17.
2	For enquiry into the circumstances under which Petitioner's Vessel parted from the Government Moorings at Oamaru, and for redress of alleged grievances	George Henry Short	Mr. Julius	May 3	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, May 6. Reported on, May 14.
3	For redress of alleged grievances consequent upon the alterations made in lowering Church Hill	Matthew Bailey Muir	Mr. Turnbull	May 6	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, May 8. Reported on, May 14.
4	For redress of alleged grievances relative to Petitioner's application for a certain Mining Lease at Switzer's	Alexander Carnie	Mr. M'Indoe	May 7	1	Referred to a Select Committee, May 8. Reported on, May 15.
5	That certain Land proposed to be reserved and set aside for public uses for the Town of Milton, be reserved and set aside for public uses for the Town of Fairfax, in lieu of Milton	Certain Landowners & Residents of Fairfax	Mr. Muir	May 10	29	Considered in connection with Order of the Day No. IV., May 15.
6	For redress of alleged grievances relative to the erection of a Bridge across Silver Stream, near the Taieri Junction	Certain Residents in the Taieri District	Mr. Reid	May 15	56	Referred to a Select Committee, May 16. Reported on, May 23.
7	That steps be taken for the erection of a Bridge across the Waitahuna River, at "Smith's Crossing"	Certain Landowners and others in the Districts of Waitahuna, Pomahaka, Hillend, and Rankleburn	Mr. Clark	May 15	81	} £500 voted for "Waitahuna Bridge."
8	Do. do. do.	Do.	Mr. Clark	May 15	60	
9	For enquiry into the reasons for Petitioner's dismissal from the office of Governor of Dunedin Gaol; and redress of alleged grievances	John Stoddart	Mr. Millar	May 15	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, May 16. Reported on, May 27.
10	For the formation of a Road through the Lower Harbor District	Certain Settlers in the Lower Harbor District	Mr. M'Dermid	May 15	167	"Referred to the Government for consideration," May 16.
11	That provision be made for removing the Obstructions to the Navigation of the Clutha	Certain Landowners and others in the Districts of Clutha, Waitahuna, Popotunoa, Pomahaka, and Tuapeka	Capt. Mackenzie	May 17	51	£100 voted for "Removing Snags, Clutha," and £1000 for "Removing Rocks, Entrance Molyneux."

No. V.—ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS PRESENTED DURING THE SESSION—(Continued).

ORDER.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	FROM WHOM.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE.	NO. OF SIGS.	REMARKS.
12	That provision be made for the construction of a Bridge across the Pomahaka River	Certain Landowners and others in the Districts of Pomahaka, Rankleburn, Popotunoa, Clutha and Tuapeka	Capt. Mackenzie	May 17	61	£500 voted for "Pomahaka Bridge."
13	That an enquiry be instituted into certain alleged facts connected with the Plans, Tenders, &c., for new Government Buildings, with a view to redress of grievances complained of	David Ross	Mr. Turnbull	May 17	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, May 21. Reported on, May 27.
14	That steps be taken to secure certain Land, at Adam's Flat, for Mining Purposes	Certain Residents and others of Glenore and Tokomairiro	Mr. Clark	May 20	80	Referred to a Select Committee, May 21. Reported on, May 28.
15	For enquiry to be made into the circumstances of Petitioner's dismissal from the Provincial Government Service, with a view to redress of alleged grievances	Henry Charles Hertslett	Mr. Julius	May 21	1	Referred to Select Committee on Gold Fields, May 22. Reported on, June 3.
16	For enquiry to be made into alleged grievances relative to the erection, by the Petitioner and Mr. Warden Beetham, of certain Buildings at Frankton and the Arrow, with a view to redress being given him	John Nugent Wood	Mr. Haughton	May 22	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, May 23. Reported on, May 29.
17	That the Road from Palmerston to Coal Point be declared a Main Road	Certain Ratepayers in the Road District of Bushy	Mr. Mitchell	May 23	14	"Referred to the Government for consideration," May 27.
18	That Runs Nos. 35, 36, and 94 be declared into Hundreds	Certain Residents at Tokomairiro, Clutha and Waitahuna	Mr. Clark	May 27	468	Motion by Mr. Clark, embodying prayer of Petition, <i>affirmed</i> , June 4.
19	For declaration of an additional Hundred in the West Taieri District	Certain Settlers of West Taieri	Mr. Reid	May 27	72	Motion by Mr. Reid, embodying prayer of Petition, <i>affirmed</i> , June 4.
20	That certain Land in the Township of Balclutha be reserved for Municipal purposes, &c.	Certain Residents in township of Balclutha, and Clutha District	Mr. Thomson	May 28	40	Motion by Capt. Mackenzie (for Mr. Thomson), to give effect to prayer of Petition, <i>affirmed</i> , May 31.
21	That steps be taken to prohibit Sabbath Traffic by Drays and Waggon	Certain Inhabitants of Palmerston and Shag Valley	Mr. Mitchell	May 29	54	No action taken.
22	Do. do. do.	Certain Inhabitants of Waikouaiti	Mr. Mitchell	May 29	46	Do. do.

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PROCLAMATIONS.

(No. 1.)

By His Honor JAMES MACANDREW, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

WHEREAS a Writ was issued by the Governor of New Zealand to the Principal Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the Province of Otago, requiring and commanding him to cause to be elected by the voters duly qualified for that purpose, freely and indifferently, and in manner and form by law prescribed, a legally qualified person to serve as Superintendent for the said Province of Otago: And whereas (after a nomination on the Fourth day of February instant, and a poll on the Twentieth day of February instant), the said Principal Returning Officer did, upon this Twenty-seventh day of February instant, at a meeting fixed and notified by him for that purpose, at the Provincial Buildings, Dunedin, openly declare and publicly notify that I, JAMES MACANDREW, was duly elected to be Superintendent of the Province of Otago:

Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim and declare that I have assumed the office of Superintendent of the Province of Otago accordingly; and I hereby call upon the inhabitants of the said Province to be aiding and assisting me therein.

(L.S.) Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Otago, at Dunedin, this Twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

(No. 2.)

Meeting of the Provincial Council.

By his Honor James Macandrew, Esq., Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me in that behalf, I do hereby fix and proclaim that the twenty-third Session of the Provincial Council of the Province of Otago, shall be holden within the Provincial Council Hall, Dunedin, in the said Province, and shall commence upon Wednesday, the first day of May next, at twelve o'clock noon; and the Members of the said Council are hereby warned to give their attendance at such time and place accordingly.

(L.S.) Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Otago, at Dunedin, this ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

By his Honor's command,

JOHN MOUAT,
Provincial Secretary.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

SESSION XXIII., 1867.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1.

The Council met at 12 noon, pursuant to Proclamation of 9th April, 1867.

The Clerk read the Proclamation, and intimated that it devolved upon the House forthwith to proceed to the election of Speaker.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Thomson seconded :—“That William Hunter Reynolds, Esq., do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”

Question put by the Clerk and affirmed by the House *nem. con.*

Mr. Speaker elect (from the step of the Speaker's platform) expressed his sense of the honor conferred, and also intimated his willingness to act.

The Provincial Treasurer moved and the Provincial Secretary seconded :—“That the Mover and Seconder be appointed a deputation to proceed to His Honor the Superintendent, to announce the appointment of Mr. Reynolds as Speaker, for His Honor's approval and confirmation.”—*Affirmed.*

The Provincial Treasurer and Mr. Thomson withdrew from the Chambers, and having returned :—

Message No. 1 from his Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read by the Clerk.

(MESSAGE No. 1.)

The Superintendent intimates to the Provincial Council that he has confirmed their election of William Hunter Reynolds, Esq., as Speaker of the Provincial Council.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

May 1, 1867.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the usual Prayer.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Chambers, delivered his opening Address, and withdrew.

ADDRESS.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

I have called you together at the earliest possible moment, chiefly for the purpose of procuring the necessary supplies for the Public Service of the Province. With this view, the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be submitted to you as early as possible; and I trust that provision will be made so as to enable the Public Service to be carried on without interruption, under the authority of law.

It cannot but be a matter of congratulation to us all that, in entering upon our respective duties, the financial position of the Province is satisfactory, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances against which it has had to contend, and the vast drain upon its resources which is constantly going on, to satisfy the requirements of the General Government.

The Estimates will be framed with a special regard to economising the Departmental Expenditure, by reducing, where practicable, the number of officers. Some proposed Departmental changes will be submitted to you, which I trust will receive your earnest attention.

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With reference to Railways, you are no doubt aware that the Government, in accordance with what I believe to be the almost unanimous desire throughout the Province, has despatched Mr W. C. Young as Special Commissioner to England, for the purpose of negotiating for the construction of the Southern Trunk Railway.

The disallowance, by the General Government, of the Guarantee Interest Ordinance of last session has, to some extent, lessened the chance of Mr. Young's immediate success. With a view of assisting Mr. Young, you will be asked to re-enact the Ordinance of last session, altered to meet, if possible, the objections of the General Government; failing which, I trust we may succeed in getting an Act passed through the General Assembly which may enable us to offer such terms as shall ensure the success of Mr. Young's mission. It cannot be supposed that what has been conceded to almost every other Province in New Zealand will be denied to us when the question comes to be submitted to the General Assembly. The correspondence upon this subject which has passed between the General Government and myself will be laid before you.

It is proposed, in the next session of the General Assembly, to get the Railway Act, 1866, amended, so as to provide for certain tunneling, deviations, and improvements, should the constructors of the Railway deem such to be advantageous. In case of need, the provisions of the disallowed Provincial Ordinance can be inserted in the amended Colonial Act.

It is a question whether it may not be advisable to take power to extend the guarantee from £400,000 to £500,000. As to this, I shall have to be guided by your opinion.

As regards the question of Railways generally, I regret to find that a feeling of jealousy exists in some portions of the Province with respect to the Southern Trunk Line, which is looked upon as conferring an advantage upon the Central portion of the Province at the expense of the extremities. You will disclaim any such idea. If Railways could be constructed simultaneously all over the Province, it would be highly desirable: as it is, the line in question must be regarded simply as a commencement; and so soon as it is begun, it will be our duty to take steps to extend it in other directions. Should Mr. Young succeed in his present mission, we need not anticipate difficulty in the matter of extension.

There are various subjects of public importance, in which the initiative has been taken, and with respect to which I am confident of concurrent action on your part. I may allude, specially, to the erection of a Bridge across the Waitaki. I have been in communication with the Superintendent of Canterbury touching this matter, and the correspondence will be laid before you.

You will also be furnished with a copy of correspondence with the General Government, respecting the application of the Land Registry Act, 1862, to the whole Province. I feel persuaded that, if the practical initiation of this Act were intrusted to the Provincial Government, as suggested in my letter to the Colonial Secretary, it would not remain longer as a dead letter in the Statute Book of the Colony; but that its provisions would be extensively taken advantage of.

I have also been in communication with the General Government respecting the erection of lights at Cape Saunders and the Nuggets; and have offered, subject to your approval, to construct both and hand them over to the General Government complete, the Province to find the lighting apparatus, and the General Government to provide the cost of the buildings. Should you concur in these proposals, it would be well to pass special resolutions expressive thereof for transmission to the General Government.

I have also written to His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, with a view to introducing the salmon into our rivers from that colony. Before the session is over, I hope to submit some practical proposition for your approval, in order to this end.

It will be recollected that, some years ago, the Government offered a bonus of £500 as an inducement to the manufacture of Paper from the Native Flax. There is reason to believe that, had the amount been larger, a Paper Manufactory would have, before now, been in operation. I trust you will enable me to offer a more adequate bonus. The attention of the Government has been directed to the vast importance of Russian Flax as a staple article of export; and I propose to place a small sum on the Estimates for the purpose of stimulating agriculturists to cultivate the plant, for the advantageous growth of which it appears that this Province is peculiarly adapted.

Among the Public Works which have been initiated since last session, there is, perhaps, none more important than that of deepening the Upper Harbor. I am glad to say that vessels drawing 12 feet will be enabled very shortly to load and discharge at a Dunedin wharf, and that this desirable object will be effected at a cost quite within our means, and trifling compared to the benefit which will accrue.

It is much to be regretted that, from untoward circumstances, the Graving Dock has not yet been commenced. Should the arrangement for its construction not assume some practical aspect before the session is over, it may become the duty of the Government to take the matter in hand, in which case it will be necessary that it shall be empowered by Ordinance so to do.

I need not impress upon you how much the prosperity of the Province depends upon the Port of Otago being rendered in every respect available for commerce; the direct loss which the Province has sustained by the want of a Dry Dock, and the neglect of Dredging, is incalculable. It would be a wise and enlightened policy to spare no money in improving our Harbor, and to make the dues on shipping as light as possible.

You will be asked to make provision by which we may be enabled to resume Immigration on a large scale; and in doing so we must not lose sight of the fact that Capital as well as Labor is wanted.

Pastoral

Pastoral Leases under the new Land Act have been extensively taken up, and a large immediate revenue to the Province thereby secured. In granting these Leases, the Government, by obtaining the consent of the Runholders to dispose of a large area of the most available land in the Runs over which the Leases have been granted, has made ample provision for settlement.

The system of supplementing District Road Rates at the rate of £2 to £1, as sanctioned by the late Council, has produced the very best results. A great many districts have already availed themselves of this provision, and I trust that we shall be able during the current year to meet all demands which may be made in this direction.

Among the important works for which you will be called upon to provide, and to which I deem it right especially to allude, is the formation of a track to the West Coast. I am glad to say that we have obtained the sanction of the Provincial Government of Canterbury to form the track through that Province to the Haast. The opening of such a means of communication cannot fail to be of immense advantage to the mining population of both Provinces.

The construction of the Jetty at Oamaru has, I regret to say, been greatly delayed in consequence of unforeseen difficulties. The work has, however, again been resumed, and will, it is hoped, be brought to a speedy termination, although it is somewhat doubtful as to how far it will answer the object in view. I think provision should have been made for the construction of a Breakwater—a work which, from the abundance of material upon the spot, could be constructed at a much smaller cost than is generally supposed. From enquiries at present pending, I am led to believe that £20,000 would be ample for this purpose—an amount of money trifling compared with the advantages to be derived from the work—enabling, as it would, vessels of large tonnage to load and discharge with safety in all weathers. The extent to which such a work would add to the value of the exports of the Province would, I believe, amply warrant a much larger immediate expenditure than that now indicated.

The Government has received many applications for assistance from the Dunedin Corporation. It is proposed to refer the consideration of these applications, and of the financial position of the city to a Select Committee.

There are various questions deeply affecting the moral welfare of the community—indeed, I may say its future safety—which it seems to me to be imperatively necessary that we should deal with at once. I would allude especially to the serious evil which is growing and festering in our midst, viz., the large number of children—the offsprings of profligate parents—who may be said to be homeless, and who are being utterly neglected or trained up to vicious habits. It appears to me that the State must in self-defence take steps to repress this evil. It will cost us much less to do so now than it will by-and-bye. I believe an industrial school, which might be made to a large extent self-supporting, would be the most effective remedy. There is an excellent site for such a purpose at Look out Point, upon the 30 acres reserved for a lunatic asylum some years ago.

Another matter somewhat akin to this is the providing of some means whereby the convicts in our penal establishment may be classified, and the more hardened offenders be kept separate from younger and less experienced criminals. At present, instead of a reformatory, our penal establishment is more calculated to become a school for crime. It seems to me that a strong stockade will be the simplest and most economical way of meeting this difficulty. A Select Committee will be proposed to you, so that this most important question may be considered with a view to devising a remedy.

Another crying evil in our punitive system is the want of gaol accommodation, which necessitates runaway seamen being herded with criminals of the deepest dye; it is an evil which is highly disgraceful to us as a community, and one which, I trust, will not be permitted to exist longer. With a view to obviate it, it is proposed to provide on the Estimates a sum for a small addition to the Lock-up at Port Chalmers, and to let runaway seamen undergo their sentences there.

With regard to the Gold Fields, it is unnecessary for me to refer to the action which the General Government has seen fit to adopt, in depriving the Provincial Government of their administration—the whole correspondence between the General Government and myself will be laid before you. The Executive Government, you are aware, has resisted this encroachment upon the rights of the Provincial Legislature, in which course, I feel assured, that it will be amply borne out both in the Council and throughout the Province. It is difficult to discover for what reason the Gold Fields should have been treated as distinct from every other interest in the Province. Gold mining has become a settled industry, and the mining population are quite as much entitled to manage their own affairs, through their elected Superintendent and Representatives in the Council, as any other class or interest in the Province. I feel assured the mining population will have the good sense to perceive that the attempts which are being made to alienate themselves and their interests from the rest of the Province, are neither intended nor calculated to benefit them; but, on the contrary, these attempts, if successful, will simply end in bringing the Province more completely under the yoke of the North, and in perpetuating the results which that connection has already produced. To test public opinion on this subject, an Ordinance will be submitted to you, providing the means for taking the votes of the whole people of the Province, upon the question of whether the Province should still continue to control the Gold Fields.

In voting supplies for the Gold Fields Districts, I propose that we shall do so irrespective of the General Government action to which I have referred. It was the intention of the Executive, previous to that action, to have expended a large amount during the ensuing year upon roads and other public works on the Gold Fields, and although the non-sale of the Wakatip Runs may to a certain extent interfere with this policy, yet, when the Estimates come before you it will be seen that liberal provision has been made in this direction.

You will be asked, in dealing with the revenue, to apportion it fairly and equitably all over the Province; and not only to localise the expenditure, but wherever it can be accomplished to place the control of that expenditure under local management.

I have earnestly to recommend to you to be guided by a decentralising, diffusive policy, believing as I do that centralization is not conducive to the interests of the Province.

There are many important matters of a practical nature, with which it will be necessary to deal by Ordinance. It appears to me, however, that for the present it is expedient for us to confine our attention almost exclusively to administration. In the existing unsatisfactory state of the relations between the General and Provincial Governments, the probability is that our Ordinances would share the same fate as those of last Session; notwithstanding the fact that the Constitution Act confers upon us the power of making laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Province, provided such are not repugnant to the laws of England.

It is impossible, I apprehend, that the present state of things can be permitted to continue much longer. Provincial Legislatures must either abrogate their functions, or assert their position by exercising the powers appertaining to them under the Constitution.

For my part, unless I am assured that the people of this Province deliberately desire it, I shall be no party to the abrogation of those functions. The Provincial system has a great work to perform, and it would be suicidal on the part of the people to relinquish it. It is said that the system has been extravagant and expensive. If so, it has been our own fault, and the remedy is in our own hands.

It is perfectly clear that if this Province is to progress, and make the most of its resources, it must be by means of the Provincial Legislature. We are far more competent to do for ourselves what the General Government is seeking to do for us, than it can possibly be. We can do so much more efficiently and much more economically.

The spirit and intention of the Constitution Act evidently is that the General Government should be federal in its action, and the circumstances of the Colony pointed to this as the advisable form of government, otherwise what necessity was there for creating distinct machinery for Provincial legislation? The General Government, however, has overstepped the line, and its action has been, for the past nine years, gradually to undermine the Provinces—to involve them in an enormous debt, and in a permanent colonial expenditure from which they derive no practical benefit. It needs no great power of reflection to perceive that had the General Government confined itself to purely federal functions, the large amount of Customs and Stamp Duties now levied in this Province would either have been expended within and for the benefit of the Province: or, which is more likely, would not have been levied at all. As it is, it seems to me to be absolutely essential for the best interests of the Colony, as well as of this Province, that a system which has produced such results should be modified or curbed, and that the only practical mode of effecting this is for the two islands to separate. So long as the General Government is able to play the one off against the other, so surely will it maintain its supremacy with all its attendant evils. I have long hoped that the unity of the colony did not necessarily involve the evils to which I have adverted. It seems now, however, to be hoping against hope; and as practical men it behoves us to go in for Separation—Separation which, divested of all sentimentality, means reduced taxation, and the expenditure of our own revenue on local purposes; it means a great and united Colony, years before it could otherwise be. But it must be borne in mind that Separation can only be obtained from the Imperial Legislature, and that, in the meanwhile, much may be secured from the Assembly which, though short of Separation, will materially redress the evils under which we labor.

With this object, resolutions will be submitted to you concerning the relations between the General and Provincial Governments, and by assenting to them I hope you will strengthen the hands of the Representatives of the Province in the Assembly, and place them in a position to coalesce with the members of other Provinces.

I have now to declare the Council open for the despatch of business.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

Mr. Speaker intimated that His Honor the Superintendent had placed in his hands the Address as delivered by His Honor in opening the proceedings of the Session.

Ordered:—"That the Address be held as read by Mr. Speaker and that it be printed."

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by the Provincial Treasurer (3), Mr. Burns, the Provincial Solicitor (2), and by Mr. Mollison.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table the *Fencing Bill*, and the *Dunedin Building Ordinance 1862 Amendment Bill*.

Bills severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Provincial Solicitor also laid on the Table the *Goldfields Provincial Management Bill*.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

Upon the motion of Mr. Duncan, seconded by the Provincial Secretary—and under Suspension of Standing Orders—it was *resolved*:—"That a House Committee be appointed, to consist of Mr. France, Mr. Julius, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Driver, Mr. Reid, Mr. Henderson, and the Mover."

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The Provincial Secretary laid upon the Table "Council Paper No. 1" (see *Council Papers*, page 1), and "Departmental Reports No. I (Roads) and No. II. (Survey) (see *Departmental Reports*, pages 1 and 2.)

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, May 2, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—"That C. E. Haughton, Esq., be appointed Chairman of Committees."
2. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—"That a Printing Committee be appointed, to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Burns, Mr. Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McIndoe, Capt. Mackenzie, and the Mover."
3. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Financial position of the Dunedin Corporation, and to report thereon, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports; the Committee to consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Muir, Mr. Tayler, and the Mover."
4. Mr. Burns to move a Reply to the Address of His Honor the Superintendent.
5. The Provincial Solicitor to move ;—"That a Committee be appointed to draw up Standing Orders for the conduct of business of this House; such Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Haughton, Mr. Burns, Mr. Main, Mr. Millar, Mr. Reid, and the Mover."
6. Mr. Mollison to move :—"That a Private Petitions Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Turabull, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Mitchell, and the Mover."
7. The Provincial Solicitor to move :—"That the Standing Orders of this House be suspended, in order to enable the 'Goldfields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867,' to be passed through all its stages."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Goldfields Provincial Management Bill to be read a second time.

THURSDAY, MAY 2.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notice of motion for Tuesday next given by Mr. Mosley.

Notice of Motion for Wednesday was given by Mr. Millar.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the Table :—

1. Acts and appointments done and made by His Honor the late Superintendent under the "Gold Fieds Act, 1866."
2. Acts and Appointments done and made by His Honor the late Superintendent under the "Diseased Cattle Act, 1861."
3. Immigration Correspondence.
4. Correspondence relating to the appointment of W. C. Young, Esq.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table the *Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862, Repeal Bill*, and the *Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal Bill*.

Bills severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, Notices of Motions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (by the Provincial Treasurer) were ordered to stand over till the other motions on the Paper were disposed of.

Mr. Thomson—in lieu of Mr. Burns—moved the following Reply to His Honor the Superintendent's Opening Address :—

REPLY.

(REPLY.)

"We are glad to learn from your Honor that the financial position of the Province is satisfactory, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances with which it has had to contend.

"We will aid your Honor in promoting an economical departmental expenditure.

"We thank your Honor for the responsibility you assumed in sending home a Railway Agent. We sincerely trust he will be successful in the object of his mission, and will unite with you in rendering him our utmost assistance.

"We concur with you in regretting the disallowance of the Guarantee Interest Ordinance of last Session, and in hoping that we may be able to supply its place with one which will escape the same fate.

"We join with your Honor in desiring to see the Land Registry Act, 1862, applied to the whole Province.

"We are happy to learn that provision has been made for commencing the Dredging of the Harbor. We recognise the importance of the work, as also of the other Works referred to by your Honor, such as the Dry Dock, the Bridge over the Waitaki, the Breakwater at Oamaru, and the Track to the West Coast.

"We are happy to learn that the system of Supplementing Road Districts is working well, and that your Honor proposes to continue it.

"We concur with you in considering Immigration a subject of the utmost importance, and will give it our most serious attention.

"We are happy to learn that, in renewing the Pastoral Leases, and thereby securing to the Province a large revenue, you have not lost sight of the necessity of retaining sufficient land for the purposes of settlement.

"The proposals laid before us to meet the evils of which your Honor complains, in respect of the treatment of the Criminal Classes, and the want of an Industrial School, shall receive our earnest attention.

"We will give our best consideration to the Ordinances your Honor causes to be laid before us.

"We regret the disallowance by the General Government of measures framed for the benefit of the Province. We agree with you that the relations between the General and Provincial Governments require to be amended immediately, irrespective of the Separation to be procured from the Imperial Legislature; and we will aid in passing the Resolutions which will strengthen the hands of the Representatives of the Province in the Assembly, and enable them to obtain the assistance of Members of other Provinces.

"We fully join with your Honor in lamenting and condemning the course which the General Government has taken in respect to the Gold Fields; and we thank your Honor for vigorously resisting the unconstitutional encroachment upon Provincial Institutions which has been attempted, and will support your Honor in further resistance to the same."

Seconded by Mr. Tayler.—A debate ensued.

Mr. Haughton moved and Mr. France seconded—"That the debate be now adjourned till to-morrow."

Mr. Haughton asked permission to withdraw his motion for adjournment—Permission *withheld*.

Question put on motion for adjournment, and—*Negatived*.

Question put on motion for adoption of the Reply and—*Affirmed*.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and Mr. Duncan seconded—"That a Committee be appointed to draw up Standing Orders for the conduct of business of this House; such Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Haughton, Mr. Burns, Mr. Main, Mr. Millar, Mr. Reid, and the Mover."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Mollison moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That a Private Petitions Committee be appointed, consisting of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Main, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Mitchell, and the Mover."—*Affirmed*.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and the Provincial Treasurer seconded—"That the Standing Orders of this House be suspended, in order to enable the 'Gold Fields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867,' to be passed through all its stages."—*Affirmed*.

Motion No. 1, moved by the Provincial Treasurer—"That C. E. Haughton, Esq., be appointed Chairman of Committees."

Mr. Sibbald moved, and Mr. Millar seconded—"That the following words be added, viz., 'during the present Session.'"—*Negatived*.

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed*.

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The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That a Printing Committee be appointed, to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Burns, Mr. Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McIndoe, Capt. Mackenzie, and the Mover."—*Affirmed.*

The Provincial Treasurer allowed his notice of motion (No. 3) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Gold Fields Provincial Management Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

The several Sections (VIII), together with the title and preamble, were—after verbal corrections and the filling in of blanks—agreed to as read.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendments.

Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, May 3, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Financial position of the Dunedin Corporation, and to report thereon, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports ; the Committee to consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Muir, Mr. Tayler, and the Mover."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Fencing Bill to be read a second time.
- II. Dunedin Building Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill, to be read a second time.
- III. Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862, Repeal Bill, to be read a second time.
- IV. Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal Bill to be read a second time.

FRIDAY, MAY 3.

Prayer. Minutes - read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next Sitting were given by the Provincial Secretary (2), Mr. Julius, Mr. Haughton, and by Mr. Main.

Notices of questions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Haughton (2).

Mr. Haughton presented a Petition from David Kirby.—Petition received.

Mr. Julius presented a Petition from George Henry Short.—Petition received.

Mr. Main brought up the Report of the Standing Orders Committee.—Report received. (*See Reports of Select Committees* page 1.)

Mr. Main moved—"That Standing Orders be so far suspended as to allow the question for adoption of the Report to be put without notice."—*Negatived.*

Message No. 2, from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced, read, and ordered to be considered on Monday next.

MESSAGE NO. 2.

The Superintendent transmits herewith for the consideration of the Provincial Council, a Communication* addressed to the Government, by Mr. W. H. Reynolds, respecting the Lease of the Bonded Store Sites, now held by him.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

3rd May, 1867.

* See *Council Papers*, page 7.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Burns seconded :—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Financial position of the Dunedin Corporation, and to report thereon, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports; the Committee to consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Muir, Mr. Tayler, and the Mover."—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the *Fencing Bill* was read a second time; and, on the motion of Mr. Burns, was ordered to be referred to a Select Committee, "consisting of Mr. Main, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fraser, and the Mover; with power to call for persons, papers, and reports; and to report on Wednesday next."

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Dunedin Building Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill* was read a second time, and notice given for its committal on Monday week next.

Orders of the Day, Nos. III. and IV., were, on the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock on Monday next.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday May 6, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Secretary to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 148, Block XVIII., Tokomairiro; and Sections 149, 150, 151, and 152, Block XIX., Tokomairiro District, be reserved for public uses for the incorporated town of Milton."
2. The Provincial Secretary to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Blocks 14, 15, 18, and 19, Lawrence, be reserved for purposes of public recreation for the inhabitants of the incorporated town of Lawrence."
3. Mr. Julius to move :—"That the Petition of George Henry Short be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
4. Mr. Haughton to move :—"That the Petition of David Kirby be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
5. Mr. Main to move :—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be adopted."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Message No. 2 to be considered.
- II. Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862, Repeal Bill to be read a second time.
- III. Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal Bill to be read a second time.

MONDAY, MAY 6.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Mr. McIndoe brought up an Interim Report from the Select Committee on Council Printing. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 1.)

Mr. McIndoe moved, and Mr. Barr seconded :—"That Standing Orders be so far suspended as to allow the question for adoption of the Report to be put without notice."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. McIndoe moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded :—"That the Interim Report from the Select Committee on Council Printing be adopted."—*Negatived.*

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mosley, Mr. Haughton, and by Mr. McIndoe (2).

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by the Provincial Treasurer (4), by Mr. Haughton, Mr. Thomson, and by Mr. Sibbald (2.)

Notice of Question for Wednesday next was given by Mr. Mitchell.

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Notices of Motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Turnbull (2), the Provincial Solicitor, and by Mr. Hay.

Mr. Turnbull presented a Petition from Mathew Baily Muir.—Petition received.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table :—

1. Resolutions on Gold Fields Management. (See *Council Papers*, page 6).
2. Correspondence relating to the appointment, by the General Government, of Mr. Bradshaw, as Agent for the Gold Fields. (See *Council Papers*, page 9).
3. Departmental Report No. IV. (Immigration). (See *Departmental Reports*, page 16).
4. Return of Licensees who have applied to surrender their Licenses under the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866."

The Provincial Solicitor laid on table the *Turnpikes Ordinance 1866 Amendment Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the table the *Dunedin Reserves Management Bill* and the *Sheep Bill*.—Bills severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the table the *Administration of Justice Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Provincial Secretary's Notices of Motions Nos. 1 and 2 lapsed in his absence, and the Provincial Treasurer (in his behalf) gave notice of the same for next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. Julius, the Petition of George Henry Short was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

On the motion of Mr. Haughton, the Petition of David Kirby was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

Mr. Main moved, and Mr. Sibbald seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be adopted."

Mr. Thomson moved, and Capt. Mackenzie seconded, as an amendment—"That the Report be adopted except the word 'two' before the word 'members' in Order No. 105."

A debate ensued; and a division being demanded, there voted :—

AYES, 11.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Thomson (Tellers).

NOES, 20.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Muir, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Burns and Mr. Main (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.—Debate resumed.

Mr. Thomson moved, and Capt. Mackenzie *pro forma* seconded, as a further amendment—"That should any member move that strangers withdraw, and should the motion be carried, Mr. Speaker shall order strangers to withdraw from the House, and such strangers shall immediately withdraw."

By permission of the House Mr. Thomson's amendment was withdrawn.

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honor the Superintendent had approved of the Standing Orders as adopted by the House.

Message No. 2 (see page 7) considered. The Provincial Treasurer (for the Provincial Secretary) moved, and the Provincial Solicitor seconded—"That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration His Honor's Message No 2, and to report thereon; such Committee to consist of Messrs. Robertson, Main, Haughton, Sibbald, Thomson, Millar, and the Mover."

Mr. Main moved, and Mr Hay seconded—"That the name of Mr. Main be omitted, and that of Capt. Mackenzie inserted in lieu thereof."—*Affirmed*.

Capt. Mackenzie required the Committee to be appointed by ballot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 91.

The ballot being accordingly taken, "the members reported by the Clerk to have the greatest number of votes" were Mr. Robertson, Mr. Millar, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Main, Capt. Mackenzie, and Mr. Haughton. These, together with
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the Mover (Mr. Mouat), were therefore declared by Mr. Speaker to be "Members of the Committee" in accordance with the Order.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862, Repeal Bill*, and the *Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal Bill* were severally read a second time, committed, and reported without amendments.

Bills severally read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker, as to each Bill respectively, "that this Bill do now pass," it was in each case agreed to, and the Bills were accordingly passed.

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, May 7, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Secretary to move—(See Notice of Motion, No. 1, page 8.)
2. The Provincial Secretary to move—(See Notice of Motion, No. 2, page 8.)
3. Mr. Mosely to move—"For leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Management and Conservation of the Public Bush Reserves in the Province of Otago, and that Mr. Thomson and the Mover be ordered to prepare the Bill."
4. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That it is expedient to raise a loan of £600,000 for the following purposes:—1st, To repay the expenditure in excess of revenue on the Harbor, and for further improving the Harbor. 2nd. To repay the 'Otago Loan Ordinance, 1856,' for Public Works and for Immigration."
5. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the names of Messrs. Sibbald and Turnbull be added to the Select Committee to enquire into the Financial Position of the Dunedin Corporation."
6. Mr. Haughton to move—"That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the whole Correspondence between the General Government and his Honor with regard to the refusal of the delegated powers over the Gold Fields be laid upon the Table without further delay."
7. Mr. Thomson to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the best means of giving effect to the suggestion in the Superintendent's opening Address respecting the Classification of Convicts; said Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Duncan, Mr. Muir, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Sibbald, and the Mover."
8. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the House go into Committee to consider the Resolutions on Gold Fields Management." See *Council Papers*, page 6.)
9. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the House go into Committee to consider the 'Resolutions respecting the Provinces.'"—(See Votes and Proceedings, Session XXII, Appendix page 5.)
10. Mr. Sibbald to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report, how far the proposed alterations of the Terminus and Line of the South Trunk Line of Railway are advisable; Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Messrs. M'Indoe, Burns, Clark, Thomson, Mollison, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports, and to report thereon on the 23rd inst."
11. Mr. Sibbald to move—"That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent requesting that a sum be placed upon the Estimates for defraying expenses of members from the country, at the rate of thirty pounds each for the Session, in addition to mileage."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Turnpikes Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.

TUESDAY, MAY 7.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motion for next sitting were given by Mr. Hay, Mr. Haughton (2), Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Sibbald, and by Mr. M'Dermid.

Notice of question for Thursday next was given by Mr. Millar.

Notices

Notices of motions for Thursday next were given by Mr. Driver, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Millar, and by Mr. Haughton.

Notice of motion for Monday next was given by Mr. Millar.

Mr. M'Indoe presented a Petition from Alex. Carnie.—Petition received.

Message No. 3, from his Honor the Superintendent, was introduced, read, and ordered to be considered at next sitting.

(MESSAGE NO. 3.)

The Superintendent transmits herewith, for the consideration of the Provincial Council, two numerous-signed Memorials from Residents in the Taieri Districts, praying that "Sabbath traffic by drays and waggons" may be prohibited.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

7th May, 1867.

Mr. Mosley asked the Secretary for Public Works—"If any arrangement is in progress for the opening of Telegraphic Communication between Balclutha and Dunedin?"—The Secretary for Public Works replied.

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Treasurer—"Whether the Government have paid, are paying, or have guaranteed to pay, the expenses of three Members of this Council now assuming to travel throughout the Gold Fields as 'Provincial Delegates,' and, if so, at what rate, and for what term?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. M'Indoe's notices of questions, Nos. 3 and 4, lapsed in his absence.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and Mr. Mollison seconded—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 148, Block XVIII, Tokomairiro; and Sections 149, 150, 151, and 152, Block XIX, Tokomairiro District, be reserved for public uses for the incorporated Town of Milton."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. M'Indoe seconded—"That the debate be now adjourned for one week."

The question being put on Mr. Reid's motion for the adjournment of the debate, a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 16.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Driver, Mr. France, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Millar and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 15.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Hutcheson and Mr. Moutat (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and Mr. Hay seconded—"That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent recommending that Blocks 14, 15, 18, and 19, Lawrence, be reserved for purposes of public recreation for the inhabitants of the incorporated town of Lawrence."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Mosley moved, and Mr. Murray seconded—"For leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Management and Conservation of the Public Bush Reserves in the Province of Otago, and that Mr. Thomson and the Mover be ordered to prepare the Bill."—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went into Committee for the purpose of considering Notice of Motion No. 4.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"That it is expedient to raise a loan of £600,000 for the following purposes:—1st. To repay the expenditure in excess of revenue on the Harbor, and for further improving the Harbor. 2nd. To repay the 'Otago Loan Ordinance, 1856,' for Public Works, and for Immigration."

Mr. Julius moved as an amendment—"That '£600,000' be struck out and '£1,000,000' inserted in lieu thereof."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Shepherd moved as a further amendment—"That the words 'and for further improving the Harbor' be struck out."—*Negatived*.

Question put on the original motion as amended and—*Affirmed*.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Resolution as agreed to in Committee, which was subsequently adopted by the House.

By permission of the House, Mr. M'Indoe proposed his question Nos. 3 and 4, previously lapsed in his absence.

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The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That the names of Messrs. Sibbald and Turnbull be added to the Select Committee to enquire into the Financial Position of the Dunedin Corporation."

A debate ensued ; and the question being put the House divided, when there voted :--

AYES, 18.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson ; Mr. Tayler and Mr. Vogel (Tellers).

NOES, 11.—Mr. Clark, Mr. France, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shepherd ; Mr. Julius and Mr. Main (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Haughton moved and Mr. Reid seconded—"That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the whole Correspondence between the General Government and his Honor with regard to the refusal of the delegated powers over the Gold Fields be laid upon the Table without further delay."

A debate ensued ; and the question being put, a division was demanded when there voted :—

AYES, 8.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell ; Mr. Reid and Mr. Turnbull (Tellers).

NOES, 22.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Julius, Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Vogel ; Mr. Burns and Mr. Hutcheson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Mosley seconded—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the best means of giving effect to the suggestion in the Superintendent's opening Address respecting the Classification of Convicts ; said Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Duncan, Mr. Muir, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Sibbald, and the Mover."—*Affirmed*.

By permission of the House, Notices Nos. 10 and 11 were allowed to take precedence of 8 and 9. (See page 10.)

Mr. Sibbald moved, and Mr. Millar seconded (No. 10) :—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report, how far the proposed alterations of the Terminus and Line of the South Trunk Line of Railway are advisable ; Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Mollison, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports, and to report thereon on the 23rd instant."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Sibbald allowed his notice of motion, No. 11, to lapse.

Seven o'clock having arrived, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, Order of the Day No. I. was ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next sitting.

The Orders of the Day being thus disposed of, Motions were resumed.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That the House do now go into Committee to consider the Resolutions on Gold Fields Management."*—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved—

1st. "That the course pursued by the General Government, in attempting to withdraw the Gold Fields from the control of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago, is a gross infringement of the constitutional rights of the Province, since it amounts to a contravention of the 18th clause of the Constitution Act, which the Imperial Legislature decided should not be subject to alteration by the Colonial Legislature."—*Affirmed*.

2. "That so much of the Gold Fields Act as pretends to give the right to exclude the Superintendent and Provincial Council from exercising control over a large portion of the Province, is, in the opinion of this Council, beyond the power of the General Assembly, and that the General Government cannot thereunder deprive the Superintendent and the Provincial Council of the power to make and ordain all such Laws and Ordinances, save those excepted by the 19th Section of the Constitution Act, as may be required for the peace, order, and good government of such Province : provided that the same be not repugnant to the law of England."—*Affirmed*.

3. "That the Council, therefore, charge the Superintendent and Executive to assert the integrity of the Provincial Institutions from end to end of the Province, in the terms of the Constitution granted by the Imperial Legislature, subject to the laws properly in force, and to resist any illegal and unconstitutional encroachments."—*Affirmed*.

4. "That the Gold Fields of Otago have been proclaimed of large dimensions because such a course was convenient as long as the Superintendent and Provincial Council retained control ; but that the General Government

* See Council Papers, page 6.

“have unwarrantably stretched the power intended or pretended to be given by the Gold Fields Act, when they seized, on pretence of being gold fields, 4,808,000 acres of the Province.”

Mr. M'Dermid moved—“That the words ‘intended or’ (line 3) be struck out.”—*Withdrawn.*

Motion agreed to as read.

5. “That in removing the Waste Lands included within the Gold Fields Districts from the control of the Province, and in seizing the Gold Fields territorial revenue, the General Government have been guilty of a gross breach of the compact entered into in 1856.”—*Affirmed.*

6. “That the 53rd clause of the Gold Fields Act, which pretends to make a first charge upon the Gold Fields revenue, which is Crown Lands Revenue, is illegal and of no avail, since the Imperial Legislature has already imposed a first charge on such revenue, and provided that any measure which pretended to infringe the security should have no force in law, unless it contained provisions which are not contained in the Gold Fields Act, 1866; and, therefore, the Government have acted illegally in removing such revenue from the class of territorial revenue to which it belongs.”—*Affirmed.*

7. “That it is impossible a separate control of the Gold Fields can work well; that there is no adequate provision, nor can there be one, by which such a double system of Government within the Province could be made to harmonise, and that the General Government, in attempting it, and in making the appointment of General Government Agent, could not have been actuated by a desire to promote the welfare of the residents in the Province, either on the Gold Fields or elsewhere.”—*Affirmed.*

8. “That a petition embodying these resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will cause it to be forwarded to Her Majesty in Council, and a similar petition to the General Commanding, with a like request, and that a similar petition be also presented to the House of Representatives, and to the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker sign such petitions on behalf of the Council.”—*Affirmed.*

9. “That petitions of the same nature be prepared for each Electoral District in the Province, and that those persons who desire it, in each district, shall be allowed to sign them.”—*Affirmed.*

10. “That the Council hereby enjoins on the Superintendent and Executive to take every lawful means, both in New Zealand and elsewhere, to maintain the right of the Province to the Provincial control of the Gold Fields.”—*Affirmed.*

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Resolutions without amendments.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—“That the Resolutions as reported be now adopted.”

A debate ensued.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. M'Indoe seconded—“That the debate be now adjourned till to-morrow.”—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, May 8, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Treasurer to move—“That the House go into Committee to consider the ‘Resolutions respecting the Provinces,’ viz., ‘That the course of events in the North Island during the last few years has had a tendency to injuriously affect the interests of the Provinces of both Islands, and this Council is of opinion that these events point to the necessity of endeavoring to secure the co-operation of the Provinces generally, towards giving effect to the following objects:—

1. “That the South Island should no longer interfere in Native affairs.
2. “That an equitable arrangement should be made with the North Island Provinces to undertake the cost and the responsibility of preserving law and order within their limits.
3. “That there should be an apportionment and adjustment of all existing liabilities, and that the South Island should be relieved from further contribution towards Native purposes.
4. “That the present financial partnership between the Provinces and the Colony should be dissolved, and the Provinces be assured of a settled instead of an uncertain Revenue.
5. “That the Territorial Revenue should be secured to the Provinces.

6. "That a respectful address be presented by his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take such steps, either by the assemblage of a conference or otherwise, as may seem to him best calculated to give effect to these Resolutions."
2. Mr. Millar to move—"That in the opinion of this Council, the time has arrived when the people of this Province should no longer submit to be taxed for the benefit of the North Island; and that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, to the effect that a Bill be prepared and duly submitted to the Council, for the purpose of declaring all public revenue to be the revenue of the Province, and authorising steps to be taken for the collection of the same, and paying it into the Provincial Treasury, to be appropriated by the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago: Further, that the aforesaid Bill do make provision for the appointing of Commissioners to confer with the General Government, with a view to fixing the equitable amount payable by this Province, on account of any past arrears; and, also, for fixing the future proportion of any expenditure to which the General Government are entitled under any federal arrangement which may hereafter be entered into."
3. Mr. Turnbull to move—"That the Petition of Matthew Bailey Muir be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
4. Mr. Hay to move—"That this Council is of opinion that the permanent fittings should, without further delay, be placed in the Council Hall, and that Mr. Speaker, along with the Chairman of Committees, be requested to consult with the House Committee, and submit a plan of proposed permanent fittings."
5. Mr. Turnbull to move—"That there be laid on the table a Return showing the cost of the new Government Building, including Contracts, Extras, Architects' Fees, Clerk of Works, &c., to date; also, probable cost of finishing the Building, including all fittings, &c.: each item to be stated separately."
6. Mr. Haughton to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the Report of Mr. Shepherd to His Honor, read in the Council by the Treasurer, be laid upon the table."
7. Mr. M'Indoe to move—"That a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Millar, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Driver, and the Mover, be appointed to enquire into the Petition of Alexander Carnie, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports, and to report thereon on Friday the 10th instant."
8. Mr. Haughton to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the Letter from the Colonial Secretary to His Honor the Superintendent, dated April 16th, together with the Auditor-General's Reports of 17th and 18th March enclosed therein, and His Honor's reply thereto, be laid upon the table without delay."
9. Mr. Sibbald to move—"That £30 for the regular Session be allowed for defraying expenses of Country Members residing beyond five miles from the Dunedin Post Office, excepting such as are members of the Government, the Speaker, and the Chairman of Committees; and that mileage going and returning be allowed to all such members residing beyond five miles, at the rate of one shilling per mile each way."
10. Mr. M'Dermid to move—"That the name of Mr. Tayler be added to the Committee on the Southern Trunk Railway."
11. The Provincial Solicitor to move—"That (contingent upon the "Sheep Bill" being read a second time) the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Capt. Mackenzie, Messrs. Julius, Main, Robertson, Driver, Reid, and the Mover."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Debate to be resumed (by Mr. Haughton) on motion for adoption of Resolutions on Gold Fields Management.
- II. Turnpikes Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- III. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be read a second time.
- IV. Sheep Bill to be read a second time.
- V. Message No. 3 to be considered.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Reid (2), Mr. Tayler (2), and by Mr. Shepherd.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by the Provincial Treasurer and by Mr. Hay.

Mr. Speaker read, and laid on the Table, Letter from the Provincial Auditor. (See Appendix, page i.)

Mr.

Mr. Clark laid on the Table, Bye-laws of the Incorporated Town of Milton.

Message No. 4, from his Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE No. 4.)

Understanding that it is the desire of some members of the Provincial Council to peruse certain correspondence of a personal nature between himself and the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, the Superintendent transmits herewith the correspondence in question.*

These documents would have been laid on the table along with the other Correspondence, but being (unlike the other) addressed to himself individually, and relating to matters which have in reality no bearing upon the public question at issue, the Superintendent did not feel called upon to trouble the Council with them.

8th May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

Mr. Haughton asked the Secretary for Public Works—"Whether he is aware that nothing has been done with regard to the construction of the Bridge over the Shotover at Foster's Ferry, sanctioned by a vote of last Session, with the exception of the delivery at the site of the intended bridge of half a boring-rod, which arrival has excited delusive and long-deferred hopes in the minds of the inhabitants of the district?"—The Secretary for Public Works replied.

Mr. Haughton asked the Secretary for Public Works—"Whether any arrangement is in progress for the opening of Telegraphic Communication with Cromwell, Arrowtown, and Queenstown, considering that the wires now extend to those townships?"—The Secretary for Public Works replied.

Mr. Mitchell allowed his notice of question (No. 3) to lapse.

The Provincial Treasurer's notice of motion (No. 1) was allowed to stand over till after the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Millar allowed his notice of motion (No. 2) to lapse.

On the motion of Mr. Turnbull, the Petition of Mathew Bailey Muir was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

Mr. Hay moved, and Mr. Tayler seconded—"That this Council is of opinion that the permanent Fittings should without further delay be placed in the Council Hall, and that Mr. Speaker, along with the Chairman of Committees, be requested to consult with the House Committee, and submit a plan of proposed permanent fittings."

Mr. Main moved, *pro forma*, and Mr. Sibbald seconded, as an amendment—"That immediately after the close of this Session, the Government take immediate measures to have the Provincial Council Hall permanently fitted up in accordance with its special uses."—*Withdrawn*.

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Turnbull moved and Mr. Green seconded—"That there be laid on the Table a Return showing the cost of the new Government Building, including Contracts, Extras, Architect's Fees, Clerk of Works, &c., to date; also probable cost of finishing the Building, including all Fittings, &c.: each item to be stated separately."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Haughton moved and Mr. Turnbull seconded—"That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the Report of Mr. Shepherd to his Honor, read in the Council by the Treasurer, be laid upon the Table."

A debate ensued; and the question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 6.—Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Tayler; Mr. Reid and Mr. Turnbull (Tellers).

NOES, 16.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Burns and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, and Mr. Barr seconded—"That a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Millar, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Driver, and the Mover, be appointed to enquire into the Petition of Alexander Carnie, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports, and to report thereon on Friday, the 10th instant."

A debate ensued; and the question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Millar and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers).

NOES, 4.—Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Dermid; Mr. Green and Mr. Hutcheson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

* See Council Papers, page 16.

Mr. Haughton's notice of motion (No. 8) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Sibbald moved, and Mr. Turnbull seconded—"That £30 for the regular Session be allowed for defraying expenses of Country Members residing beyond five miles from the Dunedin Post Office, excepting such as are members of the Government, the Speaker, and the Chairman of Committees; and that mileage going and returning be allowed to all such members residing beyond five miles, at the rate of one shilling per mile each way."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Tayler moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded, as an amendment—"That 20s. a-day be allowed to all Members representing Country Districts, residing two miles or more out of Dunedin, for such period as they shall attend meetings of the Provincial Council, excepting such as are members of the Government, the Speaker, and the Chairman of Committees; and that mileage going and returning be allowed to all such members residing beyond five miles from Dunedin, at the rate of one shilling per mile each way."—*Affirmed.*

Question put on the amendment as a substantive motion.—Debate continued.

Mr. Millar moved, and Mr. M'Dermid, *pro forma*, seconded, as an amendment—"That £50 for the regular Session be allowed for defraying expenses of Members of this Council, excepting such as are members of the Government, the Speaker, and the Chairman of Committees; and that mileage going and returning be allowed to all such members residing beyond five miles, at the rate of one shilling per mile each way."—*Negatived.*

Debate resumed on Mr. Tayler's motion.

Mr. Duncan moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That '20s. a-day' be struck out, and '£40 for the regular Session' inserted in lieu thereof."—*Negatived.*

Question put on Mr. Tayler's motion, and—*Affirmed.*

Mr. M'Dermid moved, and Mr. Green seconded—"That the name of Mr. Tayler be added to the Committee on the Southern Trunk Railway."—*Affirmed.*

Debate resumed (by Mr. Haughton) on motion for adoption of "Resolutions on Gold Fields Management."

Question put on Resolutions as reported, and—*Affirmed, nem. con.*

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Sheep Bill* was read a second time and ordered to be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Capt. M'Kenzie, Mr. Julius, Mr. Main, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Driver, Mr. Reid, and the Mover.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Dunedin Reserves Management Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections I., II., III., and IV. were agreed to as read.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked, and obtained leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Turnpikes Bill* was read a second time, committed, and reported without amendments.

Bill read a third time; and the question being put by Mr. Speaker, "That this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

Order of the Day No. V. lapsed.

The Provincial Treasurer's notice of motion, No. 1, was ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, May 9, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Treasurer to move:—"That the House go into Committee to consider the 'Resolutions respecting the Provinces'"—(See Notice of Motion No. 1, page 13).

2. Mr. Driver to move :—"That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent recommending that a grant of land (of not less than 1,000 acres) be vested in trustees, for the purposes of a race-course, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Dunedin and surrounding districts."
3. Mr. Shepherd to move :—"That there be laid upon the table a return of all revenue received from the Gold Fields for the last year and a-half, and an account of all moneys expended in a direct manner on the Gold Fields, such return, if possible, to shew the different districts."
4. Mr. Millar to move :—
 - 1st—"That a humble address be transmitted by Mr Speaker, in the name and on behalf of this Council to Her most gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that she may be pleased to cause an Act to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament to provide for the insular and political separation of the North and Middle Islands of New Zealand; and that petitions to a similar effect be transmitted by Mr. Speaker for presentation to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament; and that a Select Committee be appointed to frame such address of petitioners, such Committee to consist of Mr. Main, Mr. McIndoe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Hay, Mr. Vogel, and the Mover."
 - 2nd—"That a similar Address and Petition be engrossed, together with printed duplicates thereof, be presented for signature throughout the Province, by such persons as are favorable to the Separation of the Islands. And a respectful address be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent, to the effect, that the machinery about to be organised in terms of the 'Gold Fields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867,' may be taken advantage of, in enabling those persons who may be disposed to sign such Address and Petition. And that the Superintendent be further requested, in the name and on behalf of the Province, to communicate with influential Colonists and others in London with a view of procuring their co-operation and assistance in bringing influence to bear upon the Imperial Parliament on behalf of the desire above referred to."
5. Mr Haughton to move :—"For leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862."
6. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him 'to send to the Council a recommendation to grant a sum of money sufficient to meet the unauthorised expenditure' referred to in the Letter from the Provincial Auditor, laid on the table by Mr. Speaker, May 8th."
7. Mr Hay to move :—"That the Petition of MacLaren and others, together with all papers referring to the complaint of Petitioners, be laid on the table."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

I. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be resumed in Committee.

THURSDAY, MAY 9.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton, Mr. Reid, and by Capt. Mackenzie.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Burns and by Mr. M'Indoe.

Notices of motions for Monday next were given by Mr. Haughton and Mr. Hay.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the table Return showing cost of new Government Buildings.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Turnbull, May 8.)

Mr. Burns laid on the table Letter from His Honor the Superintendent to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary respecting Lighthouses at Cape Saunders and the Nuggets.

Mr. Millar asked the Secretary for Public Works—"If any, and what steps have been taken, in accordance with "a 'Resolution' of the Provincial Council, Session XIX, 24th October, 1864 (page 35), adopting the Plan of the "City Engineer' for widening Princes-street North, from Rattray-street to Manor Place." And also—"If he will "inform the House the nature of all subsequent steps (if any) taken up to this time in relation thereto."—The Secretary for Public Works replied.

Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works—"If the sum of £250 opposite the item Bridges, 'Taieri "Junction,' in the Appropriation Ordinance of the last Session has been expended? If so, under whose superintendence the Works have been, or are being carried out?" 2. "Has the Work been let by Public Tender in the "usual way?" 3. "Whether the site for the Bridge has been recommended by the Government Engineer? If "not, on whose recommendation has the present site been chosen?"—The Secretary for Public Works replied.

Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works—"Whether the amount of £100 opposite the item 'Clearing "Obstructions, Taieri River," in the Appropriation Ordinance of last Session, has been expended? Whether the "Work has been let by Public Tender in the usual way, and under whose superintendence the works are being "carried out?"—The Secretary for Public works replied.

Mr.

Mr. Tayler allowed his notices of questions (Nos. 4 and 5) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Tuesday next.

Mr. Shepherd asked the Provincial Secretary—"If any lands have been withdrawn from the Pastoral Tenants for agricultural purposes in the neighbourhood of Roxburgh, and if not if it is the intention of the Government to do so without further delay."—The Provincial Secretary replied.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Duncan seconded—"That the House go into Committee to consider the 'Resolutions respecting the Provinces.'"—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved:—

Resolved—"That the course of events in the North Island during the last few years has had a tendency to injuriously affect the interests of the Provinces of both Islands, and this Council is of opinion that these events point to the necessity of endeavouring to secure the co-operation of the Provinces generally, towards giving effect to the following objects:—

- "1st. That the South Island should no longer interfere in Native affairs.
- "2nd. That an equitable arrangement should be made with the North Island Provinces to undertake the cost and the responsibility of preserving law and order within their limits.
- "3rd. That there should be an apportionment and adjustment of all existing liabilities, and that the South Island should be relieved from further contribution towards Native purposes.
- "4th. That the present financial partnership between the Provinces and the Colony should be dissolved, and the Provinces be assured of a settled instead of an uncertain Revenue.
- "5th. That the Territorial Revenue should be secured to the Provinces.
- "6th. That a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent requesting him to take such steps, either by the assemblage of a conference or otherwise, as may seem to him best calculated to give effect to these resolutions."

Question put, and—*Affirmed nem. con.*

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Resolutions as agreed to, which were subsequently adopted (*nem. con.*) by the House.

Mr. Driver's Notice of Motion, (No. 2), lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Shepherd moved and Mr. Hay seconded—"That there be laid upon the Table a return of all revenue received from the Gold Fields for the last year and a-half, and an account of all moneys expended in a direct manner on the Gold Fields; such return, if possible, to shew the different districts."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Reid moved, and Capt. Mackenzie seconded, as an amendment—"That there be laid upon the table a return of all revenue received from the Gold Fields since the commencement thereof, and a return of all moneys expended on the Gold Fields during the same period; such return, if possible, to show the different districts."

Question put on Mr. Reid's amendment and—*Negatived*.

The question being put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 13.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Haggitt and Mr. Shepherd (Tellers).

NOES, 14.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Main and Mr. Mitchell (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. France seconded—"That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock to-morrow."

Mr. Main moved as an amendment—"That this House do now adjourn till 7 o'clock to-morrow."

Question put on the amendment and—*Negatived*.

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed*.

The House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, May 10, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Millar to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 4, page 17).
2. Mr. Haughton to move :—“For leave to bring in a Bill to amend “The Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862.”
3. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 6, page 17).
4. Mr. Hay to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 7, page 17).
5. Mr. Burns to move :—“That a respectful Address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor that he be pleased to give effect to that part of the Address of his Honor the Superintendent *anent* the Lighthouses on Cape Saunders and the Nuggets.”
6. Mr. M'Indoe to move :—“That there be laid upon the table, on Monday, a Return showing the number of sections sold in the township of Fairfax, the amount received for the same, the number remaining unsold, the number of acres proposed as an endowment for the town of Milton, the purpose for which these lands were originally reserved from sale, together with plans of both towns, and also of the district in which they are situate, showing the position the proposed endowment lands occupy relatively to both towns.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be resumed in Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 10.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Reid, and by Mr. Hughes.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hay (2), Mr. Muir, Mr. Mitchell, and by Mr. M'Indoe.

Notices of questions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Barr, Mr. Mitchell, and by Mr. Turnbull (2).

Notices of motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Hughes, Mr. Haughton, and by Capt. Mackenzie.

Notices of motions for when in Committee of Supply were given by Mr. Julius, Mr. Hay (2), Mr. Robertson, and by Mr. Shepherd (2).

Mr. Muir presented a Petition from certain Landowners and other residents of Fairfax.—Petition received.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the Table—

1. Departmental Report, No. III. (Education). (See *Departmental Reports*, page 6.)
2. Report, and Statements respecting the working of the Otago Benevolent Institution.
3. Report from Mr. Alex. Begg respecting the Eradication of Thistles.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the Table—Correspondence, &c. respecting the application of Messrs. Williams and M'Laren for Gold Mining Leases.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—“That the House at its rising do “adjourn till 7 o'clock on Tuesday next.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Treasurer—“In what department and in whose custody was found the letter from Mr. Fox to his Honor the Superintendent, dated 19th June, 1862, read in this Council by the Provincial Treasurer on May 7, and whether such letter was not duly docketed and filed in the regular and official manner?”—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Reid asked the Provincial Treasurer—“What action has been taken by the Government on the Resolutions passed by this Council at its last Session, relative to the declaration of a Hundred in the West Taieri District; and if he will be good enough to explain generally the action that has been taken with regard to the Leasing of Runs under the Land Act, 1866?”—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Capt.

Capt. Mackenzie asked the Provincial Secretary—"If the construction of the Clutha Bridge, at Balclutha, is being carried out by the contractors in accordance with the plans of the Provincial Engineer?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Millar moved, and Mr. Hay seconded—

1st. "That a humble Address be transmitted by Mr. Speaker, in the name and on behalf of this Council, to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that she may be pleased to cause an Act to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament to provide for the Separation of the North and Middle Islands of New Zealand into two separate Colonies; and that Petitions to a similar effect be transmitted by Mr. Speaker for presentation to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament; and that a Select Committee be appointed to frame such Address and Petition; such Committee to consist of Messrs. Main, M'Indoe, Robertson, Sibbald, Shepherd, Vogel, and the Mover."

2nd. "That printed forms of a similar Address and Petition to Her Majesty the Queen, together with duplicates thereof, be circulated for signature throughout the Province by such persons as are favorable to the Separation of the Islands; and that a respectful Address be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent, to the effect that the machinery about to be organised in terms of the 'Gold Fields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867,' may be taken advantage of to circulate such Address and Petition."—A debate ensued.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the debate was adjourned till Tuesday next.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Muir seconded—"That leave be granted to bring in a Bill to amend the *Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862.*"—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Haughton laid on the Table the *Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill.*

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday week next.

The House went into Committee to consider the Provincial Treasurer's notice of motion, No. 3.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him 'to send to the Council a recommendation to grant a sum of money sufficient to meet the unauthorised expenditure' referred to in the letter from the Provincial Auditor, laid on the table by Mr. Speaker, May 8th."—*Affirmed.*

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the resolution as agreed to.

The resolution, as reported, was then *affirmed, nem. con.*, "an absolute majority" of the Council being present.

Mr. Hay allowed his notice of motion (No. 4) to lapse.

Mr. Burns allowed his notice of motion (No. 5) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Tuesday next.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, and Mr. Hay seconded—"That there be laid upon the Table a Return showing the number of Sections sold in the Township of Fairfax, the amount received for the same, the number remaining unsold, the number of acres proposed as an endowment for the town of Milton, the purpose for which these lands were originally reserved from sale, together with plans of both Towns, and also of the District in which they are situate, showing the position the proposed endowment lands occupy relatively to both towns."—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the House went again into Committee on the *Dunedin Reserves Management Bill.*

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections V., VI., VII., VIII., and IX. were agreed to as read.

The first Schedule considered.—Sections 1, 2, 3, were agreed to as read.

On the motion of Mr. Hay, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned till 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday May 14, at 7 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Burns to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 5, page 19.)

2. Mr. Millar to move :—"That is desirable that the Government should take such steps as may to them seem meet, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the 11th section of 'The Electric Telegraphs Ordinance, 1862,' has been violated by the re-transmission of messages (political or otherwise) to the 'General Government,' or any other individual, the same not having been addressed by the original sender of the messages."
3. Mr. Haughton to move :—"That it is expedient that there should be a re-adjustment of the Representation of the Province without delay, in order that the Electoral Rolls for this year may be made out accordingly; and that in order to give effect to such re-adjustment, an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will recommend His Excellency the Governor to dissolve this Council in the month of September next." 2. "That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report a scheme for the equitable re-adjustment of the Representation in accordance with the terms of the Constitution Act; such Committee to consist of the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Main, Mr. Driver, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald and the Mover."
4. Mr. Hay to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be placed on the Estimates for the construction of a Road to Tapanui from the Beaumont."
5. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—"That the House go into Committee of Supply."
6. Mr. Haughton to move :—"That there be laid upon the table a Detailed Statement of all Monies paid by the Government on account of Arbitration during the past Twelve Months, showing amount of award and expense in each case."
7. Mr. Hay to move :—"That the Provincial Government take immediate action in engaging Gold Receivers to fill the offices of those who have gone over to the General Government Service on the Gold Fields."
8. Mr. Muir to move :—"That the Petition of certain Landowners and Residents of Fairfax be remitted to the Government for consideration."
9. Mr. Mitchell to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a copy of the letter dated 19th June, 1862, from Mr. Fox to His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, read to this House by the Provincial Treasurer, on 7th May, be laid on the Table without delay."
10. Mr. Hay to move :—"That the Petition of McLaren and others be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Millar, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, and the Mover."
11. Mr. McIndoe to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a copy of the letter of the Superintendent dated 26th May, 1862, to which the letter of Mr. Fox, Colonial Secretary, dated 19th June, 1862, read by the Provincial Treasurer on Tuesday to this House as a reply, be laid on the table, with a view to its being inserted in the Votes and Proceedings of this House."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Debate to be resumed (by Mr. Burns) on Mr. Millar's motion respecting Separation.—(See page 20).
- II. Dunedin Building Ordinance 1862 Amendment Bill to be committed.
- III. Administration of Justice Bill to be read a second time.
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TUESDAY, MAY 14.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. Driver.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Thomsor, Mr. Mitchell, and by Mr. McDermid.

Notice of Question for Thursday next was given by Mr. Driver.

Notices of Motions for Thursday next were given by Mr. Haughton, Mr. Green, Mr. Brown, and by Mr. Mitchell.

Messages Nos. 5 and 6 from His Honor the Superintendent were introduced and read. Message No. 5 ordered to be considered at next sitting. (For Message No. 5, with enclosures, see *Council Papers*, page 27.)

(MESSAGE NO. 6.)

The Superintendent has received another Memorial upon the subject of the prohibition of Sabbath traffic of drays and waggons, from Residents in the district of Glenore, which he transmits herewith for the consideration of the Provincial Council.

May 14, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

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The Provincial Secretary laid on the Table:—

- 1). Correspondence relating to the proposed construction of a Bridge over the Waitaki River.—(See Appendix, page i).
- 2). Correspondence relating to the proposed formation of a Track between Lake Wanaka and the West Coast.
- 3). Copy Letter addressed by His Honor the Superintendent to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, May 24, 1862, together with reply thereto.—See Appendix, page ii).
- 4). Departmental Report, No. 5 (Harbor).—See *Departmental Reports*, page 18.)
- 5). Council Paper, No. 5 (Report to His Honor the Superintendent from Clerk to General Road Board.—(See *Council Papers*, page 20.)
- 6). Returns shewing amount of Land sold, unsold, proposed for endowment, &c., at Fairfax and Milton. (Ordered, on motion of Mr. M'Indoe, 10.)

Mr. Burns brought up Report of Select Committee on the *Fencing Bill*.—Report read and received. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 7.)

Mr. Mollison brought up:—Interim Reports, Nos. 1 and 2, from the Select Committee on Private Petitions, viz., No. 1 (George Henry Short) and No. 2 (Mathew Baily Muir).—See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 11.)

Mr. Tayler asked the Provincial Secretary:—

- 1st. "Whether the Government have taken any action lately, and if so, what, towards the immediate construction of a Dry Dock at Port Chalmers?"
- 2nd. "Whether it is the intention of the Government to take steps this Session for the construction of a Railway from Port Chalmers to Dunedin?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Hutcheson asked the Provincial Solicitor:—"Whether he is aware that in the case of a joint ownership of land, the 99th Section of 'The Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866,' can be interpreted to mean that each partner and not the partners collectively, can vote at the election of Wardens, and that joint owners have actually voted in accordance with this interpretation: if so, is it his intention this Session to take steps to remedy the evil complained of?"—The Provincial Solicitor replied.

Mr. Shepherd asked the Provincial Treasurer:—"If it be his intention to place a sum of money on the forthcoming Estimates for the construction of a Main Trunk Road from the Kyeburn to Naseby?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. M'Dermid asked the Provincial Treasurer:—"If the Government intend to place a sum on the Estimates this Session for the purpose of Bridging the Waitati?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Public Works:—"If the Government has any objection to delay the construction of the Bridge at the Taieri Junction till such time as the Settlers in the locality have an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the proposed site?"—The Secretary of Public Works replied.

Mr. Muir moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded—"That Standing Orders be so far suspended as to admit of a motion being moved without notice thereof being first given."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Muir moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded—"That whereas the disease of Pleuro-pneumonia has broken out in various portions of the Province, and as very serious consequences are likely to ensue should proper measures not be adopted towards preventing the spread of infection; and whereas the powers hitherto vested in the Superintendent of the Province in terms of the 'Diseased Cattle Act, 1861,' have lapsed, and no provision has been made in their behalf;—*Resolved*, that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to take upon himself the powers held by his predecessors in terms of said Act, and to exercise the same on behalf of the Province: in which case it is further resolved that this Council will indemnify him against all consequences."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Fraser moved, and Mr. Hay seconded, as an amendment—"That whereas the disease of Pleuro-pneumonia has broken out in various portions of the Province, and as very serious consequences are likely to ensue should proper measures not be adopted towards preventing the spread of infection; and whereas the powers hitherto vested in the Superintendent of the Province in terms of the "Diseased Cattle Act, 1861," have lapsed, and no provision has been made in their behalf;—*Resolved*, that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to instruct the Cattle Inspectors to take all necessary steps to prevent the spread of the disease, in accordance with existing Proclamations: and this Council will provide the expense to the same extent as if the powers of the Governor under the Diseased Cattle Act had been delegated to his Honor."

Question put on the amendment and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Tayler seconded:—"That a respectful Address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, that he be pleased to give effect to the proposition contained in the letter (12th April, 1867), from His
"Honor

“Honor the Superintendent to the Colonial Secretary, in respect to the erection of the Lighthouses on Cape Saunders and the Nuggets.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Millar moved, and Mr. Brown seconded :—“That it is desirable that the Government should take such steps as may to them seem meet, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the 11th section of ‘The Electric Telegraphs Ordinance, 1862,’ has been violated by the re-transmission of messages (political or otherwise) to the ‘General Government,’ or any other individual, the same not having been addressed by the original sender of the messages.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Haughton’s Notice of Motion (No. 3) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Hay moved, and Mr. Brown seconded :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be placed on the Estimates for the construction of a Road to Tapanui from the Beaumont.”—*Withdrawn*.

The Provincial Treasurer’s Notice of Motion (No. 5) was ordered to be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Mr. Haughton’s Notice of Motion (No. 6) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Hay moved, and Mr. Brown seconded :—“That Officers be appointed to act as Agents for the Provincial Government on the Gold Fields.”—*Affirmed*.

By permission of the House, Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded, his Notice of Motion (No. 6) previously lapsed in his absence :—“That there be laid upon the Table a detailed statement of all moneys paid or owing by the Government on account of arbitration during the past twelve months, showing amount of award and and expense in each case.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Muir moved, and Mr. Clark seconded :—“That the Petition of certain Landowners and Residents in Fairfax be taken into consideration, in connection with Order of the Day, No. IV.”—*Affirmed*.

In the absence of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. M’Indoe, on his behalf, moved, and Mr. Hutcheson seconded :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that, a copy of the letter, dated 19th June, 1862, from Mr. Fox to His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, read to this House by the Provincial Treasurer, on 7th May, be laid on the Table without delay.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Hay moved, and Mr. Brown seconded :—“That the Correspondence relating to the Petition of McLaren and others be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Millar, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, and the Mover.”—A debate ensued.

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Julius seconded, as an amendment :—“That it be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.”

Question put on the amendment and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. M’Indoe allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 11) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Thursday next.

Mr. Reid resumed the debate on Mr. Millar’s Resolutions as follow :—

“1st. That a humble address be transmitted by Mr. Speaker, in the name and on behalf of this Council to her most gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that she may be pleased to cause an Act to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament to provide for the separation of the North and Middle Islands of New Zealand into two separate Colonies; and that petitions to a similar effect be transmitted by Mr. Speaker for presentation to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament; and that a Select Committee be appointed to frame such address and petition; such Committee to consist of Mr. Main, Mr. M’Indoe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Vogel, and the Mover.”

“2nd. That printed forms of a similar Address and Petition to her Majesty the Queen, together with duplicates thereof, be circulated for signature throughout the Province, by such persons as are favorable to the Separation of the Islands. And that a respectful Address be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent, to the effect, that the machinery about to be organised in terms of the ‘Gold Fields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867,’ may be taken advantage of to circulate such Address and Petition.”

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. M’Indoe seconded :—“That the House go into Committee.”—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed.

On the Motion of Mr. Robertson the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Burns moved and the Provincial Solicitor seconded :—“That this House do now adjourn till 2 o’clock to-morrow.”

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The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 21.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull ; Mr. Driver and Mr. Haggitt (Tellers).

NOES, 8.—Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray ; Mr. Haughton and Mr. Julius (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, May 15, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Hughes to move :—“That this Council is of opinion that gold mining, being a permanent industry, is beneficial to the Province of Otago and New Zealand generally, and should be encouraged ; and in order to give every facility to the investment of capital and the working of inferior auriferous ground, the time has arrived when the Duty on Gold should be reduced to one shilling and sixpence per ounce ; and that a respectful Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward this Resolution to the General Assembly, with a view of giving effect thereto.”
2. Mr. Haughton to move :—“That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a copy of the Instructions furnished to Messrs. Brown and Hughes, members of this Council, as Delegates to the Gold Fields on behalf of the Government, and under which those gentlemen took, or attempted to take, possession of the Court Houses on the Gold Fields, be laid upon the Table.”
3. Capt. Mackenzie to move :—“That it is expedient that the opinion of an Engineer of known professional ability and standing be obtained on the Provincial Engineer's plan of the Clutha Bridge at Balclutha, and also on the manner in which that work is being carried out by the Contractors ; and that an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to give immediate effect to the above Resolution.”
4. Mr. Thomson to move :—“That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Harbor Department, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports ; Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Burns, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Turnbull, and the Mover.”
5. Mr. Mitchell to move :—“That there be laid on the Table a Return of the Expenses connected with the Visit of his Excellency and Suite to the Province, showing the services rendered, the sums paid for these services, and the parties to whom paid.”
6. Mr. M'Dermid to move :—“That there be laid on the Table a Return showing the amounts spent under the head Harbor Improvements, and what debt remains under that head ; such Return to be laid on the Table before the discussion be taken on the ‘ One Million Loan Bill.’”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Debate to be resumed (by Mr. Robertson) on Mr. Millar's motion respecting Separation. (See page 23).
- II. Dunedin Building Ordinance 1862 Amendment Bill to be committed.
- III. Administration of Justice Bill to be read a second time.
- IV. Debate to be resumed (by Mr. Reid) on the Provincial Secretary's motion as follows :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 148, Block XVIII, Tokomairiro ; and Sections 149, 150, 151, and 152, Block XIX, Tokomairiro District, be reserved for public uses for the incorporated town of Milton.” (Petition of certain Landowners and Residents of Fairfax to be considered.)
- V. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be resumed in Committee.
- VI. Fencing Bill to be committed.
- VII. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill to be read a second time.
- VIII. Licensing Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill, to be read a second time.
- IX. Message No. 5 to be considered.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Turnbull, and by Mr. Fraser (2).

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Reid (2), Mr. M'Dermid, and by Mr. Mosley.

Notices of Questions for Friday next were given by Mr. Robertson and by Mr. M'Indoe.

Notices of Motions for Friday next were given by Mr. Duncan, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, and by Mr. Shepherd.

Notice of Motion for Wednesday next was given by the Provincial Solicitor.

Notices of Motions for "when in Committee of Supply" were given by Mr. Reid, Mr. Clark, and by Mr. Sibbald.

Message No. 7 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced, read, and ordered to be considered in Committee of Supply.

(MESSAGE No. 7.)

The Superintendent, with the advice and consent of his Executive Council, herewith transmits to the Provincial Council Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1868,* and recommends an appropriation of the revenue accordingly.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Dunedin, 15th May, 1867.

Superintendent.

Mr. Reid presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Taieri district.

Mr. Clark presented Petitions, Nos. 1 and 2, from certain Landowners and others in the districts of Waitahuna, Pomahaka, Hillend, and Rankleburn.

Mr. Millar presented a Petition from John Stoddart.

Mr. M'Dermid presented a Petition from certain Settlers in the Lower Harbor District.—Petitions received.

Mr. Speaker laid on the Table :—

1st. Documents from the Provincial Auditor. (See *Council Papers*, page 23.)

2nd. Plans of proposed Fittings for Council Hall.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the Table Departmental Report, No. VI., Hospital. (See *Departmental Reports*, page 20.)

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table a List of Educational Reserves.

Mr. M'Indoe brought up Report of Select Committee on the Petition of Alexander Carnie.—Report read and received. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 7.)

Mr. Batr asked the Provincial Secretary :—"If it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the District Roads Ordinance?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works :—"Whether the wire ordered from Britain in 1862, for bridge at Shag Valley, ever arrived, and if so, what was done with it?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Turnbull asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps during the present Session of the Council, with a view to the incorporation of the High School; also, whether it is proposed to introduce any measure affecting the Education Ordinance now in force in the Province?"—Mr. Burns replied.

Mr. Turnbull asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"Whether the Government intend to take steps to introduce any measure with the view of having the votes of the Electors throughout the Province at future Elections for the Superintendent, Members of the General Assembly, and of the Provincial Council, taken by ballot?"—Mr. Burns replied.

Mr. Hughes' Notice of Question (No. 5), lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Driver asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"Whether a sum, if so, what amount, has been placed upon the Estimates for repairs of Road between the Lee Stream and Waipori?"—Mr. Burns replied.

Mr. Hughes' Notice of Motion (No. 1), lapsed in his absence.

* See last of Papers printed apart, and appended to this Volume.

Mr. Haughton's Notice of Motion (No. 2), was allowed to stand last upon the list.

Capt Mackenzie's Notice of Motion (No. 3), lapsed in his absence, and Mr. France, on his behalf, gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Mosley seconded :—"That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Harbor Department, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports; Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Burns, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Turnbull, and the Mover."

Mr. Reid demanded that the Committee be formed by ballot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 91.

The ballot being accordingly taken, "the members reported by the Clerk to have the greatest number of votes" were Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Sibbald, and Mr. Seaton. These, together with the Mover (Mr. Thomson), were therefore declared by Mr. Speaker to be "Members of the Committee" in accordance with the Order.

Mr. Mitchell's Notice of Motion (No. 5), lapsed in his absence.

Mr. M'Dermid moved, and Mr. Turnbull seconded :—"That there be laid on the Table a Return showing the amounts spent under the head Harbor Improvements, and what debt remains under that head; such Return to be laid on the Table before the discussion be taken on the 'One Million Loan Bill.'"—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Haughton moved (No. 2), and Mr. M'Dermid, *pro forma*, seconded :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a copy of the Instructions furnished to Messrs. Brown and Hughes, members of this Council, as Delegates to the Gold Fields, on behalf of the Government, and under which those gentlemen took, or attempted to take, possession of the Court Houses on the Gold Fields, be laid upon the Table."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 2.—Mr. Haughton and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 25.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Green, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Burns and Mr. M'Dermid (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

The House went again into Committee on Mr. Millar's motion as follows :—

- 1st. "That a humble Address be transmitted by Mr. Speaker, in the name and on behalf of this Council, to Her most gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that she may be pleased to cause an Act to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament to provide for the Separation of the North and Middle Islands of New Zealand into two separate colonies; and that Petitions to a similar effect be transmitted by Mr. Speaker for presentation to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament; and that a Select Committee be appointed to frame such Address and Petition: such Committee to consist of Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Vogel, and the Mover."
- 2nd. "That printed forms of a similar Address and Petition to Her Majesty the Queen, together with duplicates thereof, be circulated for signature throughout the Province by such persons as are favorable to the Separation of the Islands. And that a respectful Address be transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent, to the effect, that the machinery about to be organised in terms of the 'Gold Fields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867,' may be taken advantage of to circulate such Address and Petition."

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed by Mr. Robertson.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd, the House resumed: the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again presently.

HOUSE RESUMED.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and Mr. Burns seconded :—"That the *Administration of Justice Bill* be now read a second time."

Mr. Julius moved and Mr. Haughton seconded, as an amendment :—"That the Bill be read a second time this day six months."—A debate ensued.

The question being put on the amendment a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 9.—Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Julius and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 21.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Duncan and Mr. McDermid, (Tellers.)

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So it passed in the—*Negative*.

The question being put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 23.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Vogel ; Mr. Burns and Mr. Taylor (Tellers).

NOES, 6.—Mr. Fraser, Mr. Julius, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mouat ; Mr. Haughton and Mr. Shepherd (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Bill read a second time, and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Section I.—Amendment proposed (Mr. Mitchell) to insert the words “without magistrates” between the words “Justice” and “Ordinance.”—*Negative*.—Section agreed to as read.

Sections II. to XI. inclusive were agreed to as read.

Section XII.—Amendment proposed (Mr. Shepherd) to strike out all the words after the word “force,” and to insert in *lieu* thereof the words “for a period of six months from the passing hereof.”—*Negative*. Section agreed to as read.

Title and Preamble agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker, “That this Bill do now pass,” it was agreed to and the Bill was passed.

Mr. M'Indoe resumed the debate on the Provincial Secretary's motion as follows :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 148, Block XVIII, Tokomairiro ; and Sections 149, 150, 151, and 152, Block XIX, Tokomairiro District, be reserved for public uses for the incorporated town of Milton.”

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. Barr second :—“That the words ‘public uses’ be struck out, and the words ‘purposes of public recreation’ inserted in *lieu* thereof.”—A debate ensued.

The question being put on the amendment, a division was demanded when there voted :—

AYES, 5.—Mr. Barr, Mr. France, Mr. Haughton ; Mr. M'Indoe and Mr. Reid (Tellers.)

NOES, 21.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel ; Mr. Burns and Mr. Miller (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

The question being put on the original motion, the Provincial Solicitor moved, as a further amendment :—“That the words ‘public uses’ be struck out and the word ‘for a Municipal Estate’ inserted in *lieu* thereof.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. M'Indoe moved and Mr. Barr seconded :—“That the following words be added, viz. : and the township of “Fairfax.”—*Negative*.

Question put on the original motion as amended, and—*Affirmed*.

The House went again into Committee on Mr. Millar's Separation Resolutions. (See page 26.)

IN COMMITTEE.

Question put and—*Affirmed*.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Resolutions as agreed to in Committee.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Millar moved and Mr. Sibbald seconded :—“That the Resolutions as reported, be now adopted.”

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 25.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Vogel ; Mr. Henderson and Mr. Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 3.—Mr. Reid ; Mr. Barr and Mr. Turnbull (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The House went again into Committee on the *Dunedin Reserves Management Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Consideration of "First Schedule" resumed, and the remaining clauses agreed to as read.

"Second Schedule" considered, and the several clauses agreed to as read.

"Third Schedule" agreed to as read.

Title and Preamble agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Millar moved, and the Provincial Solicitor seconded:—"That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of amendment of Section VIII."—*Negatived*.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and Mr. Burns seconded:—"That the Bill be now read a third time."

Mr. M'Indoe moved, and Mr. Millar seconded:—"That the Bill be read a third time at next sitting."—*Negatived*.

Question put on the original motion, and—*Affirmed*.

Bill read a third time; and the question being put by Mr. Speaker, "That this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the *Fencing Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections I. and II. were agreed to as read.

On the motion of Mr. Muir, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked, and obtained leave to sit again.

HOUSE RESUMED.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and Mr. Burns seconded:—"That the *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill* be now read a second time."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded:—"That the debate be now adjourned till next sitting."—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, May 16, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Capt. Mackenzie to move—(See Notice of Motion No. 3, page 24).
2. Mr. M'Indoe to move—(See Notice of Motion No. 11, page 21).
3. Mr. Haughton to move:—"That there be laid upon the Table a Return of all Moneys carried to Suspense Account on March 31st, 1867, giving each item in detail and specifying works under contract at that date."
4. Mr. Green to move:—"1st. That prior to the presentation of any Petition to the House, it be submitted by the Member in charge of the same to Mr. Speaker, in order that he may ascertain that it is in conformity with the Standing Orders. 2nd. That the Member presenting a Private Petition be required to ascertain whether the Petitioner has during any previous Session preferred a similar prayer, and if so, to explain to the House how the Petition was dealt with, prior to moving that it be referred to the Government or to a Select Committee."
5. Mr. Brown to move:—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the management of the Gold Fields, and the conduct of Gold Fields Officers, with power to call for persons and papers; Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Vogel, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Millar, Mr. M'Indoe, and the Mover."
6. Mr. Mitchell to move:—"That an Ordinance be introduced this Session, providing for an additional Member for each of the Electoral Districts of Waikouaiti and Peninsula."
7. Mr. M'Indoe to move:—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Alexander Carnie be referred to the Government, with the recommendation that effect be given to it as early as possible."
8. Mr. Millar to move:—"That the Petition of John Stoddart, late Governor of Her Majesty's Gaol, Dunedin, be referred to the Select Committee upon the Classification of Convicts."

9. Mr. Reid to move :—"That the Petition of certain Settlers in the Taieri District, respecting the erection of a Bridge at the 'Taieri Junction,' be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
10. Mr. Mc'Dermid to move :—"That the Petition of certain Settlers in the North Harbor District be referred to the Government for consideration."
11. Mr. Mosley to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reserve from sale all Bush Lands in the Province of Otago until Bush Reserves are set apart for public uses under Section 62, "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866."
12. Mr. Reid to move :—"That there be laid on the Table a Return of all sums expended on Roads, from the 30th September, 1865, to 1st May, 1867 ; said Return being in continuation of a Return laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, December 1st, 1865."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Committee of Supply.
 - II. Fencing Bill to be resumed in Committee.
 - III. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill—Debate on second reading to be resumed (Mr. Haughton).
 - IV. Licensing Ordinance, 1865, Amendment Bill, to be read a second time.
 - V. Message No. 5 to be considered.
 - VI. Bush Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
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THURSDAY, MAY 16.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Clark and by Mr. Mitchell.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Driver, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Mosley, and by Mr. Hutcheson

Notice of Question for Wednesday next was given by Mr. Hay.

Notices of Motions for "when in Committee of Supply" were given by Mr. Reid (2) and by Mr. Hay.

Mr. Mouat brought up Report of Select Committee on Message No. 2.*—Report read and received. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 8).

Mr. Speaker read, and laid on the Table, correspondence between himself and the printer of the "Evening Star."

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the Table :—

1st. Detailed Statement of Items passed to Suspense Account, March 31st, 1867, (See Appendix, page 3.)

2nd. Opinion of Counsel respecting the action of the General Government with regard to the Otago Gold Fields.—(See Appendix, page 4).

Mr. Driver allowed his notice of Question No. 1 to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works :—"Whether it is the intention of the Government to carry out the recommendation of the Commission on Roads and their Construction as contained in their Report laid on the Table of the House, 14th April, 1864, viz. : That so soon as the survey of the Central Line of Railway is completed, a line be surveyed from Waikouaiti to the Waitaki?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Turnbull allowed his notice of Question No. 3 to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. Fraser asked the Provincial Secretary :—"What steps, if any, have been taken to put in a state of efficiency the Shelter Sheds erected between Campbell's Gully and the Molyneux River?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Fraser asked the Provincial Secretary :—"Whether he is aware that a large majority of the Chinese at present working on the Gold Fields are doing so without having taken out miners' rights, and if aware, whether any steps are being taken by the Government to remedy this evil?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Capt. Mackenzie's Notice of Motion, No. 1, lapsed in his absence, and Mr. Thomson, on his behalf, gave notice of the same for Monday next.

Mr. M'Indoe's Notice of Motion, No. 2, lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Hughes seconded :—"That there be laid upon the Table a Return of all moneys carried to Suspense Account on March 31st, 1867, giving each item in detail and specifying works under contract at that date."—*Affirmed.*

* See *Votes and Proceedings*, page 7, and *Council Papers*, page 7.

Mr. Green moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded:—1st. "That prior to the presentation of any Petition to the House, it be submitted by the Member in charge of the same to Mr. Speaker, in order that he may ascertain that it is in conformity with the Standing Orders. 2nd. That the Member presenting a Private Petition be required to ascertain whether the Petitioner has during any previous Session preferred a similar prayer, and if so, to explain to the House how the Petition was dealt with, prior to moving that it be referred to the Government or to a Select Committee."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Hay seconded:—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the management of the Gold Fields, and the conduct of Gold Fields Officers, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports; Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Vogel, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Millar, Mr. M'Indoe, and the Mover."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Haughton required the Committee to be appointed by Ballot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 91.

The Ballot being accordingly taken, the "members reported by the Clerk to have the greatest number of votes" were Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Vogel, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, and Mr. Hay. These, together with the Mover (Mr. Brown), were therefore declared by Mr. Speaker to be members of the Committee in accordance with the Order.

Mr. Mitchell moved, and Mr. Hutcheson seconded, *pro forma*:—"That the House go into Committee for the purpose of considering Notice of Motion No. 6."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted—

AYES, 11.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Millar, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Mollison (Tellers).

NOES, 12.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hughes, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Muir, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Fraser and Mr. M'Dermid (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Mitchell moved (No. 6) and Mr. Hutcheson seconded, *pro forma*:—"That an Ordinance be introduced this session, providing for an additional member for each of the Electoral Districts of Waikouaiti and Peninsula."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Mitchell asked permission to withdraw his motion.—Permission *withheld*.

Question put and—*Negatived*.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded:—"That the Report of the Select Committee* on the Petition of Alexander Carnie be referred to the Government, with the recommendation that effect be given to it as early as possible."—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of Mr. Millar, the Petition of John Stoddart was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports.

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. France seconded:—"That the Petition of certain Settlers in the Taieri District, respecting the erection of a Bridge at the Taieri Junction, be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Thomson seconded:—"That the words 'to the Select Committee on Private Petitions' be struck out, and the words 'to a Select Committee' inserted in lieu thereof."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Reid required the Committee to be appointed by Ballot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 91.

The Ballot being accordingly taken, "the members reported by the Clerk to have the greatest number of votes" were Mr. Driver, Mr. Shand, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Millar. These, together with the Mover (Mr. Reid), were therefore declared by Mr. Speaker to be "Members of the Committee," in accordance with the Order.

Seven o'clock having arrived, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

By permission of the House, Order of the Day, No. I., was allowed to stand over till after No. III.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the House went again into Committee on the *Fencing Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Section III, amended by Mr. Burns, and, as amended, agreed to; IV amended and agreed to; V was agreed to as read; VI was amended; VII and VIII were agreed to as read; IX was amended and agreed to; X, XI, XII, XIII and XIV were agreed to as read; XV was amended, and, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule A was agreed to as read; Schedule B was amended; Schedule C was amended.

The Title and Preamble were agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.—Bill ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 7.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Haughton resumed debate on the second reading of the *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill*.
Question put and—*Affirmed*.

Bill read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Section I agreed to as read.

Section II. Amendment moved (Mr. Tayler) to strike out the word "Dunedin" (line 3), and insert "Port Chalmers" in lieu thereof.—*Negatived*.—Section agreed to as read.

Sections III, IV and V were agreed to as read.

The Title and Preamble were agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendments.—Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Burns seconded :—"That the House do now go into Committee of Supply."—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved :—"The item £54,500 under the head 'Loans.'"—*Affirmed*.

The House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

The Provincial Solicitor moved and Mr. Mosley seconded :—"That the *Licensing Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill* be now read a second time."

Mr. Driver moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded, as an amendment :—"That the Bill be read a second time this day six months."

Question put on the amendment and—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the House went into Committee on Message No. 5.*

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Burns moved :—"That Message No. 5 be taken into consideration in Committee of Supply."—*Affirmed*.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, and also the resolution agreed to in Committee.

Resolution as agreed to in Committee adopted by the House.

Order of the Day No. VI was ordered to be transferred to the paper for Tuesday next.

The Orders of the Day being disposed of, Motions were resumed.

On the motion of Mr. M'Dermid, the Petition of certain Settlers in the North Harbor District was ordered to be referred to the Government for consideration.

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. Duncan seconded :—"That there be laid on the Table a Return of all sums expended on Roads, from 30th September, 1865, to 1st May, 1867; said Return being in continuation of a Return laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, December 1st, 1865."—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of Mr. Burns the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, May 17, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Duncan to move :—"That the Plans of Council Hall Fittings laid on the Table by Mr. Speaker, be approved of, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate with the Government, to get the work completed during the recess."
2. Mr. M'Indoe to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the Quarry Reserve in the Corstorphine Road District, shown between Block VII and XV, in the Dunedin and Taieri District, be reserved for public uses for the Residents of the District of Caversham."
3. Mr. Mitchell to move :—"That there be laid on the Table a Return of all the Rural and Town Lands sold in the Province from 1st October, 1866, to 31st March, 1867, such Return to be tabulated in the same way as the Monthly Returns."

* For Message No. 5 with enclosures, see *Council Papers*, page 27.

4. Mr. Mosley to move :—“That there be laid upon the Table a Return shewing the area and position of all Bush Lands in this Province of less than 10,000 acres in extent, such Return to give a sufficient description of such Lands to enable this Council to frame a recommendation to reserve such Lands under Section 62 of the “Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866.”
5. Mr. Mosley to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 11, page 29).
6. Mr. Shepherd to move :—“That this Council is of opinion that Gold Mining, being a permanent industry, is beneficial to the Province of Otago and New Zealand generally, and should be encouraged; and, in order to give every facility to the investment of capital, and the working of inferior auriferous ground, the time has arrived when the Duty on Gold should be reduced at the rate of sixpence per ounce per annum until the duty shall be abolished: and that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward this Resolution to the General Assembly, with the view of giving effect thereto.”
7. Mr. Driver to move :—“That the Petition of certain Shareholders of the Southern Steam Navigation Company (Limited), presented to this Council at its last Session, be taken into consideration; and that the same be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), the Provincial Solicitor, Mr. Reid, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mosley, and the Mover.”
8. Mr. Mouat to move :—“That the Report of the Select Committee on ‘His Honor’s Message, No. 2,’ be adopted.”
9. Mr. Mosley to move :—“That in the opinion of this Council it is impolitic and inexpedient that the Waste Lands of this Province should be open for sale until the same have been proclaimed into Hundreds, in accordance with Sections 82 and 86 of the ‘Otago Waste Land Act, 1866.’”
10. Mr. Hutcheson to move :—“That the Government be requested to introduce into the House, a Resolution amending the 99th Section of the ‘Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866,’ with the view of making that Section so explicit, that in case of a joint-ownership of land, the joint-owners are to have a voting power equal to only one owner.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Committee of Supply. (Contingent Notices of Motion to be considered.) (Message No. 5 to be considered.)
 - II. Fencing Bill to be read a third time.
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FRIDAY, MAY 17.

Prayer. Minutes read a confirmed.

Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Julius, Mr. Shepherd, and by Mr. M’Indoe.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Millar, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Hughes, and by Capt. Mackenzie (2).

Message No. 8 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE No. 8.)

The Superintendent transmits herewith for the consideration of the Provincial Council, Petition from Settlers in Tokomairiro, praying for the abolition of Sabbath traffic by drays and waggons.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

Capt. Mackenzie presented a Petition from certain Landowners and others in the Districts of Clutha, Waitahuna, Pomahaka, and Tuapeka.—Petition received.

Capt. Mackenzie also presented a Petition from certain Landowners and others in the Districts of Pomahaka, Rankleburn, Popotunoa, Clutha, and Tuapeka.—Petition received.

Mr. Turnbull presented a Petition from David Ross.—Petition received.

Mr. Mollison brought up Interim Report No. 3 (David Kirby) from the Select Committee on Private Petitions.—(See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 11.)

Mr. Burns laid on the Table :—

1st. Statement of Expenses on account of Arbitration during past twelve months. (Ordered, on motion of Mr. Haughton, May 14.)

2nd. Return shewing amount of Revenue and Expenditure on account of Harbor Improvements. (Ordered, on motion of Mr. M'Dermid, May 14.)—(See *Appendix*, page v.)

Mr. Driver's Notice of Question (No. 1) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Turnbull asked the Provincial Solicitor :—"Whether in his opinion the Committee in any District can, under the Education Ordinance, retain a portion of the Fees of any District School, and pay the same towards the expenses of the Side School in the same District?"—The Provincial Solicitor replied.

Mr. Robertson asked the Secretary for Public Works :—"Whether the Government is willing to place upon the Estimates a sum of money to provide a strong Parapet Fence along the dangerous and precipitous portions of the Roads to Port Chalmers and Blueskin; also, on the Road to the Taieri, which are at present unprotected?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. M'Indoe asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"Whether the Rector and Masters of the High School are under engagement with the Government for any definite period, and, if so, for what period in each case?"—Mr. Burns replied.

Mr. Clark asked the Secretary for Public Works :—"What steps the Government are taking to settle the old claims for compensation for roads deviations; and also, what steps have been taken to close useless and impracticable road lines, and to complete arrangements already entered into?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Secretary for Public Works :—"What steps the Government have taken to open up the surveyed road in the Goodwood District, through the property of Mr. Jones; which road, as Mr. Doughty says in his report, has, pending negociations, been closed, to the great inconvenience of the settlers?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Duncan moved and Mr. Shepherd seconded :—"That the Plans of Council Hall Fittings, laid on the Table by Mr. Speaker, be approved of; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate with the Government to get the work completed during the recess."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. M'Indoe allowed his Notice of Motion, No. 2, to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Monday next.

Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Duncan seconded :—"That there be laid on the Table a Return of all the Rural and Town Lands sold in the Province from 1st October, 1866, to 31st March, 1867, such Return to be tabulated in the same way as the Monthly Returns."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Mosley moved and Mr. Duncan seconded :—"That there be laid upon the Table a Return shewing the area and position of all Bush Lands in this Province of less than 10,000 acres in extent, such Return to give a sufficient description of such Lands to enable this Council to frame a recommendation to reserve such Lands under Section 62 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Mosley moved and Thomson seconded :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to reserve from sale Bush Lands in the Province of Otago where there is a scarcity of Bush, until Bush Reserves are set apart for public uses under Section 62, 'Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866.'"—*Affirmed*.

Message No. 9, from his Honor the Superintendent, was introduced, read, and together with the Bill committed.

(MESSAGE NO. 9.)

The Superintendent returns herewith the *Gold Fields Provincial Management Bill*, 1867, with the following amendment, viz:—"1st" instead of "30" and "June" instead of "May" in the first line of Section II.

17th May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved :—"That the amendment recommended be agreed to, and ordered to be made in the Bill."—*Affirmed*.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill as further amended.

Mr. Shepherd moved and Mr. Mouat seconded :—"That this Council is of opinion that Gold Mining, being a permanent industry, is beneficial to the Province of Otago and New Zealand generally, and should be encouraged; and in order to give every facility to the investment of capital and the working of inferior auriferous ground, the time has arrived when the Duty on Gold should be reduced at the rate of sixpence per ounce per annum until the duty shall be abolished: and that a respectful address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward this resolution to the General Assembly with the view of giving effect thereto."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Millar moved and Mr. Brown seconded as an amendment, to strike out all the words between the words "be" and "abolished".—*Withdrawn*.

The question being put on the original Motion, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES

AYES, 24.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Green, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Hughes and Mr. Vogel (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Henderson and Mr. Hutcheson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Driver moved and Mr. Tayler seconded:—"That the Petition of certain Shareholders of the Southern Steam Navigation Company (Limited), presented to this Council at its last Session, be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."

Mr. Thomson moved and Mr. Turnbull seconded as an amendment:—"That the Petition of certain Shareholders in the Southern Steam Navigation Company (Limited), presented to this Council at its last Session, be taken into consideration; and that the same be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Provincial Solicitor, Mr. Reid, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mosley, and Mr. Driver.—*Negated*."

Mr. Thomson moved and Mr. Turnbull seconded as a further amendment:—"That the Petition of certain Shareholders of the Southern Steam Navigation Company (Limited), presented to this Council at its last Session, be taken into consideration; and that the same be referred to a Select Committee, with a view to the Committee being elected by ballot."

The question being put on Mr. Thomson's amendment, a division was demanded when there voted:—

AYES, 13.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Barr and Mr. Mollison (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Driver and Mr. Fraser (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Thomson required the Committee to be appointed by ballot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 91.

The ballot being accordingly taken, "the members reported by the Clerk to have the greatest number of votes" were Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Reid, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Julius, and Mr. Tayler. These, together with the Mover (Mr. Driver), were therefore declared by Mr. Speaker to be "members of the Committee" in accordance with the Order.

Seven o'clock having arrived, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Julius moved:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the sum of £300 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for instituting 'Queen's Plates' to be given at the following Annual Race Meetings—viz., Dunedin, Oamaru, and the Dunstan, in equal proportions."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Muir moved, as an amendment:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for instituting 'Queen's Plates' to be given at the following Annual Race Meetings—viz., Dunedin, Oamaru, Dunstan, Tokomairiro, and Wakatipu, in equal proportions."

Question put on the amendment, and—*Negated*.

The question being put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.—Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Driver and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

NOES, 21.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Capt. M'Kenzie, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Mollison and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Reid moved:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for procuring the services of an Instructor in Music, to initiate and superintend the Instruction of Music in the Public Schools throughout the Province."—A debate ensued.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, as an amendment:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for employing Instructors in Music, to superintend the Instruction of Music in the Public Schools throughout the Province."—*Negated*.

Question

Question put on the original motion, and—*Affirmed*.

The house resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported the resolution agreed to in Committee, which was subsequently adopted by the House.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the *Fencing Bill* was recommitted.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sec. XV.—Amendment moved by Mr. Mollison to strike out “thirty shillings” and insert “twenty shillings” in lieu thereof.—*Negatived*.

Schedule B, was, on the motion of Mr. Burns, amended and as amended agreed to.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill with further Amendment. Bill ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

Orders of the Day being disposed of, Motions were resumed.

Mr. Mouat moved and Mr. Haughton seconded :—“That the Report of the Select Committee * on His Honor’s Message No. 2 be adopted.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Mosley allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 9) to lapse.

Mr. Hutcheson moved and Mr. Thomson seconded :—“That the Government be requested to introduce into the House, a Resolution amending the 99th Section of the “Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866,” with the view of making that Section so explicit, that in the case of a joint ownership of land, the joint owners are to have a voting power equal only to one owner.”

Mr. Hutcheson asked permission to withdraw his motion.—*Permission withheld*.

Question put and—*Negatived*.

Notice of Motion for Tuesday next was given by Mr. Mitchell.

Notice of Motion for Thursday next was given by Mr. Driver.

Notices of Motion for “when in Committee of Supply” were given by Mr. Henderson and by Mr. Seaton.

On the motion of Mr. Burns the House adjourned till 2 o’clock on Monday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, May 20, at 2 o’clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. McIndoe to move :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the Quarry Reserve in the Corstorphine Road District, shown between Blocks 7 and 15, in the Dunedin and Taieri District, be reserved for public uses for the Residents of the District of Caversham.”
2. Capt. Mackenzie to move :—“That it is expedient that the opinion of an Engineer of known professional ability and standing be obtained on the Provincial Engineer’s plan of the Clutha Bridge at Balclutha, and also on the manner in which that work is being carried out by the Contractors, and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to give immediate effect to the above resolution.”
3. Mr. Turnbull to move :—“That the Petition of David Ross be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.”
4. Mr. Hughes to move :—“That the Report of the Engineer upon the Deviation of the Road from Manuka Creek or Round Hill, through the Waitahuna Gully and Township, on the Tuapeka Main Line of Road, together with all Correspondence on the subject, be laid on the Table of the Council.”
5. Mr. Millar to move :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent to request the ‘Dock Trust’ to lay Plans and Specifications of the projected ‘Dry Dock’ at Port Chalmers, on the Table of this House for one week, for the inspection of the Members of Council; and that it be done previous to the guarantee being taken into consideration.”
6. Capt. Mackenzie to move :—“That the Petition of Settlers and Landowners in reference to the removal of obstructions in the Clutha River, be referred to the Government.”
7. Capt. Mackenzie to move :—“That the Petition of Settlers and others for a Bridge across the Pomahaka be referred to the Government.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Committee of Supply. (Contingent Notices of Motion to be considered). (Message No. 5 to be considered).
- II. Fencing Bill to be read a third time.

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 8.—For Message No. 2 and Enclosures see Council Papers, page 7.

MONDAY, MAY 20.

Prayer.—Minutes read and confirmed.

Notice of question for next sitting was given by Mr. Seaton.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Clark, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Indoe, and by Mr. Turnbull.

Notices of Motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Mitchell and by Mr. Shepherd.

Notices of Motions for "when in Committee of Supply," were given by Mr. Mitchell (2), Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Fraser, and by Mr. Millar.

Message No. 10, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read.

MESSAGE No. 10.

The Superintendent has this day assented to the "Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance, 1867."

20th May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

Mr. Clark presented a Petition from certain residents and others at Glenore and Tokomairiro.—Petition received.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the Table:—1st. Correspondence relating to the introduction of Salmon from Tasmania; 2nd. Treasurer's Financial Statement.*

Mr. Burns laid on the Table:—1st. Returns of Rural and Town Lands † (ordered on Motion of Mr. Mitchell, May 17); 2nd. Return shewing area and position of Bush Lands (ordered on Motion of Mr. Mosley, May 17).

Mr. Shepherd laid on the Table:—Bye-Laws of the Incorporated Town of Queenstown.

Mr. Fraser laid on the Table:—Bye-Laws of the Incorporated Town of Clyde.

Mr. Julius asked the Provincial Treasurer:—"Whether it is the intention of Government to place any sum on the Supplementary Estimates as a grant in aid of the Oamaru Mechanics' Institute?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Shepherd allowed his Notice of Question (No. 2) to lapse.

Mr. M'Indoe asked the Provincial Treasurer—"If the fees collected in one of the District Schools, Dunedin, have been, or can be, appropriated by the School Committee to supplement the salary of teachers in any of the other District Schools in the city?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, and Mr. Blair seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the Quarry Reserve in the Corstorphine Road District, shown between Blocks 7 and 15 in the Dunedin and Taieri District, be reserved for public uses for the Residents of the District of Caversham."—*Withdrawn.*

Capt. Mackenzie's Notice of Motion (No. 2) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Turnbull's Notice of Motion (No. 3) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Hughes moved, and Mr. Mitchell seconded—"That the Report of the Engineer upon the deviation of the road from Manuka Creek or Round Hill, through the Waitahuna Gully and Township, on the Tuapeka main line of road, together with all correspondence on the subject, be laid on the table of the Council."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Millar moved, and Mr. Sibbald seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent to request the 'Dock Trust' to lay the Plans and Specifications of the projected 'Dry Dock' at Port Chalmers, on the table of this House for one week, for the inspection of the members of Council; and that it be done previous to the guarantee being taken into consideration."—*A debate ensued.*

Mr. Driver moved, and Mr. France seconded as an amendment—"That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to obtain from the 'Dock Trust' and lay upon the table of this House copies of the plans and specifications of the projected Dry Dock at Port Chalmers for the inspection of the members of Council, and that it be done previous to the guarantee being taken into consideration, provided the cost does not exceed £5."—*Negatived.*

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed.*

Capt. Mackenzie's Notices of Motions Nos. 6 and 7 lapsed in his absence.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee of Supply.

* See Papers printed apart and appended to this volume.

† See *Appendix*, page vi.

IN COMMITTEE.

The item "Superintendent, £900" being moved, Mr. Millar moved—"That the item be postponed."—*Affirmed*.

The item "Secretary to Superintendent and Storekeeper, £350" was agreed to as read.

Under head "Exécutive," the item "Provincial Secretary, £600" being moved, Mr. Burns moved as an amendment—"That the item stand 'Provincial Secretary and Treasurer.'"—*A debate ensued*.

Mr. Mouat moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress and ask leave to sit again."—*Negatived*.

Question put on Mr. Burns' amendment, and—*Affirmed*.

The item "Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, £600," being moved, it was affirmed on the voices.

Mr. Reynolds moved :—"That the Committee recommend to the House that an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to increase this item from £600 to £750, opposite the words 'Provincial Secretary and Treasurer.'"—*A debate ensued*.

Mr. Reynolds asked permission to withdraw his motion.—*Permission withheld*.

Mr. Mouat moved, as an amendment :—"That the Committee recommend to the House that an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to increase the items in the Estimates, 'Salaries of 'Official Members of the Government,' to £750."

The question being put on Mr. Mouat's amendment, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 15.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fraser, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Driver and Mr. Hughes (Tellers).

NOES, 15.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Julius and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

The numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting voice with the Noes, and so it passed in the—*Negative*.

Debate on original motion resumed.

Mr. Millar moved, as a further amendment :—"That '£750' be struck out, and '£700' inserted in lieu thereof."—*Negatived*.

Capt. Mackenzie moved, as a further amendment :—"That '£750' be struck out, and '£800' inserted in lieu thereof."—*Negatived*.

The question being put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 16.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Hughes and Capt. Mackenzie (Tellers).

NOES, 12.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. M'Indoe and Mr. Mouat (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The item "Treasurer, £600," was, on the motion of Mr. Burns, amended to stand—"Secretary of Public Works and Gold Fields, £600," and, as amended, agreed to.

Mr. M'Indoe moved :—"That the Committee recommend to the House that an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to increase this item from £600 to £750."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 22.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Frazer and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

NOES, 8.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray; Mr. France and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The item "Provincial Solicitor £600" was agreed to as read.

The Provincial Treasurer moved :—"That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again."—*Withdrawn*.

The items under the heads "Home Agency," "Immigration" and "Grants in Aid" were agreed to as read.

Under the head "Miscellaneous" the item "Printing Government Gazette, £600" being moved, Mr. Driver moved as an amendment:—"That the item stand at £550."—*Withdrawn.*—Item agreed to as read.

The item "Loan to North Dunedin Cemetery £400" was, on the motion of Mr. Reid, amended to "Grant to North Dunedin Cemetery £400," and as amended agreed to.

"Compensation to Mr. Wilkin" and "Purchaser of Mr. Harris' land" were ordered to stand over.

The item "Auctioneer's Expenses £1000" being moved, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 19.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogell; Mr. Burns and Mr. Main (Tellers).

NOES, 12.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Reid and Mr. Shepherd (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

The item "Botanical Gardens £200" was, by the Provincial Treasurer, amended to "£400."

On the motion of Mr. M'Indoe, the item was ordered to stand over.

The remaining items were agreed to as read.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported the two resolutions agreed to in Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the *Fencing Bill* was read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House adjourned till 7 o'clock p.m. the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday May 21, at 7 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Mitchell to move:—"That no Petition be received after Friday next."
2. Mr. Haughton to move:—"That there be laid on the Table a Detailed Account of the item £1,073 10s. 6d., costs of arbitration in the matter of 'Kirby's Contract.'"
3. Mr. Hughes to move:—"That there be laid on the Table a Return shewing the number of Applications for Mining and other Leases applied for, to the late Secretary of the Gold Fields Department, in his capacity as Warden for Hindon; the amount and deposit paid on each application, with the name of person or company on whose behalf such application was made; also, the date upon which each deposit was paid by the Warden into the Provincial Treasury."
4. Mr. Clark to move:—"That the Petition of certain Residents, Miners, and others of Glenore and Tokomairiro, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reid, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Mouat, and the Mover; with power to call for persons, papers and reports."
5. Mr. Hutcheson to move:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 20, Block XXVII, township of Hampden, which has been set apart for a Mechanics' Institute, be vested in Trustees, so as to enable the Inhabitants of Hampden and surrounding district to take the necessary steps to accomplish that object."
6. Mr. M'Indoe to move:—"That there be laid on the Table a Report, together with any Correspondence, showing the terms on which the Quarry Reserve, Caversham, has been made over to Mr. Sidey, and the Compensation he has given for it."
7. Mr. Turnbull to move:—"That the Petition of David Ross be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Committee of Supply. (Contingent Notices of Motion to be considered). (Message No. 5 to be considered).
- II. Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- III. Bush Reserves Bill to be read a second time.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, MAY 21.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Under suspension of Standing Orders, Mr. Burns moved and Mr. Mollison seconded:—"That Mr. Speaker be requested to take possession of the three rooms on the landing to be used for Committee Rooms for the Provincial Council."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Burns moved and Mr. Sibbald seconded:—"That this House at its rising do adjourn till 7 o'clock p.m. to-morrow."—*Affirmed.*

Notice of question for next sitting was given by Mr. M'Indoe.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Julius, Mr. Mosley, and by Mr. Seaton.

Notices of questions for Thursday next were given by Mr. Muir, Mr. Hay, and by Mr. M'Indoe.

Notice of Motion for Thursday next was given by Mr. Brown.

Notices of Motions for "when in Committee of Supply" were given by Mr. Hay, Mr. Brown (4) and by Mr. Shepherd.

Messages No. 11 and 12 from his Honor the Superintendent were introduced and read.

(MESSAGE No. 11.)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 28 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866," the Superintendent transmits for the approval of the Provincial Council, the enclosed *list of Sections which have been applied for in the Towns of Lawrence and Waipori. The intending purchaser's name and the price proposed to be fixed is mentioned in each case.

21st May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

(MESSAGE No. 12.)

The Superintendent has this day assented on behalf of the Governor, to the "Gold Fields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867."

21st May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

Mr. Julius presented a Petition from Henry Charles Hertsett.—Petition received.

Capt. Mackenzie brought up Report of the Select Committee on the Sheep Bill.—Report received and ordered to be printed. (See *Reports of Select Committee*, page 1.)

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table Copy of "Instructions to Provincial Government Agents on the Gold Fields." (See *Appendix*, page vii.)

Mr Duncan laid on the table—

1. Report and Correspondence respecting Deviation of Road from Manuka Creek through Waitahuna Gully.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Hughes, May 20.)
2. Copy of a letter from His Honor the Superintendent of Canterbury to His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, respecting the better working of the Waitaki Ferry.
3. Return of the number of Leases applied for to the late Secretary of the Gold Fields Department, in his capacity as Warden for Hindon, &c. (See *Council Papers*, page 28.)

Mr. Green laid on the table Bye-laws of the Corporation of the City of Dunedin.

By permission of the House (it being 7 o'clock p.m.) the Orders of the Day were allowed to stand over.

Mr. Seaton asked the Provincial Secretary—"If the Government intend to take any steps to secure to the inhabitants of the Peninsula, land for the formation of Cemeteries?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Mitchell moved, and Mr. Hutcheson seconded—"That no private Petitions be received after Friday next."

Mr. Mitchell asked permission to withdraw his motion.—*Permission withheld.*

Question put and—*Negatived.*

Mr. Haughton allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 2) to lapse.

* See *Appendix*, page vii

Mr. Hughes allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 3) to lapse.

Mr. Clark moved, and Mr. Muir seconded—"That the Petition of certain Residents, Miners, and others of Glenore and Tokomairiro, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reid, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Mouat and the Mover; with power to call for Persons, Papers, and Reports."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Hutcheson allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 5) to lapse.

Mr. M'Indoe allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 6) to lapse.

Mr. Turnbull moved, and Mr. M'Dermid seconded—"That the Petition of David Ross be referred to the Private Petitions Committee."

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Mosley seconded as an amendment—"That consideration of the Petition be deferred till next Session."

Mr. Thomson asked permission to withdraw his amendment.—*Permission withheld.*

Question put on the amendment and—*Negatived.*

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

The item "Superintendent, £900" was, by the Provincial Treasurer amended to "£1,200," and as amended agreed to.

The item, "Non-official Members £450," was, by the Provincial Treasurer, amended to "£600," and as amended agreed to.

The various items under the Head of "Provincial Council" were agreed to as read.

The various items under the Head "Provincial Secretary's Office," were agreed to as read, except the item "One clerk, £75," which was by the Provincial Treasurer withdrawn.

The items under the Head "Provincial Solicitor" were agreed to as read.

Under the Head of "Crown Lands," the item, "Chief Commissioner, £600," being moved—Mr. M'Indoe moved, as an amendment:—"That the amount be £500."

The question being put on the amendment, there voted—

AYES, 8.—Mr. Green, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Muir (Tellers).

NOES, 23.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Main, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Reid, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Brown, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Fraser and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative.* Item agreed to as read.

The remaining items were agreed to as read, except "£25 Non-official Members," which was withdrawn by the Provincial Treasurer.

The various items under the Head "Survey Department" were agreed to as read.

The various items under the Head "Police" were agreed to as read.

The items under the Head "Harbor Department" were ordered to stand over.

Under the Head "Gaol" the items of salaries were ordered to stand over, and the remaining items under this Head were agreed to as read.

The item under the Head "Gold Fields" was agreed to as read.

The House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House adjourned till 7 o'clock p.m. the following day, in accordance with resolution previously affirmed.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

—
Wednesday, May 22, at 7 o'clock p.m.
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MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Solicitor to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the Lands mentioned in the List showing the Lands temporarily set apart as Educational Reserves, but not yet included in the Schedule to any Ordinance (laid upon the Table on the 15th May instant), be reserved from sale, and set aside for, and appropriated to, the establishment and maintenance of a University in the City of Dunedin, and of Public Schools in different parts of this Province, and for the general advancement of Education in the said Province."
2. Mr. Mitchell to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending him to reserve Section 10, Block XXI, Palmerston, for the purpose of a Mechanics' Institute or Public Library."
3. Mr. Shepherd to move :—"That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the proposed compensation to Mr. Wilkie, contingent on sale of Wakatipu Runs, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports, and to report on Monday next; Committee to consist of Mr. Main, Mr. Reid, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, and the Mover."
4. Mr. Mitchell to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending him to reserve Section 6, Block XIV, Hawksbury, for the purpose of a Mechanics' Institute or Public Library."
5. Mr. Julius to move :—"That the Petition of Henry Charles Hertslet be referred to the Select Committee on the Gold Fields."
6. Mr. Mosley to move :—"That in order to make the High School a more useful institution to this Province, it is desirable that facilities should be provided for the Board and Residence of Pupils at a cost sufficient to meet the expenses thereof: that a Select Committee be appointed, to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Reid, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henderson, and the Mover, to report thereon."
7. Mr. Seaton to move :—"That there be laid on the Table a Return of all Reserves upon the Peninsula, showing the purposes for which they were reserved, and their position on the map."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Committee of Supply. (Contingent Notices of Motion to be considered.) (Message No. 5 to be considered.)
- II. Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- III. Bush Reserves Bill to be read a second time.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Barr, Mr. Green, and by Mr. Shepherd.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hutcheson, and by Mr. Shepherd.

Notice of question for Monday next was given by Mr. Haughton.

Notices of motions for "when in Committee of Supply (at next sitting) were given by Capt. Mackenzie (3).

Mr. Haughton presented a Petition from John Nugent Wood.—Petition received.

Mr. Duncan laid on the Table:—

1. Return of Expenditure on Roads.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Reid, May 17). (See *Appendix*, page 8.)
2. Report respecting the Quarry Reserve.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. M'Indoe, May 21.)
3. Petition (to His Honor the Superintendent) from certain Residents of Roxburgh.

Mr. Julius laid on the Table, Supplementary Bye-Laws of the Incorporated Town of Oamaru.

Mr. Thomson brought up Report of Select Committee on the Harbor Department.—Report received and ordered to be printed forthwith. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 2).

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table the *Neglected and Criminal Children Bill*, and the *Otago Loan Bill*. Bills severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Monday next.

By permission of the House (it being 7 o'clock p.m.) the Orders of the Day were allowed to stand over.

Mr. Hay asked the Government:—"If they are in possession of a Petition from certain Residents of Roxburgh; if so, are they willing to lay such Petition on the Table?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. M'Indoe asked the Provincial Solicitor:—"Is it in accordance with the Education Ordinance that the three District Schools in Dunedin be under the management of one Committee, and the fees amalgamated for equal distribution?"—The Provincial Solicitor replied.

The Provincial Solicitor moved and Mr. Burns seconded:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent recommending that the Lands mentioned in the List showing the Lands temporarily set apart as Educational Reserves, but not yet included in the Schedule to any Ordinance (laid upon the Table on the 15th May instant), be reserved from sale, and set aside for, and appropriated to, the establishment and maintenance of a University in the City of Dunedin and of Public Schools in different parts of this Province, and for the general advancement of Education in the said Province."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Thomson (on behalf of Mr. Mitchell) moved and Mr. Hutcheson seconded:—"That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending him to reserve Section 10, Block XXI, Palmerston, for the purpose of a Mechanics' Institute, or Public Library."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Shepherd moved and Mr. Main seconded:—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the proposed compensation to Mr. Wilkin, contingent on sale of Wakatipu Runs, with power to call for persons, papers and reports, and to report on Monday next: Committee to consist of Mr. Main, Mr. Reid, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, and the Mover."

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer the debate was adjourned till next day.

Mr. Thomson (on behalf of Mr. Mitchell) moved and Mr. Hutcheson seconded:—"That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending him to reserve Section 6, Block XIV., Hawksbury, for the purpose of a Mechanics' Institute, or Public Library."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Julius moved and Mr. France seconded:—"That the Petition of Henry Charles Hertslett be referred to the Select Committee on Gold Fields Management."

A debate ensued, and the question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 18.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Fraser and Mr. Julius (Tellers).

NOES, 5.—Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Haggitt and Mr. Haughton (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Mosley moved, and Mr. Murray seconded:—"That in order to make the High School a more useful institution to this Province, it is desirable that facilities should be provided for the Board and Residence of Pupils at a cost sufficient to meet the expenses thereof; that a Select Committee be appointed, to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Mr. Reid, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henderson, and the Mover, to report thereon."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Seaton moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That there be laid on the Table a Return of all Reserves upon the Peninsula, shewing the purposes for which they were reserved, and their position on the map."—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

The items under the head "Provincial Treasurer" were agreed to as read, except "1 Junior Clerk, £60," which which was withdrawn by the Provincial Treasurer.

The items under the head "Collection of Jetty Dues" were agreed to as read.

"Sheep Inspector's Department" was ordered to stand over.

Under the head "Immigration," the item "Immigration Agent, £350" was by the Provincial Treasurer amended to "£400," and as amended agreed to. The remaining items under this head were agreed to as read.

The items under the heads "Education," "District Schools," "High School," "Hospital," "Lunatic Asylum," and "Miscellaneous," were agreed to as read.

(SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.)

The items under the heads, "Roads and Works," "Telegraphs," and "General Road Board," were agreed to as read.

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The items under the head "Steam Service" (previously standing over) were agreed to as read.

(ROADS.)

The items under the heads "Main North Road," "Main South Road," "Central Interior," "Northern Interior," "Main Branch Roads," "Miscellaneous Roads," and "Works and Buildings," were agreed to as read.

Mr. Driver moved :—"That the Chairman do now report progress and ask leave to sit again."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 16.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Millar, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reid, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Driver and Mr. Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 16.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Shand, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Brown and Mr. Haggitt (Tellers).

The numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting voice with the Ayes, and so it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

Notices of Questions for Monday next were given by Mr. Haughton (2).

Notice of Motion for Monday next was given by Mr. Thomson.

Notices of Motions for "When in Committee of Supply" (on Monday next) were given by Mr. Thomson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Main, and by Mr. Barr (2).

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House adjourned till 7 o'clock p. m. the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, May 23, at 7 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Driver to move :—"That it be made a Rule of this House that members serving on the Private Petitions Committee be exempt from serving on any other Committee."
2. Mr. Brown to move :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to recommend to the Government, that when calling for tenders, a duplicate copy of the plans and specifications should be furnished and forwarded to the nearest Survey Office or Court House in the district where such works are intended to be carried on."
3. Mr. Haughton to move that the Petition of John Nugent Wood be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
4. Mr. Hutcheson to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 20, Block XXVII, Township of Hampden, be reserved as a site for a Mechanics' Institute."
5. Mr. Shepherd to move :—"That this Council is of opinion that the Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand of 1858, intituled 'An Act for the Regulation of Elections Act,' requires amendment, inasmuch as the present system of open voting is inexpedient and prejudicial to the fair exercise of political rights, and that vote by ballot should be substituted for the present system provided for by the said Act; and that an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take steps to lay this Resolution before the General Assembly."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Debate to be resumed (by the Provincial Treasurer) on Mr. Shepherd's motion (See Notice of Motion No. 3, page 41).
- II. Committee of Supply. (Contingent Notices of Motion to be considered.) (Message No. 5 to be considered.)
- III. Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- V. Bush Reserves Bill to be read a second time.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, MAY 23.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mouat, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Reid, Mr. Julius, and by the Provincial Solicitor.

Notice of Question for Tuesday next was given by Mr. Seaton.

Notice of Motion for Tuesday next was given by Mr. Turnbull.

Notices of Motions for "When in Committee of Supply" were given by Mr. Millar (2), Mr. Turnbull, and by Mr. Henderson.

Notice of Motion for "When in Committee on the *Neglected and Criminal Children Bill*" was given by the Provincial Solicitor.

Mr. Mitchell presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers in the Road District of Bushy.—Petition received.

Message No. 13, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE No. 13.)

The Superintendent, with the advice of his Executive Council, transmits herewith to the Provincial Council Supplementary Estimates, No. 1,* for the year ending 31st March, 1868, and recommends the Council to make provision for the services therein specified.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

23rd May, 1867.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the Table:—1st. Departmental Report No. VII (Lunatic Asylum)—(See *Departmental Reports*, page 22). 2nd. Report by the Inspector of Schools on the School Department of the Benevolent Institution.

Mr. Duncan laid on the Table:—1st. Detailed Account of the Costs of Arbitration in the matter of "Kirby's Contract."—2nd. Return of Reserves on the Peninsula.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Seaton, May 22.)

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table:—List of Lands Reserved as Sites for Government Buildings on the Gold Fields.

Mr. Reid brought up:—Report of Select Committee on the Taieri District Petition.—(See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 8.)

Mr. Mitchell brought up:—Interim Report, No. 4 (Williams and M'Laren), from the Select Committee on on Private Petitions.—(See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 12.)

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table the *Immigration and British Agent Ordinance, 1854, Amendment Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Muir asked the Secretary for Public Works:—"Whether the Government have any intention of carrying out the agreement made by Mr. Hardy, when Road Commissioner, on behalf of the Government, with Messrs. David Loudon and Robert Melville, for a Road Line from Helensbrook Road to the Coal Reserve in Glen Carron and the sea coast?"

Mr. Hay asked the Provincial Treasurer:—"What steps the Government have taken, if any, with reference to the Protection of Life and Property on Switzer's Diggings?"

Mr. M'Indoe asked the Secretary for Public Works:—"If it is his intention to inquire into the charge made by the Hon. Member for Clutha (Capt. Mackenzie) against the Crown Lands Department, as to the delay and expense of £5 entailed on him in cancelling his license and obtaining his lease?"

Mr. Barr asked the Secretary for Public Works:—"If it is the intention of the Government to widen the M₁ in Road from the Market Reserve to near Hillside?"

Mr. Green to ask the Secretary for Public Works:—"If the Government are aware that a ditch and bank of some twenty or thirty chains in length are still remaining in the centre of the Main North Trunk Road within two miles of Dunedin, and if it is their intention to cause the same to be filled up and levelled before some serious accident occurs thereby?"

All of which were severally replied to by Mr. Duncan.

Mr. Driver's Notice of Motion (No. 1) lapsed in his absence.

* (See Estimates appended.)

Mr. Hughes (on behalf of Mr. Brown) moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to recommend to the Government, that when calling for Tenders, a duplicate copy of the plans and Specifications should be furnished and forwarded to the nearest Survey Office, or Court House, in the district where such works are intended to be carried on."—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of Mr. Main the Petition of John Nugent Wood was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

Mr. Hutcheson moved and Mr. Julius seconded :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Section 20, Block XXVII, Township of Hampden, be Reserved as a Site for a Mechanics' Institute."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Shepherd amended his notice of motion (No. 5) and moved it as follows :—"That this Council is of opinion that the Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand of 1858, intituled 'An Act to make provision for the regulation and conduct of Elections of Members of the House of Representatives,' requires amendment, inasmuch as the present system of open voting is inexpedient and opposed to the fair exercise of electoral rights, and that Vote by Ballot should be substituted in lieu of the procedure prescribed by the said Act; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to take steps to lay this Resolution before the General Assembly, and to cause a Bill to be introduced therein to give effect to the same."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Haughton moved and Mr. Tayler seconded, as an amendment :—"The omission of the words, 'Inasmuch as the present system of open voting is inexpedient and opposed to the fair exercise of electoral rights.'"—*Negatived.*

The question being put on the original motion a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 22.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Haggitt and Mr. Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Mr. Julius, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Shand; Mr. France and Mr. Thomson (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

The Provincial Treasurer resumed the debate on Mr. Shepherd's motion as follows :—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the proposed compensation to Mr. Wilkin, contingent on sale of Wakatipu Runs, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports, and to report on Monday next; Committee to consist of Mr. Main, Mr. Reid, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Burns, Mr. Muir, and the Mover."

Mr. Thomson moved and Mr. Mosley seconded, as an amendment :—"That payment be made to Mr. Wilkin in proportion to the sum realised for the Wakatipu Runs."—*Withdrawn.*

The question being put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 10.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Clark and Mr. Shepherd (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Julius, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Burns and Mr. Duncan (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Reid moved :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of securing a Drawing Master (trained in the School of Arts' system) to initiate and superintend the instruction of Drawing in the Public Schools of the Province."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Millar moved :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he be pleased to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £300, in addition to the item already passed, in aid of the Fire Brigade."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 11.—Mr. France, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Shand, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Haggitt and Mr. Millar (Tellers).

NOES, 11.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Main, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Fraser and Mr. Mouat (Tellers).

The numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting voice in favor of the Noes, and so it passed in the—*Negative.*

Mr. Hay moved:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the formation and widening out of Ross Place, Lawrence, to its proper width."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 8.—Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Main, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. M'Indoe and Mr. Millar (Tellers).

NOES, 22.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Driver and Mr. France (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

(ESTIMATES RESUMED.)

The items under the heads "Bridges" and "Jetties" were agreed to as read.

Under head "Out of Revenue, or out of Loan if authorised," the items "Immigration, £35,000" and "Breakwater, Oamaru, £20,000" were agreed to as read.

On the motion of Mr. Driver, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

HOUSE RESUMED.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the house adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, May 27, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Thomson to move:—Adoption of Resolutions as recommended by the Select Committee on the Harbor Department.
2. Mr. Mouat to move:—"That the construction of the Road, 'Waitahuna to Main Line,' be undertaken at once, and that the course of the said Road be from the head of Manuka Creek to the Main Gully, Waitahuna, by way of what is known as Duffy's Spur."
3. Mr. Mitchell to move:—"That the Petition of certain Ratepayers in Bushy Road District be referred to the Government."
4. Mr. Shepherd to move:—"That as a very general impression is said to exist that many of the present Representatives of the Province of Otago in the House of Representatives do not represent the wishes or political opinions of their constituents on subjects of vast importance to the Province, whereby the Province is to a great extent virtually disfranchised, it is desirable the House of Representatives should be immediately dissolved. That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that he will communicate this resolution to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to give effect to the same."
5. Mr. M'Indoe to move:—"That this Council is of opinion that the fees collected in each of the three District Schools of Dunedin should be distributed among the Teachers of the respective Schools in which the fees are collected, after the necessary charges have been deducted."
6. The Provincial Solicitor to move:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the Lands mentioned in the List (laid on the table 23rd May) of Lands Temporarily Reserved from Sale as Sites for Government Buildings in Gold Fields Towns, and on some of which Government Buildings have been erected, be reserved from sale, and set aside for the use of the Provincial Government."
7. Mr. Reid to move—"That the recommendations contained in the Report of the Select Committee on the Taieri District Petition be adopted."
8. Mr. Julius to move:—"That no member of this Council shall be permitted to address the House, unless the said member shall be in his recognised place in the House."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Committee of Supply. (Contingent Notices of Motion to be considered.) (Message No. 5 to be considered.)
- II. Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- III. Bush Reserves Bill to be read a second time.

- IV. Neglected and Criminal Children Bill to be read a second time.
 V. Otago Loan Bill to be read a second time.
 VI. Sheep Bill to be committed.
 VII. Immigration and British Agent Ordinance, 1864, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.

MONDAY, MAY 27.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Turnbull and by Capt. Mackenzie.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Reid, Mr. Julius, and by Mr. M'Indoe.

Notices of Motions for "when in Committee of Supply" (at next sitting) were given by Mr. Mouat, Mr. Muir, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hay, and by Mr. Shepherd.

Mr. Clark presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Districts of Tokomairiro, Clutha, and Waitahuna.—Petition received.

Mr. Reid presented a Petition from certain Settlers in West Taieri.—Petition received.

Messages Nos. 14 and 15, from His Honor the Superintendent, were introduced, read, and Message No. 15 was ordered to be considered at next sitting.

(MESSAGE No. 14.)

The Superintendent has this day assented to the two following Bills on behalf of the Governor :—*Administration of Justice Ordinance, 1867*; and the *Fencing Ordinance, 1867*.

27th May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

(MESSAGE No. 15.)

In compliance with the provisions of Section 76 of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1866," the Superintendent submits for the approval of the Provincial Council, the gentlemen named in the margin, (James Hassell, Cave Valley; George Murray, East Taieri; W. G. Rees, Frankton;) whom he proposes to appoint as Assessors in terms of said Act.

27th May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

Mr. Mitchell brought up Interim Reports, Nos. 5 and 6, from the Select Committee on Private Petitions—viz., No. 5 (John Stoddart), and No. 6 (David Ross). (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 12).

Mr. Julius brought up an Interim Report from the House Committee. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 4).

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table the *Provincial Wardens' Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

Mr. Haughton asked the Secretary for Public Works :—"What steps the Government have taken in order to carry out the recommendations of the Select Committee of last Session upon the Dunedin Gaol, especially with regard to the accommodation of prisoners?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Shepherd allowed his Notice of Question (No. 2) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Wednesday next.

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"Whether the Government are prepared to recommend his Honor the Superintendent to place a sum upon the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a Provincial Council Library?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"Whether the Government intend to establish a Telegraph Office at Arrowtown, considering that the wires pass through that township?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Thomson allowed his notice of motion (No. 1) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. Mouat moved and Mr. Hughes seconded :—"That the construction of the Road 'Waitahuna to Main Line,' be undertaken at once, and that the course of the said Road be from the head of Manuka Creek to the Main Gully, 'Waitahuna, by way of what is known as Duffy's Spur.'"—A debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the debate was adjourned till next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. Mitchell, the Petition of certain Ratepayers in the Bushy Road District was ordered to be referred to the Government.

Mr. Shepherd moved and Mr. Sibbald seconded :—"That as a very general impression is said to exist that many of the present Representatives of the Province of Otago in the House of Representatives do not represent the wishes or political opinions of their constituents on subjects of vast importance to the Province, whereby the Province is to a great extent virtually disfranchised, it is desirable the House of Representatives should be immediately dissolved. That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will communicate this resolution to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to give effect to the same."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 7.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Hay, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Shand; Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers).

NOES, 23.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Main, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Burns and Mr. Haggitt (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. M'Indoe moved and Mr. Driver seconded :—"That this Council is of opinion that the Fees collected in each of the three District Schools of Dunedin should be distributed among the Teachers of the respective Schools in which the Fees are collected, after the necessary charges have been deducted."—*Affirmed*.

The Provincial Solicitor moved and Mr. Hay seconded :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the Lands mentioned in the List (laid on the Table 23rd May) of Lands Temporarily Reserved from Sale as Sites for Government Buildings in Gold Fields Towns, and on some of which Government Buildings have been erected, be reserved from sale, and set aside for the use of the Provincial Government."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. Robertson seconded :—"That the recommendations contained in the Report* of the Select Committee on the Taieri District Petition be adopted."

The Provincial Treasurer moved and Mr. Mollison seconded :—"The Previous Question."

Question put :—"That the Question be now put," and—*Affirmed*.

The question being forthwith put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 15.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Driver and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

NOES, 15.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hay, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Duncan and Mr. Hughes (Tellers).

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting voice with the *Noes*, and so it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Julius moved, and Capt. Mackenzie seconded :—"That no Member of this Council shall be permitted to address the House, unless the said Member shall be in his recognised place in the House."—*Withdrawn*.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed on the item, "Dock, £50,000."

On the motion of Mr. Driver, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

(*Supplementary Estimates, No. 1, † considered.*)

Under the head "Salaries," the item "Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, £200," being moved, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 22.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hay, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Hughes and Mr. Main (Tellers).

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 8.

† See last of Papers printed apart and appended to this Vol.

NOES, 6.—Mr. Green, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. Clark and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The item, "Music Master, £400," being moved, Mr. Mouat moved, as an amendment:—"That the item stand "Musical Instruction in Schools, £400."

A division being demanded on Mr. Mouat's amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 4.—Mr. Julius, Mr. Muir; Mr. Mouat and Mr. Shepherd (Tellers).

NOES, 26.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Green, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Driver and Mr. Duncan (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Thomson moved, as a further amendment:—"That the item stand 'Singing Master, £400.'"—*Negatived*.
—Item agreed to as read.

The remaining items under this head were agreed to as read.

The item under the head "Grant in Aid" was agreed to as read.

Under the head "Roads," the item, "Cromwell to Queenstown (Kirby's Contract), £3,000," being moved, Mr. Turnbull moved, as an amendment:—"That the item be reduced to £1,974, and that the costs of the arbitration, amounting to £1,026, be referred to the Government, with instructions to resist payment of same except to such extent as may be allowed by the taxing-officer of the Supreme Court."

Mr. Turnbull asked permission to withdraw his amendment.—*Permission withheld*.

Question put on the amendment and—*Negatived*. Item agreed to as read.

Remaining items under this head agreed to as read.

The various items under the heads "Works and Buildings," "Bridges," "Crown Lands," "Steam Service," and "Miscellaneous," were agreed to as read.

"Harbor Department" (previously standing over) considered; and item agreed to as read.

Items previously standing over under head "Gaol" agreed to as read.

The item, "Purchase of Mr. Harris's Land, £246" (previously standing over), was agreed to as read.

"Sheep Inspectors Department" (previously standing over) considered; and items agreed to as read.

The item, "Botanical Gardens, £400" (previously standing over), was agreed to as read.

The item, "Compensation to Mr. Wilkin, contingent on sale of Wakatipu Runs, £2,000" (previously standing over), considered.—A debate ensued.

Mr. Reid moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again."—*Negatived*.

Debate continued.

The House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning—

TUESDAY, MAY, 28.

Debate continued. Question put and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Shepherd moved:—"That the Chairman do now report progress and ask leave to sit again."—*Negatived*.

Debate resumed on item, "Dock, £50,000."

Question put, and—*Affirmed*.

The item, "Bridge, Waitaki, £25,000," being moved, a debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 13.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Julius and Mr. Mollison (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Main; Mr. Driver and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers).

So

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The items, "Bridge, Otepopo, £5,000," and "Bridge, Shotover, £5,000," were agreed to as read.

The House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Millar brought up Report from Select Committee on Separation. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 9).

Notice of Question for Wednesday next was given by Mr. Brown.

Notice of Motion for Wednesday next was given by Mr. Hay.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House adjourned till two o'clock P.M. this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, May 28, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Thomson to move :—"Adoption of Resolutions as recommended by the Select Committee on the Harbor Department."
2. Mr. Turnbull to move :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that immediate steps be taken by the Government to procure the report of an independent and thoroughly competent Engineer on the Provincial Engineer's plan of the Clutha Bridge, at Balclutha; also, on the manner in which that work is being carried out by the original contractors, or the parties now carrying on the work; and whether, and to what extent, the amount originally appropriated by the Council for the construction of the Bridge will require to be supplemented before the work is completed in a satisfactory manner."
3. Mr. Shepherd to move :—"That there be laid upon the Table, on Wednesday, a Return shewing the area of the Land reclaimed south of Jetty Street, Dunedin, the cost of same, the amount realised by the sale or leasing of same, and the amount of Interest paid yearly for the money borrowed to reclaim same."
4. Mr. Hutcheson to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent recommending that in Block VIII., Otepopo District, there be reserved from sale four thousand acres of Land; the north line of said Block to be the northern boundary of the same. Also, that there be reserved from sale two thousand acres in Block XIII., Moeraki District; the south line of said Block to be the boundary on the southern side; the same to be set aside for the use of the settlers and the Acclimatisation Society, in lieu of the Block set aside for that purpose, but lately sold."
5. Mr. Reid to move :—"That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend His Excellency the Governor to proclaim a new Hundred in the West Taieri District, such Hundred to be adjoining to, and bounded by, the present West Taieri Hundred."
6. Mr. Julius to move :—"That the Report of the House Committee on various matters connected with the House, be adopted."
7. Mr. M'Indoe to move :—"That the Bye-laws of the Corporation of the City of Dunedin, laid on the Table on the 21st instant, be taken into consideration."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Debate to be resumed (by Mr. Burns) on Mr. Mouat's motion.—(See Notice of Motion No. 2, page 50).
- II. Committee of Supply. (Contingent Notices of Motion to be considered).
- III. Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- IV. Bush Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
- V. Neglected and Criminal Children Bill to be read a second time.
- VI. Otago Loan Bill to be read a second time.
- VII. Sheep Bill to be committed.
- VIII. Immigration and British Agent Ordinance, 1854, Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- IX. Provincial Wardens' Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill to be read a second time.
- X. Message No. 15 to be considered.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MAY 28.—CONTINUED (2 O'CLOCK P.M.)

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Barr (3).

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Thomson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Burns, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Millar, and by Capt. Mackenzie.

Notice of Motion for "When in Committee of Supply" (at next sitting) was given by Mr. Julius.

Notice of Motion for "When the Report of the Select Committee on Separation Petition is under consideration" was given by Mr. Mouat.

Mr. Thomson presented a Petition from certain residents in the Township of Balclutha and Clutha District.—Petition received.

Message No. 16 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE No. 16.)

The Superintendent transmits herewith, for the consideration of the Provincial Council, a proposition from Mr. William Murray, of Port Chalmers, for the immediate construction of a Floating Dock.*

Pending the erection of the proposed stone Graving Dock, the Superintendent is of opinion that it is absolutely essential in the interests of the Province that some provision should at once be made for examining and repairing vessels of large tonnage. Should no such provision be made, the Port of Otago must inevitably give way to other ports in the Colony, where the people are more alive to their own interests.

The proposal of Mr. Murray is one which involves little, if any, pecuniary outlay on the part of the Government for five years hence, and even then the amount will be trifling. It seems, therefore, to meet the requirements of the case.

The Superintendent strongly recommends the proposal to the Provincial Council for its approval.

28th May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

Mr. Fraser brought up Report of Select Committee on Glenore and Tokomairiro Petition.—(See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 10).

Mr. Julius brought up Report of Select Committee on the Petition of certain Shareholders of the Southern Steam Navigation Company (Limited).—(See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 10).

Mr. Sibbald brought up Report of Select Committee on the Southern Trunk Railway.—(See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 11.)

Mr. Duncan laid on the Table Departmental Report No. VIII (Gaol).—(See *Departmental Reports*, page 25.)

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the Table :—1st. List of Vessels engaged in Lightering between Port Chalmers and Dunedin; 2nd. Return of Casualties in the Harbor of Otago since January, 1862.

Mr. Seaton asked the Secretary for Public Works :—"If it is the intention of the Government to make a deviation off the Main Road from Dunedin to Portobello through the property of the Hon. E. Stafford? If so, what is the object to be gained by doing so?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Turnbull asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"Whether it is the intention of the Government to make any provision on the Estimates, with the view of engaging Teachers to educate the children of Maoris located at the Heads, Moeraki, Waikouaiti, Taieri Ferry, and the Molyneux?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Capt. Mackenzie asked the Secretary for Public Works—"Why the road from Tapanui to Beaumont *via* Moa Flat (£500 voted last session) is being taken over Wooded Hill, instead of straight up the Flat in the direct line towards Beaumont and Teviot, in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants of Tapanui and neighbourhood?"—Mr. Mouat (by invitation of Mr. Duncan) replied.

Under suspension of Standing Orders, motions were deferred, and the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

(Contingent Notices of Motion considered.)

Mr. Reid moved :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates a sufficient sum to erect a Bridge at the Taieri Junction, in accordance with a vote of this Council at its last Session."—*Affirmed.*

* See *Appendix*, page xi.

Mr. Sibbald moved:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he would be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum for the payment of salary of a Chaplain for the Gaol, Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum."

Mr. France moved, as an amendment, to substitute the words "salaries of Chaplains" in lieu of "salary of a Chaplain."—A debate ensued.

By permission of the Committee, Mr. France's amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, as a further amendment:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he would be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum of £200 to assist the payment of salaries of two Chaplains for the Gaol, Hospital, and Lunatic Asylum,—one of the chaplains to be nominated by the Protestant, and the other by the Roman Catholic clergy; the sum voted to be disbursed by the Government as an aid to the contributions of the Religious Bodies."

The question being put on Mr. M'Indoe's amendment, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Muir, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tayler; Mr. Julius and Mr. M'Indoe (Tellers).

NOES, 16.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Hay and Mr. Mollison (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

The question being put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand; Mr. Hughes and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers).

NOES, 15.—Mr. Clark, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Muir, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Brown and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Hay moved:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of £200 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the construction of a Bridle Track from Lawrence to the Blue Spur, Gabriel's."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Main moved:—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to guarantee a Loan of £5,000 to the Dunedin Water Works Company for one year, on the security of the property of the Company and the rates."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 18.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Capt. M'Kenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Clark and Mr. Main (Tellers).

NOES, 9.—Mr. Brown, Mr. France, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Tayler; Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Muir (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported the Resolutions agreed to in Committee.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Resolutions, as reported, adopted by the House.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the House adjourned till two o'clock p.m. the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, May 29, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Thomson to move adoption of the following Resolutions, as recommended by the Select Committee on the Harbor Department, viz:—

1st. "That the Government be requested to introduce a Bill this Session, in terms of the Final Report of Select Committee of Provincial Council, Session XXII, with the view of promoting the efficiency of the Harbor Department, and making the Department self-supporting."

2nd.

- 2nd. "That all correspondence between the Government and officers in the Harbor Department should be conducted through the Harbor Master and Marine Board, when formed."
- 3rd. "That all Reports laid on the Table should be submitted without mutilation."
- 4th. "That the Government should recognise the recommendation of the Harbor Master in the appointment or dismissal of his subordinate officers."
2. Mr. Turnbull to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 2, page 50.)
3. Mr. Shepherd to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 3, page 50.)
4. Mr. Hutcheson to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 4, page 50.)
5. Mr. Reid to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 5, page 50.)
6. Mr. Julius to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 6, page 50.)
7. Mr. M'Indoe to move :—(See Notice of Motion No. 7, page 50.)
8. Mr. Hay to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to cause 2,000 acres (more or less), on the hill between Wetherstone's and Gabriel's, to be reserved as a Commonage for the benefit of the inhabitants of Gabriel's and Wetherstone's."
9. Mr. Thomson to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to give effect to the Petition of certain Residents in the Township of Balclutha and the Clutha District, praying that certain Town Lands therein named may be reserved for Municipal purposes for Township of Balclutha."
10. Mr. Clark to move :—"That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend to his Excellency the Governor to proclaim Runs 35, 36, and 94 a new Hundred, and thereby give effect to the Petition of certain Residents in the Tokomairi, Clutha, and Waitahuna Districts."
11. Capt. Mackenzie to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause enquiries to be made as to the reasons which induced the District Officer to take the Road from 'Tapanui to Beaumont, *via* Moa Flat,' over the Wooded Hill instead of up the Flat, in the direct line to Beaumont and Teviot; and to cause the result of said enquiries to be laid on the Table of this House without delay."
12. Mr. Fraser to move :—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of certain Residents and others of Glenore and Tokomairi, be adopted."
13. Mr. Burns to move :—"That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he be pleased to carry out the recommendations contained in Message No. 16, for the Construction of a Floating Dock for the Otago Harbor."
14. Mr. Sibbald to move :—
- 1st. "That the Dunedin Terminus of the Southern Trunk Line of Railway, be on the reclaimed land south of Jetty-street, and that a portion of the reclaimed land north of High-street Jetty be reserved for the Port Chalmers and Northern Line.
- 2nd. "That the proposed deviations between Dunedin and the Taieri be adopted.
- 3rd. "That the alternative Line at Tokomairi be acceded to, should the Government find that the settlers desire it, and that the alteration does not involve any excessive extra expenditure.
- 4th. "That the Government be requested to give effect to these resolutions."
15. Mr. Millar to move :—"That the Report of the Select Committee upon the preparation of a Petition and Address to Her Majesty the Queen, be taken into consideration, in order to its adoption by this Council."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

(Same as Tuesday May 28, see page 50).

CONTINGENT MOTIONS.—WHEN IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

1. Mr. Barr to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £30 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates towards giving assistance to Schoolmasters' Libraries."
2. Mr. Barr to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £150 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates towards giving Prizes to District Schools."
3. Mr. Millar to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, £500 for the Formation and Extra Maintenance of a certain portion of the Main Road through Dunedin, namely—That part extending from Rattray-street to Jetty-street."

4. Mr. Turnbull to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of constructing Public Baths at Pelichet Bay, or some other convenient place ; £250 to be appropriated for Swimming Baths, and the remaining £250 for Baths, suitable for the use of Women and Children."
5. Mr. Brown to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to place a sufficient sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates to put in thorough repair the Bridge across the Waitahuna River, at the Township of Havelock, so as to ensure protection to life and property."
6. Mr. Millar to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he be pleased to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £250, in addition to the item already passed, in aid of the Fire Brigade."
7. Mr. Henderson to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of £1,000 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of removing the Rocks from the entrance to the Harbour, Port Molyneux."
8. Mr. Mouat to move :—"That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates as an additional subsidy to the Wakatip Hospital."
9. Mr. Muir to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he would be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates, a sum of £200 for the purpose of assisting in erecting a Bridge over Carron Creek, and constructing a road to the settlers in Glen Carron and the Sea Coast."
10. Mr. Driver to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £600 on the Supplementary Estimates for completing the road through the Kaikorai Valley to Green Island."
11. Mr. Hay to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to place a sufficient sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the formation and filling up of Ross Place, Lawrence."
12. Mr. Shepherd to move : - "That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £250 on the Supplementary Estimates for the erection of Finger or Direction Posts at the crossing of Country Roads distant not less than twenty-five miles from Dunedin."
13. Mr. Julius to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £950 on the Supplementary Estimates, as compensation to the Southern Steam Navigation Company, in consequence of the non-payment of the Subsidy placed on the Estimates last year."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of Questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Muir, Mr. Driver, and by Mr. M'Indoe.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Shand, Mr. Fraser, and by Mr. Barr.

Notices of Motions for Friday next were given by Mr. Turnbull (2) and by Mr. Brown (2).

Notices of Motions for "When in Committee of Supply" were given by Mr. Robertson and by Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Palmerston and Shag Valley.—Petition received.

Mr. Mitchell also presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Waikouaiti.—Petition received.

Mr. Mitchell brought up Final Report (John Nugent Wood) from the Select Committee on Private Petitions. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 12.)

Mr. Turnbull brought up the Report and Evidence of the Select Committee on the City Corporation. (For Report see *Reports of Select Committees*, page 3.)

Mr. Thomson brought up Report and Evidence of Select Committee on the Classification of Convicts. (For Report see *Reports of Select Committees*, page 4.)

Message No. 17 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE No. 17.)

The Superintendent recommends to the Provincial Council that provision be made for the following services.*

* * * * *

27th May, 1867.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

* See *Supplementary Estimates No. 2* appended.

Mr. Shepherd allowed his Notice of Question No. 1 to lapse.

Mr. Brown asked the Government—"What steps they have taken towards throwing open the Lands, for the purpose of settlement, on both banks of the Clutha from the Beaumont to Baldwin's Ferry?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Barr asked the Secretary for Public Works—

1st. "Whether the road leading from the Mornington District to Caversham, adjoining Mr. Rattray's property, was closed by Mr. Rattray or any other person, with the sanction of the present or any former Government?"

2nd. "If it is the intention of the Government to survey the various proposed road lines through the Town Belt to the Suburbs, and proclaim the same in terms of the Dunedin Reserves Management Ordinance?"

3rd. "If it is the intention of the Government to connect the line of road, leading from Mornington along the Town Belt Boundary with the Main Road at the 'Plough Inn'?"

To each of which Mr. Duncan severally replied.

Under Suspension of Standing Orders, motions were deferred, and the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.—(*Contingent Motions Considered.*)

Mr. Barr moved;—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £30 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates towards giving assistance to Schoolmasters' Libraries."

On motion of Mr. Muir, "£30" was struck out, and "£50" inserted in lieu thereof; and motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. Barr moved:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £150 be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates towards giving Prizes to District Schools."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Millar's notice of motion (No. 3) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Turnbull moved:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of Constructing Public Baths at Pelichet Bay, or some other convenient place; £250 to be appropriated for Swimming Baths, and the remaining £250 for Baths suitable for the use of Women and Children."—*Negatived.*

Mr. Brown allowed his notice of motion (No. 5) to lapse.

Mr. Millar moved:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he be pleased to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £250, in addition to the item already passed, in aid of the Fire Brigade."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 11.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Driver, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Julius and Mr. Millar (Tellers.)

NOES, 13.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hay, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Hughes and Mr. M'Indoe (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

Mr. Henderson moved:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of £1000 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of removing the Rocks from the entrance to the Harbor, Port Molyneux."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 16.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Reid and Mr. Thomson (Tellers.)

NOES, 10.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Julius, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Mollison (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

Mr. Shepherd (on behalf of Mr. Mouat) moved:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that the sum of £500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates as an Additional Subsidy to the Wakatip Hospital."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Muir moved:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he would be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum of £200 for the purpose of Assisting in Erecting a Bridge over Carron Creek, and Constructing a Road to the Settlers in Glen Carron and the Sea Coast."—*Affirmed.*

Mr.

Mr. Driver moved :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £600 on the Supplementary Estimates, for Completing the Road through the Kaikorai Valley to Green Island.”—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 7.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hay, Mr. M'Indoe; Mr. Barr and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. Millar and Mr. Mollison (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Hay moved—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to place a sufficient sum on the Supplementary Estimates for the formation and filling up of Ross Place, “Lawrence.”—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 7.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar; Mr. Main and Mr. Shepherd (Tellers).

NOES, 15.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hutcheson, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Julius and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Shepherd moved—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £250 on the Supplementary Estimates for the erection of Finger or Direction Posts at the crossing of Country Roads distant not less than twenty-five miles from Dunedin.”—*Negatived*.

Mr. Julius moved—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £950 on the Supplementary Estimates, as compensation to the Southern Steam Navigation Company, in consequence of the non-payment of the subsidy placed on the Estimates last year.”—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported the Resolutions agreed to in Committee, which were subsequently adopted by the House.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Turnbull moved, and Mr. Taylor seconded—“That the House do now go into Committee of Supply for the purpose of considering the Report of the Select Committee on the City Corporation.”—A debate ensued.

Mr. Turnbull asked permission to withdraw his motion.—*Permission withheld*.

On the motion of Mr. Haughton, all the words after the word “Supply” were struck out, and motion as amended put and—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Message No. 17* considered, and items severally put and agreed to as read.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Estimates as amended.

HOUSE RESUMED.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the table the *Appropriation Bill* 1867-8. Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and Mr. Duncan seconded :—“That Standing Orders be so far suspended as to allow the *Appropriation Bill*, 1867-8, to pass through all its stages during the present sitting.”—*Affirmed*.

Bill read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections I, II, and III, were agreed to as read.

Section IV.—Amendment moved by Mr. Reid to strike out the words “two months,” and insert “one month” in lieu thereof.—*Negatived*.

The question being put (for adoption of clause as read), a division was demanded, but there being no Tellers on the left, it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Section V agreed to as read.

The Title and Preamble were agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

* See Page 54.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to and the Bill was passed.

Mr. Haughton resumed the debate on Mr. Mouat's motion, as follows:—"That the Construction of the Road, 'Waitahuna to Main Line,' be undertaken at once, and that the course of the said Road be from the head of Manuka Creek to the Main Gully, Waitahuna, by way of what is known as Duffy's Spur."—*Affirmed*.

The *Dog Nuisance Ordinance, 1862, Amendment Bill* was withdrawn by Mr. Haughton.

Order of the Day No. IV, (*Bush Reserves Bill*)—*Lapsed*.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Neglected and Criminal Children Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections I to XVI inclusive were agreed to as read.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, a new Section was agreed to, and ordered to stand as Section XVII.

Sections XVIII to XXXVII, were agreed to as read.

The Schedules were held as read and agreed to.

The Title and Preamble were agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.—Bill ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Hay moved, and Mr. M'Dermid seconded:—"That this House do now adjourn."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Burns and Mr. Hay (Tellers).

NOES, 14.—Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shand, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Tayler; Mr. Fraser and Mr. Main (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and Mr. Duncan seconded:—"That the *Otago Loan Bill* be now read a second time."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded:—"That the debate be now adjourned."

The question for the adjournment of the debate being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 10.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hay, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Millar, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Mouat and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

NOES, 18.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shand, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Main and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Debate continued. Question put and—*Affirmed*.

Bill read a second time, and ordered to be committed at next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the House adjourned till two o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, May 30, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1 to 15 inclusive—(See Notices of Motions, 1 to 15, for May 29, page 52 and 53).

16. Mr. Shand to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he be pleased to prevent the further Importation of Cattle from other Colonies."
17. Mr. Fraser to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place himself in communication with the Superintendent of Canterbury, with the view of their jointly devising the best means of defending the two Provinces against attack from the seaboard."
18. Mr. Barr to move :—"That there be laid on the Table, on Friday next, all papers in connection with the Sale of Road Line adjoining Mr. Rattray's property."
19. Mr. M'Dermid to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to set aside as a Commonage for the Blueskin Settlers, Sections 10, 12, 13, 15, and 17, Block No. I, Blueskin District."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Neglected and Criminal Children Bill to be read a third time.
- II. Otago Loan Bill to be committed.
- III. Sheep Bill to be committed.
- IV. Immigration and British Agent Ordinance 1854 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
- V. Provincial Wardens' Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill to be read a second time.
- VI. Message No. 15 to be considered.

THURSDAY, MAY 30.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Thomson (for Mr. Mosley), Mr. Reid (2), and by Mr. Muir.

Mr. Muir asked the Provincial Treasurer :—"If the fine of £500 imposed on Messrs. Chalmers Bros., in the Resident Magistrate's Court, Lawrence, has been paid? and, if not, what action do the Government intend to take in the matter?"—Mr. Burns replied.

Mr. Driver allowed his Notice of Question (No. 2) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. M'Indoe allowed his Notice of Question (No. 3) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. Thomson, the House went into Committee for the purpose of considering Resolutions recommended by the Select Committee on the Harbor Department.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomson moved :—

- 1st. "That the Government be requested to introduce a Bill this Session, in terms of the Final Report of "Select Committee of Provincial Council, Session XXII, with the view of promoting the efficiency of "the Harbor Department, and making the Department self-supporting.
- 2nd. "That all Correspondence between the Government and Officers in the Harbor Department should be "conducted through the Harbor Master, and Marine Board when formed.
- 3rd. "That all Reports laid on the Table should be submitted without mutilation.
- 4th. "That the Government should recognise the recommendation of the Harbor Master in the appointment or dismissal of his subordinate officers."—A debate ensued.

Capt. Mackenzie moved :—"That a division be now taken.—*Affirmed.*

The division being accordingly forthwith taken, on "the motion previously under discussion,"* there voted :—

AYES, 12.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Green, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Thomson; Mr. Clark and Mr. Reid (Tellers.)

NOES, 18.—Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Haggitt and Mr. Mollison (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

* See Standing Order, No. 10.

HOUSE RESUMED.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the *Neglected and Criminal Children Bill* was read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

Mr. Burns proceeded to move the House into Committee on the *Otago Loan Bill*, when notice being taken that 13 members were not present, the House was counted by order of Mr. Speaker, who thereupon adjourned the House without a question first put.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, May 31, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

- 1 to 14—(See Notices of Motions, Nos. 2 to 15, for May 29, page 53).
 15 to 18—(See Notices of Motions, Nos. 16 to 19, for May 30, page 58).
 19. Mr. Turnbull to move :—"That the Resolutions contained in the Report of the Select Committee on City Corporation be taken into consideration."
 20. Mr. Turnbull to move :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the next Session should commence not later than the 10th April, 1868."
 21. Mr. Brown to move :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to recommend to the Government that Lands on both banks of the Clutha, including Moe Flat to Baldwin's Ferry, be thrown open for the purpose of settlement: 2nd, That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to give effect to the same."
 22. Mr. Brown to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to cause the sum of £200 to be set apart for the formation and maintenance of the Central Trunk Road through the Township of Lawrence."
 23. Mr. Mosley to move :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that Bush Lands, also the Lands mentioned in the list laid upon the Table on 20th May, be reserved from sale, and that Crown Grants be obtained for the same as early as possible, with the view of those Lands being reserved by Ordinance as Public Forests."
 24. Mr. Reid to move :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is inexpedient that the Waste Lands of this Province should be open for sale until the same have been proclaimed into Hundreds, in accordance with Sections 82 and 86 of the "Otago Waste Land Act, 1866."
 25. Mr. Reid to move :—"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Mosley for three days."
 26. Mr. Muir to move :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that immediate steps be taken by the Provincial Solicitor to enforce the fine inflicted upon Messrs. Chalmers Brothers in the matter of a case tried in the Resident Magistrate's Court, Lawrence—the Cattle Inspector against Chalmers Brothers,—in which the defendants were fined in the sum of £500."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Otago Loan Bill to be committed.
 II. Sheep Bill to be committed.
 III. Immigration and British Agent Ordinance 1854 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
 IV. Provincial Wardens' Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill to be read a second time.
 V. Dunedin Building Ordinance 1862 Amendment Bill to be recommitted.
 VI. Message No. 15 to be considered.

FRIDAY, MAY 31.

Prayer. Minutes read and confirmed.

Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. Main.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Julius and by the Provincial Treasurer.

Notices of Motions for Tuesday next were given by Mr. Haughton and by Mr. Hutcheson.

Mr. Duncan laid upon the Table, Report respecting the Road from Tapanui to Beaumont via Moe Flat.

Mr.

Mr. Driver asked the Provincial Solicitor :—"What authority has been given to the Lessee of the Toll-bar situate on the Half-way Bush Road (near Roslyn) to erect a Check Toll-bar on the said Road, near the Shepherd's Arms, Kaikorai? also, when the Road leading from the top of Stuart-street, Dunedin, to the Half-way Bush was Gazetted a Main Road?"—The Provincial Solicitor replied.

Mr. M'Indoe's Notice of Question (No. 2) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Turnbull's Notice of Motion (No. 1) lapsed in his absence, and Mr. Reid, on his behalf, gave notice for the same on Monday next.

Mr. Shepherd allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 2) to lapse.

Mr. Hutcheson's Notice of Motion (No. 3) lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. Murray seconded :—"That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend His Excellency the Governor to proclaim a new Hundred in the West Taieri District; such Hundred to be adjoining to, and bounded on the south-east by, the present West Taieri Hundred."—A debate ensued.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Driver seconded :—"That the debate be now adjourned till Monday next."

The question (for the adjournment of the debate) being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 25.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Mr. Main, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Muir, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Haggitt and Capt. M'Kenzie (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Turnbull; Mr. Mouat and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. France seconded :—"That this House do now adjourn till 7 o'clock this evening."

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Mitchell seconded as an amendment :—"That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock on Monday next."—*Negatived*.

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed*.

The House adjourned accordingly.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.—SITTING RESUMED.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the House went into Committee on the *Otago Loan Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections I to X, inclusive, were agreed to as read.

The Schedule, Preamble, and Title, were agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

HOUSE RESUMED.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That the Bill be now read a third time."—*Affirmed*.

Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the House went into Committee on the *Sheep Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections I to IX agreed to as read.

Section X was amended by the Provincial Solicitor, and as amended agreed to.

Sections XI to XXXVII were agreed to as read.

Section XXXVIII: amendment moved (Mr. Mitchell) to insert after the word "road" in line 3 the words "or being within the limits of a Hundred."—*Affirmed*. Section as amended agreed to.

Sections XXXIX to XLIX, inclusive, were agreed to as read.

Schedules A, B, C, D, and E, were agreed to as read.

Preamble

Preamble and Title were agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments. Bill ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Immigration and British Agent Ordinance 1854 Amendment Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Section I being moved, Mr. Reynolds moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress and ask leave to sit again."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded when there voted :—

AYES, 14.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Main and Mr Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 17.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haggitt, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Duncan and Capt. Mackenzie (Tellers).

So it passed in the *Negative*.

Debate resumed—Section agreed to as read.

Section II moved as amended by the Provincial Treasurer, and as moved—*Affirmed*.

Sections III and IV were agreed to as read.

The Title and Preamble were agreed to as read, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendments.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and Mr. Duncan seconded :—"That the *Provincial Wardens' Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill* be now read a second time."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 17.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Main, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Haggitt and Mr. Hutcheson (Tellers).

NOES, 9.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Haughton, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. Julius and Mr. Turnbull (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Bill read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Sections I and II agreed to as read.

Title and Preamble agreed to, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendments.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

The *Dunedin Building Ordinance 1862 Amendment Bill* was withdrawn by the Provincial Solicitor.

Message No. 15 considered.*

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Mollison seconded—"That this House approves of the appointments notified in His Honor's Message No. 15."—*Affirmed*.

Under suspension of Standing Orders, the "Sheep Bill" was read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

The Orders of the Day being disposed of, Motions were resumed.

On the motion of Mr. Julius, the House went into Committee for the purpose of considering a Report* from the House Committee.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Julius moved :—" That the Report of the House Committee be adopted."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Fraser moved :—" That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again."—*Withdrawn.*

The Provincial Treasurer moved :—" That Resolutions 3 and 4 be struck out."—A debate ensued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 4.—Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Burns and Mr. Mollison (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Reid and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. M'Indoe allowed his Notice of Motion, No. 6, to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Monday next.

Mr. Hay moved and Mr. Shepherd seconded :—" That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to cause 2,000 acres (more or less), on the hill between Wetherstones and Gabriels, to be reserved as a Commonage for the benefit of the inhabitants of Gabriels and Wetherstones."—*Withdrawn.*

Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Tayler seconded :—" That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock on Monday next."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 6.—Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Tayler; Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

NOES, 19.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Millar and Mr. Mollison (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

Capt. Mackenzie (for Mr. Thomson) moved and Mr. Henderson seconded :—" That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to give effect to the Petition of certain residents in the township of Balclutha and the Clutha District, praying that certain Town Lands therein named may be reserved for Municipal purposes for township of Balclutha."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Shepherd moved and Mr. Haughton seconded :—" That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock on Monday next."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 7.—Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Tayler; Mr. M'Dermid and Mr. Reid (Tellers.)

NOES, 17.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Driver, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Shand, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Burns and Mr. Millar (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

The House having continued to sit till passed 12 of the clock on Saturday morning—

SATURDAY, JUNE 1.

Mr. Millar asked permission to move Motion No. 14, previous to No. 9 being called.—*Permission withheld.*

Mr. Clark moved and Mr. Muir seconded :—(No. 9) " That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend to his Excellency the Governor to proclaim Runs 35, 36, and 94 a new Hundred, and thereby give effect to the Petition of certain residents in the Tokomairiro, Clutha, and Waitahuna Districts."—A debate ensued.

* See Reports of Select Committees, page

On the motion of Mr. Mitchell the debate was adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. Hay seconded :—"That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock on Monday next."—*Negatived.*

Capt. Mackenzie moved and Mr. Brown seconded :—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause enquiries to be made as to the reasons which induced the District Officer to take the road from 'Tapanui to Beaumont, *via* Moa Flat,' over the Wooded Hill instead of up the Flat, in the direct line to Beaumont and Teviot; and to cause the result of said enquiries to be laid on the Table of this House without delay.'

Mr. Duncan laid on the table the information required.—Motion, by permission of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Haughton moved and Mr. Reid seconded :—"That this House do now adjourn till Monday next at 2 o'clock, p.m."

A division being demanded there voted :—

AYES, 15.—Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Reid, Mr. Tayler; Mr. Fraser and Mr. Hutcheson (Tellers.)

NOES, 9.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shand; Mr. Burns and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

The House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, June 3, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Turnbull to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 2, page 50.)
2. Mr. M'Indoe to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 7, page 50.)
3. Mr. Fraser to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 12, page 53.)
4. Mr. Burns to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 13, page 53.)
5. Mr. Sibbald to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 14, page 53.)
6. Mr. Millar to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 15, page 53.)
7. Mr. Shand to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 16, page 58.)
8. Mr. Fraser to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 17, page 58.)
9. Mr. Barr to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 18, page 58.)
10. Mr. M'Dermid to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 19, page 58.)
11. Mr. Turnbull to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 19, page 59.)
12. Mr. Turnbull to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 20, page 59.)
13. Mr. Brown to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 21, page 59.)
14. Mr. Brown to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 22, page 59.)
15. Mr. Mosley to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 23, page 59.)
16. Mr. Reid to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 24, page 59.)
17. Mr. Reid to move :—"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Mosley for three days."
18. Mr. Muir to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 26, page 59.)
19. Mr. Julius to move :—"That the Select Committee on the Gold Fields be discharged forthwith."

20. The Provincial Treasurer to move:—"That Mr. Julius and Mr. Fraser be added to the Select Committee on the Gold Fields."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Debate to be resumed (by the Provincial Treasurer) on Mr. Reid's motion as follows:—"That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend his Excellency the Governor to proclaim a new Hundred in the West Taieri District, such Hundred to be adjoining to, and bounded on the south-east by the present West Taieri Hundred."
- II. Debate to be resumed in Committee (by the Provincial Treasurer) on Mr. Julius' motion as follows:—"That the Report of the House Committee on various matters connected with the House be adopted."
- III. Debate to be resumed (by Mr. Mitchell) on Mr. Clark's motion as follows:—"That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend to His Excellency the Governor to proclaim Runs 35, 36, and 94 a new Hundred, and thereby give effect to the Petition of certain residents in the Tokomairiro, Clutha, and Waitahuna Districts."

MONDAY, JUNE 3.

Prayer. *Minutes*—read and confirmed.

Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. Mouat.

Notice of Motion for next sitting was given by Mr. Robertson.

Notice of Question for Wednesday next was given by Mr. Mouat.

Notices of Motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Reid and by Mr. Millar.

Mr. Speaker laid on the Table:—"Opinion of Counsel respecting powers of Speakers under the "Privileges Act, 1856." (See *Appendix*, page xi.)

Mr. Brown brought up Interim Report No. 1, (with evidence,) from the Select Committee on Gold Fields Management, respecting the Petition of Henry Charles Hertlett. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 6.)

Mr. Reid brought up Report, (with evidence,) of the Select Committee on the High School. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 5.)

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table the *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill* (No. 2.)

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Under suspension of Standing Orders, the Bill was read a second time, committed, reported without amendments and read a third time; and the question being put by Mr. Speaker, "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

Mr. Main asked the Government:—"Whether they intend to bring before the Council this Session, the subject of Grants of Land to Volunteers, under the second Clause of the Volunteers Land Act, 1865?"—Mr. Duncan replied.

Mr. Turnbull moved and Mr. France seconded:—"That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that immediate steps be taken by the Government to procure the Report of an independent and thoroughly competent Engineer on the Provincial Engineer's plan of the Clutha Bridge, at Balclutha; also, on the manner in which that work is being carried out by the original contractors, or the parties now carrying on the work; and whether, and to what extent, the amount originally appropriated by the Council for the construction of the Bridge will require to be supplemented before the work is completed in a satisfactory manner."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. M'Indoe brought up Interim Report No. 2,* from the Select Committee on Gold Fields Management, and (under suspension of Standing Orders) moved:—"That the Report be considered at once."—Seconded by Mr. Hughes and *affirmed*.

Mr. M'Indoe moved and Mr. Hughes seconded:—"That the House do go into Committee to consider the Report."—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"That this Committee approve of the witnesses being called before the Bar of the House, to show cause why they refused to answer the questions put to them, and, in one witness's case, why he refused to produce documents; and that further consideration of the Report be adjourned till after the witnesses have responded to Mr. Speaker's summons."—*Affirmed*.

* See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 6.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported progress on the Report, and asked and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported the Resolution agreed to in Committee, which was subsequently adopted by the House.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, and Mr. Barr seconded—"That the Bye-laws of the Corporation of the City of Dunedin, laid on the table on the 21st ult., be considered in Committee of the whole House."—*Negatived.*

Mr. Fraser moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of certain residents and others of Glenore and Tokomairiro be adopted."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Tayler seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he be pleased to carry out the recommendations contained in Message No. 16,* for the construction of a Floating Dock for the Otago Harbor."—A debate ensued.

Debate interrupted—the time having arrived for proceeding to the Orders of the Day.

Seven o'clock p.m. having arrived, the Sergeant-at-arms, by order of Mr. Speaker, proceeded to the Bar of the House and there called three several times the name of "Henry Wirgman Robinson," but Henry Wirgman Robinson did not respond to the call.

Mr. Speaker having read the warrant calling upon Mr. Robinson to appear,—

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. M'Indoe seconded—"That Henry Wirgman Robinson be fined the sum of Nineteen Pounds, for refusing to answer the questions put to him by the Select Committee on the Gold Fields Management; and that, in default of payment of such fine, he be committed to the common Gaol at Dunedin, or other convenient place to be named by Mr. Speaker, for a period of seven days, unless such fine be sooner paid."—*Affirmed.*

By order of Mr. Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms again proceeded to the Bar of the House, and there three several times called the name of "Simon Frederick Every," but Simon Frederick Every did not respond to the call.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Duncan seconded:—"That Simon Frederick Every be fined the sum of Five Pounds for refusing to answer the questions put to him by the Select Committee on Gold Fields Management, and that in default of payment of such fine, he be committed to the common gaol at Dunedin, or other convenient place to be named by Mr. Speaker, for a period of twenty-four hours, unless such fine be sooner paid."—*Affirmed.*

By order of Mr. Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms again proceeded to the Bar of the House, and having there called the name of "Henry Livingston," Henry Livingston forthwith answered to his name, and appeared at the Bar of the House; and being questioned by Mr. Speaker, he replied thereto as follows:—

Q.—"Mr. Livingston, are you now prepared to answer the questions previously proposed to you by the Select Committee on the Gold Fields Management?"

A.—"The questions I before declined to answer, I still decline to answer."

Q.—"Why do you decline to answer these questions?"

A.—"I am acting in accordance with instructions of my superior officer."

Q.—"Who is your superior officer?"

A.—"The Colonial Treasurer."

Q.—"Is it within your knowledge, Mr. Livingston, that any Gold Fields Revenue, accruing to the Province in March last, has been withheld from the Provincial Treasury?"

A.—"I decline to answer."

Q.—"Do you regard the Gold Fields Revenue as Territorial Revenue?"

A.—"I decline to answer."

Q.—"Why do you decline to answer?"

A.—"Because I am under instructions of my superior officer."

Q.—"You are aware, Mr. Livingston, that you subject yourself to a heavy penalty by refusing to answer these questions?"

A.—"No; I am not."

* See page 51.

Q.—“Do you wish to say anything in justification of your refusal to answer these questions?”

A.—“Nothing, further than that I have instructions from my superior.”

Q.—“We gave you a day to telegraph to Wellington, did you do so?”

A.—“I decline to answer.”

Q.—“Why will you not do so?”

A.—“I have already given my reason; I am not allowed to do so.”

Q.—“Will you give us a statement of the Revenue from the Gold Fields during the last three months?”

A.—“I decline to say.”

Q.—“Supposing, now, that Two Thousand Pounds is paid for Agricultural Leases, does that come to the Gold Revenue or Land Revenue?—We want to see what the Land Revenue is. Do your Land Returns include any Agricultural Leases on the Gold Fields?”

A.—“I decline to answer.”

Q.—“Am I to understand that you refuse to answer the questions put to you by the Committee, solely on the ground that your superior officer has instructed you to do so and not out of contempt to this Council or wilful disobedience to my warrant?”

A.—“Certainly.”

Mr. Livingston, by direction of Mr. Speaker, withdrew.

The Provincial Treasurer, *pro forma*, moved, and Mr. Mollison seconded:—“That this House do now adjourn.”—*Withdrawn*.

By permission of the House, Mr. Burns resumed the debate (previously interrupted) on motion No. 4.*

Mr. Reid moved and Mr. Murray seconded:—“That the following words be added: ‘Provided that the compensation payable at the expiration of the term shall not exceed the actual value that may be fixed by valuation in the usual way.’”—*Affirmed*.

Question put on the motion as amended and—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of Mr. Sibbald, the House went into Committee on Notice of Motion No. 5.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Sibbald moved:—1st. “That the Dunedin Terminus of the Southern Trunk Line of Railway be on the Reclaimed Land south of Jetty-street, and that a portion of the Reclaimed Land north of High-street Jetty be reserved for the Port Chalmers and Northern Line.”

Mr. M'Indoe moved, as an amendment:—“That all the words after the words ‘Reclaimed Land’ (in line 2) be struck out, and ‘North of Rattray-street’ inserted in *lieu* thereof.”—A debate ensued.

Capt. Mackenzie moved:—“That the Chairman do now report progress and ask leave to sit again.”—*Withdrawn*.

Question put on Mr. M'Indoe's amendment and—*Affirmed*.

Motion as amended put and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Sibbald moved:—

2nd. “That the proposed deviations between Dunedin and the Taieri be adopted.

3rd. “That the alternative Line at Tokomairiro be acceded to, should the Government find that the settlers desire it, and that the alteration does not involve any excessive extra expenditure.

4th. “That the Government be requested to give effect to these Resolutions.”—*Affirmed*.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Resolutions as agreed to in Committee, which were subsequently adopted by the House.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Millar moved, and Mr. Sibbald seconded—“That the Report of the Select Committee† upon the preparation of a Petition and Address to Her Majesty the Queen be taken into consideration, in order to its adoption by this Council.”

* See page 65. † See Reports of Select Committees, page 9.

Mr. M'Indoe moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded, as an amendment—"That the Report of the Select Committee upon the preparation of a Petition and Address to Her Majesty the Queen be adopted."—A debate ensued.

Capt. Mackenzie moved, and Mr. Hughes seconded—"That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock to-morrow."

The question being put on motion for adjournment, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 7.—Mr. Barr, Mr. France, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Green, Mr. Haughton; Capt. Mackenzie and Mr. Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 15.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Burns and Mr. Millar (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Shepherd seconded—"That the House do now adjourn; and the question now under consideration be taken up as a first motion to-morrow."

Mr. Burns asked permission to withdraw his motion.—*Permission withheld*.

Question put on Mr. Burns's motion and—*Negat ved*.

Mr. Fraser moved, and Mr. Shand seconded—"That the debate be now adjourned till next sitting."

The question being put on motion for adjournment of the debate, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 5.—Mr. Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Shand; Mr. Fraser and Capt. Mackenzie (Tellers).

NOES, 19.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Driver and Mr. Duncan (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Debate continued.

Mr. Main moved, and Mr. Mitchell seconded—"That a division be now taken."

The question being put (on Mr. Main's motion), a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 16.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clark, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Main, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd; Mr. Duncan and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers).

NOES, 2.—Mr. Green and Mr. Hay (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The division being accordingly forthwith taken on "the motion previously under discussion," there voted :—

AYES, 18.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Indoe, Mr. Millar, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Murray, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Burns and Mr. Duncan (Tellers).

NOES, 2.—Mr. Fraser and Mr. Main (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the House adjourned till two o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, June 4, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Shand to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 16, page 58).
2. Mr. Fraser to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 17, page 58).
3. Mr. Barr to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 18, page 58).
4. Mr. M'Dermid to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 19, page 58).
5. Mr. Turnbull to move :—"That the Resolutions contained in the Report of the Select Committee on City Corporation be taken into consideration."

6. Mr. Turnbull to move :—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the next Session should commence not later than the 10th April, 1868."
7. Mr. Brown to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 21, page 59).
8. Mr. Brown to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 22, page 59).
9. Mr. Mosley to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 23, page 59).
10. Mr. Reid to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 24, page 59).
11. Mr. Reid to move :—"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Mosley for three days."
12. Mr. Muir to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 26, page 59).
13. Mr. Julius to move :—"That the Select Committee on the Gold Fields be discharged forthwith."
14. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—"That Mr. Julius and Mr. Fraser be added to the Select Committee on the Gold Fields."
15. Mr. Haughton to move :—"That this Council is of opinion that out of the £23,500 passed in the Appropriation Ordinance for Municipal purposes, £310 be paid to the Dunedin Fire Brigade for their own proper purposes, and £100 to the Queenstown Fire Brigade."
16. Mr. Hutcheson to move :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that in Block VIII, Otepopo District, there be reserved from sale four thousand acres of land ; the north line of said Block to be the northern boundary of the same. Also, that there be reserved from sale two thousand acres in Block XIII., Moeraki district ; the south line of said Block to be the boundary on the southern side : the same to be set aside for the use of the settlers and the Acclimatisation Society, in lieu of the Block set aside for that purpose, but lately sold."
17. Mr. Robertson to move—"That it is expedient that a Bridge should be constructed over the Silverstream at the place known as the Lower Bush Road, leading across the Taieri Plains, and that the Government be authorised to expend the necessary amount for carrying out the work during the recess, and this House will make good the same."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- I. Debate to be resumed (by the Provincial Treasurer) on Mr. Reid's motion as follows.—"That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend his Excellency the Governor to proclaim a new Hundred in the West Taieri District, such Hundred to be adjoining to, and bounded on the south-east by the present West Taieri Hundred."
- II. Debate to be resumed in Committee (by the Provincial Treasurer) on Mr. Julius' motion as follows—"That the Report of the House Committee on various matters connected with the House, be adopted."
- III. Debate to be resumed (by Mr. Mitchell) on Mr. Clark's motion as follows :—"That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend to His Excellency the Governor to proclaim Runs 35, 36, and 94 a new Hundred, and thereby give effect to the Petition of certain residents in the Tokomairi, Clutha, and Waitahuna Districts."
- IV. Debate to be resumed in Committee on adoption of Interim Report No. 2, from the Select Committee on Gold Fields.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notice of Question for next sitting was given by Mr. Clark.

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Millar, Mr. Clark, Mr. Brown, and by Mr. Hay.

Mr. Burns laid on the Table, Papers relating to the sale of Road Line adjoining Mr. Rattray's property.

Mr. Brown brought up the Final Report from the Select Committee on Gold Fields Management. (See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 7.)

Mr. Hay asked the Government :—"What steps they have taken to cause a Re-survey of the Township of Roxburgh, in accordance with the Memorial received from the Residents of that place?"—Mr. Burns replied.

Mr. Shand moved, and Mr. Julius seconded :—"That an address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he be pleased to prevent the further Importation of Cattle from other Colonies."

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Barr seconded as an amendment :—"That the word 'prevent' be struck out, and the words 'recommend His Excellency the Governor to take steps to prohibit,' inserted in lieu thereof."—*Negatived.*

Mr.

Mr. Green moved, and Mr. Reid seconded as a further amendment :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will recommend His Excellency the Governor to take measures to prohibit the further importation of diseased Cattle from other Colonies."—*Negatived.*

Question put on the original Motion, and *negatived.*

Mr. Fraser moved, and Mr. Sibbald seconded :—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place himself in communication with the Superintendent of Canterbury, with the view of their jointly devising the best means of defending the two Provinces against attack from the sea-board."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Barr allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 3,) to lapse.

Mr. M'Dermid's Notice of Motion (No. 4,) lapsed in his absence.

On the Motion of Mr. Turnbull, the House went into Committee on the Resolutions* brought up by the Select Committee on City Corporation.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Turnbull moved :—

- 1st. "That out of its Revenue, unless the inhabitants are subjected to taxation excessively and injuriously high, the Corporation, for some time to come, cannot defray the necessary expenses in carrying on the affairs of the City and meet its liabilities."—*Affirmed.*
- 2nd. "That the Corporation should receive out of the Provincial Revenue an annual subsidy of 10s. in the pound on the amount of Rates raised in the City, for a period of three years : Provided that if the Rate levied exceeds 1s., the computation for the subsidy shall be based on a 1s. Rate."—*Affirmed.*
- 3rd. "That the Provincial Council should obtain power from the General Assembly to offer the Provincial Guarantee to the Corporation Loan, or any portion of it."—*Affirmed.*
- 4th. "That the Guarantee should be at once extended to £25,000 of the Loan, and that the proceeds of such amount should be employed in paying off the present liabilities of the Corporation, the Government taking such steps as will secure the proper application of the money."—*Affirmed.*
- 5th. "That no part of the remainder of the Loan be negotiated without the sanction of the Provincial Council, and without the proceeds being appropriated by the Council."—*Affirmed.*
- 6th. "That on account of the £25,000 to be negotiated, the Superintendent be authorised to guarantee an advance to the extent of £6,000 for twelve months ; such amount to be applied in payment of the immediate and pressing liabilities of the City, the Executive taking such steps as will secure the proper application of the money."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Turnbull moved :—7th. "That taking into consideration the past history of the City, and in view of the foregoing proposals being carried out, your Committee is strongly of opinion that some control should be exercised by the Provincial Government over the actions of the Corporation, and recommends, therefore, that the Government should have in its hands the ratification of the appointment and power of dismissal of the Town Clerk and City Surveyor or Engineer."

Mr. Millar moved, as an amendment :—"That all the words after the word 'Corporation' (in line 3) be struck out."—*Negatived.*

The question being put on the original motion, a division was demanded, when there voted :—

AYES, 16.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Driver, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Julius, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shand, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Vogel ; Mr. Sibbald and Mr. Turnbull (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Millar, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Seaton ; Mr. Main and Mr. Robertson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

Mr. Turnbull moved : 8th. "That looking to the excessive Rates which have of late years been levied, and seeing that only property, and not political considerations, are involved, your Committee thinks it would be advisable that the voting powers of the ratepayers should be regulated to some extent by the amount of property held by them, and suggests as follows : On property of which the assessed value does not exceed £50, one vote ; above £50 and not exceeding £150, two votes ; above £150 and not exceeding £500, three votes ; above £500, four votes."

Mr. Reid moved, as an amendment :—"That all the words after the word 'them' (in line 4) be struck out."—*Affirmed.*

Upon suggestion of Mr. Main, the words "to some extent" (in line 3) were struck out, and the resolution as thus amended agreed to.

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 3.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the resolutions as amended, which were subsequently adopted by the House.

HOUSE RESUMED.

Mr. Turnbull allowed his Notice of Motion (No. 6) to lapse.

Mr. Brown moved and Mr. Hay seconded:—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to recommend to the Government that Lands on both Banks of the Clutha, including Moa Flat to Baldwin's Ferry, be thrown open for the purpose of settlement.—2nd. That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to give effect to the same."—A debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by reason of the House proceeding to the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Burns resumed the debate on Mr. Reid's motion as follows:—"That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend his Excellency the Governor to proclaim a new Hundred in the West Taieri District, such Hundred to be adjoining to, and bounded on the south-east by, the present West Taieri Hundred."

The Provincial Treasurer moved and Mr. Mollison seconded:—"That the debate be now adjourned till to-morrow."—*Negatived.*

Debate continued.

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 17.—Mr. Barr, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. M'Dermid, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Tayler; Mr. Reid and Mr. Sibbald (Tellers.)

NOES, 4.—Mr. Mollison, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Burns and Mr. Julius (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

On the motion of Mr. Julius, the House went again into Committee on the Report of the House Committee.—

(See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 4.)

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate* resumed on motion for adoption of Report.

Mr. Reynolds moved as an amendment:—"That Resolution No. 4 stand thus—'That the Council Hall, Offices, and Committee Rooms, are not to be used for any other purposes than those connected with the business of the Council.'"—*Affirmed.*

The Provincial Treasurer moved:—"That the words 'during the Session' be added to Resolution No. 1."—*Negatived.*

Question put on the motion for adoption of Report as amended and—*Affirmed.*

HOUSE RESUMED.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Report with amendment as made upon Resolution 4.

Mr. Haughton moved and Mr. Reid seconded:—"That the Resolutions agreed to in Committee be adopted by the House."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Mitchell resumed the debate on Mr. Clark's motion as follows:—"That his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to recommend to his Excellency the Governor to proclaim Runs 35, 36, and 94 a new Hundred, and thereby give effect to the Petition of certain residents in the Tokomairo, Clutha, and Waitahuna Districts."

The question being put, a division was demanded, when there voted:—

AYES, 15.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Clark, Mr. Green, Mr. Hay, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reid, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Seaton, Mr. Shand, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sibbald; Mr. Hutcheson and Mr. M'Dermid (Tellers.)

NOES, 5.—Mr. Fraser, Capt. Mackenzie, Mr. Vogel; Mr. Burns and Mr. Driver (Tellers.)

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

On the motion of Mr. Shepherd, the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, June 5, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Main to resume Debate on Mr. Brown's motion:—(See Notice of Motion, No. 21, page 59).

* See Page 62.

2. Mr. Brown to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 22, page 59).
3. Mr. Mosley to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 23, page 59).
4. Mr. Reid to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 24, page 59).
5. Mr. Reid to move :—“That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Mosley for three days.
6. Mr. Muir to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 26, page 59).
7. Mr. Julius to move :—“That the Select Committee on the Gold Fields be discharged forthwith.”
8. The Provincial Treasurer to move :—“That Mr. Julius and Mr. Fraser be added to the Select Committee on the Gold Fields.”
9. Mr. Haughton to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 15, page 68).
10. Mr. Hutcheson to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 16, page 68).
11. Mr. Robertson to move :—(See Notice of Motion, No. 17, page 68).
12. Mr. Millar to move :—“That the Interim Report No. 5 (John Stoddart), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions, be adopted.”
13. Mr. Mitchell to move :—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to give effect to the Report from the Select Committee on Private Petitions, respecting the Petition of John Nugent Wood.”
14. Mr. Millar to move :—“That the Government be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to come to an amicable arrangement with the Church Trustees and the Corporation, to prevent permanent erections being built on the east side of Princes-street, within 30 feet of the present building line, in order to carry out a previous Resolution of the Provincial Council, Session XIX, for widening Princes-street south, from Jetty-street to Manor-place.”
15. Mr. Clark to move :—“That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that an Immigration Agent be appointed and sent Home at once, for the purpose of selecting suitable Emigrants for this Province.”
16. Mr. Brown to move :—“That the Final Report of the Select Committee on Gold Fields be adopted.”
17. Mr. Hay to move :—“That the recommendation of the Interim Report No. 1, from the Select Committee on Gold Fields, respecting the Petition of Henry Charles Hertslett, be adopted.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

I. Resolutions contained in the Report of the Select Committee on the High School, to be moved.—(Mr. Reid).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, *pro forma*, and Mr. Reid seconded :—“That this House do now adjourn.”—A debate ensued.—Motion, by permission of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Mouat allowed his Notice of Question (No. 1) to lapse.

Mr. Clark asked the Government :—“Why Section 2 Block VI, and Section 2 Block IV, Waitahuna East, have been sold, while sections in the same blocks previously applied for were refused to the applicant?”—Mr. Burns replied.

By permission of the House, “Orders of the Day” were allowed to take precedence of “Motions.”

Mr. Reid moved the adoption of Resolutions contained in the Report* of the Select Committee on the High School as follow :—

1st. “That Park House be retained in possession of the Government, with a view to its being temporarily converted into and furnished as a Boarding Establishment in connection with the High School.”

2nd. “That immediate steps be taken to give effect to the scheme of Scholarships, adopted by this Council at its twenty-first session.”

* See *Reports of Select Committees*, page 5.

3rd. "That the Government be requested to take steps to procure competent opinion as to the suitability of the High School Buildings for the purposes for which they were originally designed, with a view to ascertain whether it would be more economical to carry out the original plan, or to abandon it, and erect buildings of a less costly character and better adapted to the educational requirements of the Province, both as regards Boarding and Classroom accommodation.

4th. "That the Government take steps during the recess to give effect to these Resolutions."

Seconded by Mr. Henderson and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Millar moved and Mr. Brown seconded—"That Standing Orders be so far suspended as to allow of a motion being put, without notice thereof being previously given."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Main resumed the Debate on Mr. Brown's Motion as follows:—"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to recommend to the Government that lands on both Banks of the Clutha, including Moa Flat to Baldwin's Ferry, be thrown open for the purpose of settlement; 2nd. That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to give effect to the same."

During continuation of the Debate, His Honor the Superintendent entered the Chambers, delivered his Address in prorogation of the Council, and withdrew.

(ADDRESS.)

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

I have now to thank you for the earnest attention which you have devoted to the public interests throughout this the first session of the present Council; and especially for the all but unanimous determination which has been evinced by you to maintain in their integrity the rights and privileges of the Province, as against the usurpation of the General Government.

The large and liberal policy which you have manifested your desire to carry out, particularly as respects Immigration, Railways, and other important Public Works, afford a gratifying indication of that which may be expected at your hands as soon as the Province acquires the disposal and control of its own revenues—so soon as it resumes those powers of local self-government which the Constitution Act assigns to it, and which it formerly exercised without vexatious intermeddling on the part of the General Government.

Gentlemen,—It will be my duty and that of my Executive Council to devote our earnest attention to the economical and efficient expenditure of the large sums which you have placed at our disposal; and to take care that the confidence which you have reposed in us by granting such comparatively liberal supplies for public works throughout the Province, shall not have been misplaced. The various Addresses which you have sent to me shall have my attention in due course.

I have already, by Message, given my assent to the—

Goldfields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867.

Administration of Justice Ordinance, 1867.

Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance, 1867.

Fencing Ordinance, 1867.

And, on the 31st May, I assented to the Appropriation Ordinance, 1867-8.

I now intimate my assent, on behalf of the Governor, to the—

Turnpikes Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Ordinance, 1867.

Neglected and Criminal Children Ordinance, 1867.

Provincial Wardens' Courts Jurisdiction Extension Ordinance, 1867.

Immigration and British Agent Ordinance, 1854, Amendment Ordinance, 1867.

Sheep Ordinance, 1867.

The following Bills I have reserved for the assent of His Excellency the Governor—

Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862, Repeal Bill, 1867.

Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal Bill, 1867.

Dunedin Reserves Management Bill, 1867.

Otago Loan Bill, 1867.

Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill (No. 2) 1867.

With regard to the Administration of Justice Ordinance, 1867, and Provincial Wardens' Courts Extension of Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1867, to which I have assented, I observed with pleasure that, on passing these Ordinances, you did so under the conviction that they were rendered necessary to meet a pressing emergency. I concur

concur with you in thinking that it is inexpedient for the Provincial Council to interfere with the established administration of justice, excepting in peculiarly critical circumstances. It is not, therefore, my intention to put either of these two Ordinances in force unless the public interests should render it absolutely necessary to do so—a course which I feel assured will meet with your approval.

Gentlemen,—Although I trust it may not be necessary to call you together again until the termination of the current financial year, yet should we fail in getting the evils which have been inflicted upon the Province remedied by other Constitutional means, through the action of the General Assembly, it may be my duty to convene you at an earlier period; in which case I feel assured that you will not be wanting, and that you will be true to the trust which has been reposed in you.

The action which has taken place under the Gold Fields Provincial Management Ordinance, 1867, in so far as the returns have been sent in, exhibit on the part of all classes of the people throughout the Province, a degree of unanimity in asserting their right to manage their own Provincial affairs, which has rarely been exemplified in any community. The issue, so far as it has gone, clearly testifies, that if the Representatives of the Province were as they ought to be, a reflex of the intelligent convictions of the people, there would be little difficulty in repelling the inroads which have been made upon the Constitution. As it is, it cannot but be a matter of deep regret to all of us, that those energies which would otherwise be devoted exclusively to the great work of Colonising the Province, and of turning its resources to account, are compelled to be expended in resisting the aggressive tendencies—repressive of progress—of the General Government; a state of things which I earnestly hope may speedily come to an end.

As regards your two resolutions respecting the declaration of fresh Hundreds, they will be forwarded to the General Government; but I deem it necessary to observe concerning them, that one relates to land within Goldfields, and that no provision has been made by you for removing it therefrom. The other refers to runs, leases of which have been granted within the last few months, at an increased rental. I am aware that these leases have been granted subject to the declaration of Hundreds; but unless it can be held that circumstances have occurred since the granting of these leases which render the declaration of the runs in question into Hundreds absolutely necessary, I fear that such action, immediately following the receipt of an increased rent, would savour of bad faith on the part of the Province. I must express my regret that, in recommending the declaration of Hundreds, the Council does not appear to have adopted that caution which has hitherto been, and which should always be, observed in connection with such matters.

It has, I believe, been invariably the custom for the Council to ask for official reports before committing itself to such recommendations; and to see that there should remain on the records of the House the evidence upon which such recommendations have been based. It appears to me, now that leases have been substituted for licenses, and increased rentals imposed, that cautious consideration should be increased, rather than relaxed.

As a constituent part of the Provincial Legislature, I desire to state the course which I shall invariably adopt with regard to the Proclamation of Hundreds while I hold office.

I will forward to the proper quarter the recommendations of the Council, and the remarks of the Executive thereon; but, unless these recommendations are associated with one of the two following courses, I shall, on my behalf, as a rule, decline to endorse them:—

1st. That the recommendations be sent down by Message, with the advice of the Executive.

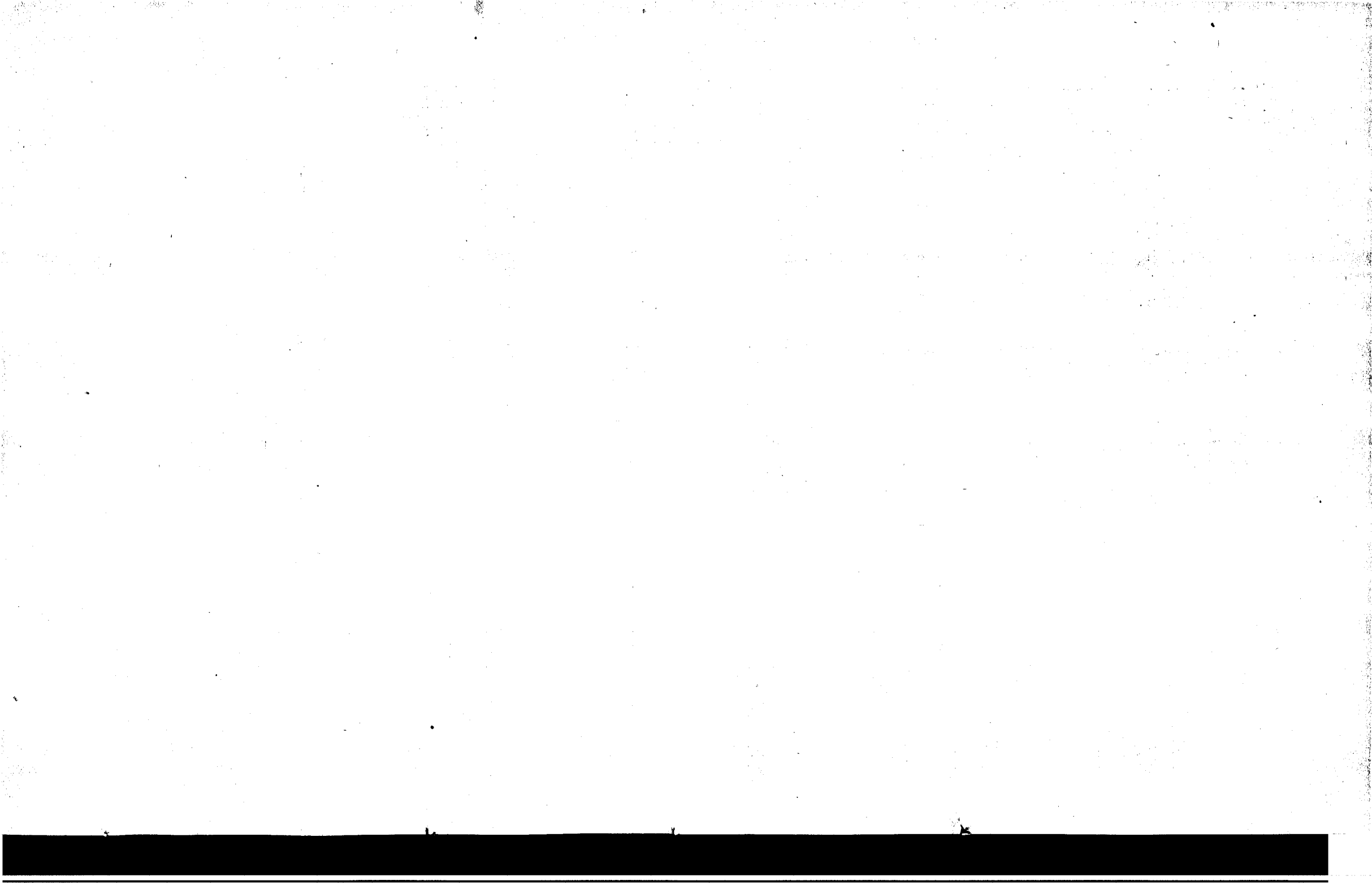
2nd. If brought forward by a private member, that they be not adopted before an official report respecting them has been laid on the Table, or until a Select Committee has examined into and reported upon them.

My reason for laying down for myself this course of conduct is evident. The good faith of the Province is concerned in the Proclamation of Hundreds, and every precaution should be taken that the interests of the runholder shall give way only to the *bona fide* requirements of settlement duly ascertained. I need scarcely add, that I will at all times concur with the Council in providing that there shall be always abundance of land in the market to meet the requirements of the market.

Gentlemen, I have now to declare this Council prorogued, and it stands prorogued accordingly.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.



APPENDIX

TO

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

SESSION XXIII., 1867.

LETTER FROM THE PROVINCIAL AUDITOR RESPECTING UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE.

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Speaker, May 8.)

Audit Office, Dunedin, May 7, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose Statement of Unauthorised Expenditure for Financial Period from October 1, 1866, to March 31, 1867, with his Honor the Superintendent's Special Order, in virtue of which I certified the warrant.

For the manner in which this Expenditure may be dealt with by the Provincial Council, I beg to refer you to the Audit Act, 1866, section XIV.

I have, &c.,

A. LIVINGSTON,

Provincial Auditor.

The Speaker of the Provincial Council.

[ENCLOSURES 1 AND 2.]

(1.)

STATEMENT of Unauthorised Expenditure, Financial Period 1st October, 1866, to 31st March, 1867.

Special Home Agent £1000

A. LIVINGSTON,

Provincial Auditor.

May 7, 1867.

(2.)

His Honor the Superintendent's Special Order.

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 29th March, 1867.

SIR,—In accordance with the Audit Act, 1866, Section XII., I hereby require you to sign the accompanying Warrant, No. 7378, for issue of One Thousand Pounds (£1000) to William Carr Young, Esquire, who has been appointed Special Home Agent.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

To the Provincial Auditor.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OVER THE WAITAKI RIVER.

(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Secretary, May 14.)

(1.)

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF OTAGO, TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CANTERBURY.

Superintendent's Office, Dunedin, 4th April, 1867.

SIR,—As the Provincial Council of Otago will be shortly in session, I am desirous of placing before it some practical proposition for the erection of a Bridge across the river Waitaki. With this view I beg to submit to you the following propositions.

1st.

1st. The Bridge to be constructed by the Otago Government; the plans to be approved of by you: cost not to exceed £20,000.

2nd. Canterbury to pay over one-half the cost in debentures at current market value.

3rd. Scale of tolls to be fixed by the two Governments; the tolls to be collected by the Otago Government, and after defraying the cost of collection, to be applied to keeping the Bridge in repair. If insufficient for this purpose, the Otago Government to make up the deficiency.

Should your Honor feel disposed to concur in the plan now indicated, I shall be glad to take the necessary steps to give effect to it; if otherwise, perhaps you will be good enough to favor me with your own views upon the subject at your earliest convenience, as it is desirable that no time should be lost in setting about a work which would be of vast importance to both Provinces, and which will, I trust, lead to drawing them closer together in the bonds of that amity which it is for the mutual interest of each to cherish.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

His Honor W. S. Moorhouse, Esq., Superintendent of Canterbury.

(2.)

MR. F. C. STEWART (FOR HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CANTEBURY), TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF OTAGO.

(No. 241).

Superintendent's Office, Christchurch, Canterbury, N.Z., 10th April, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, having reference to the erection of a Bridge over the river Waitaki, and submitting certain propositions with a view towards obtaining the co-operation of this Province in the undertaking.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the matter will be brought under the immediate consideration of this Government, and that your Honor will be addressed further on this subject.

I have, &c.,

F. C. STEWART,

For the Superintendent.

LETTER FROM HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF OTAGO TO THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, 24TH MAY, 1862, AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S REPLY, 19TH JUNE, 1862.

(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Secretary, May 14.)

(1.)

HIS HONOR MAJOR RICHARDSON TO THE HON. WILLIAM FOX.

(No. 69).

Superintendent's Office, 24th May, 1862.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 7th ultimo, with enclosure from the Law Officer upon Mr. Macandrew's case, I have the honor to state that the Government consider that they have fulfilled their duty in placing before the General Government the conduct of the late Superintendent, Mr. Macandrew, as regards the subjects which were more immediately under the Auditor General's investigation; and having also submitted the subsequent evidence as to the mal-appropriation of the sum of £1,002 14s. 5d., fulfilled their part of their duty.

I have, &c.,

J. RICHARDSON,

Superintendent

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Auckland.

(2.)

(2.)

THE HON. WILLIAM FOX TO HIS HONOR MAJOR RICHARDSON.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland, 19th June, 1862.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in the Margin, (No. 69, 24th May, 1862,) relative to Mr. Macandrew's case.

The Government consider it undesirable to proceed any further in this matter, which is full of difficulty, and the result of any proceedings would be extremely doubtful.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM FOX.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF ITEMS PASSED TO SUSPENSE ACCOUNT MARCH 31, 1867.

(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, May 16.)

	£	s.	d.
Roads, Travelling Expenses	11	1	6

TELEGRAPHS.

Inspector	20	16	8
Lineman	14	11	8
Operator	4	3	4
Do	4	3	4
Travelling Expenses	4	15	6
House Rent	3	0	0

ROADS.

Dunedin to Waikouaiti	2,401	4	10
Waikouaiti to Palmerston	1,700	12	0
Palmerston to Oamaru	895	6	4
Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge	3,381	13	4
East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro	1,931	8	2
Tokomairiro to Clutha	781	13	7
Clutha to Maitai	1,557	12	5
Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge	425	0	0
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	695	6	6
Tuapeka to Teviot	405	2	6
Cromwell to Queenstown	2,421	2	11
Palmerston to Ewe Burn	1,134	0	8
Northern Trunk to Port Chalmers	499	10	6
Do do Moeraki	100	0	0
Cromwell to Wanaka	39	11	8
Dunedin to Portobello	471	12	3
Southern Trunk to Port Molyneux	560	4	7
Dunedin to North Taieri	84	12	6
Main Road through Dunedin	603	14	2
Do do Oamaru	1,070	11	2
Lee Stream to Waipori	3	19	6
Waihemo to Macraes	143	14	0
Northern Trunk to Waikouaiti	500	0	0
Main Road through Hampden	486	18	4
Roads on Gold Fields	139	11	8
Nevis Road	39	11	8
Beaumont to Tapanui, <i>via</i> Moa Flat	500	0	0
Waihola to Taieri Beach	500	0	0
Warepa, Main South Road	200	0	0
Albion to Cardrona	100	0	0
Supplemented Roads	5,599	17	6

BRIDGES.

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Upper Shotover	150	0	0
Pleasant River	500	0	0
Tokomairiro South Branch	500	0	0
Glen Oamaru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	0	0
Waipori Main Tokomairiro Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	330	2	0
Waitaki	126	4	0
Taieri Junction	243	8	0
Shotover	200	0	0

JETTY.

Oamaru Jetty	784	2	6
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WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Lunatic Asylum	126	16	9
Hospital	25	0	0
Provincial Buildings	2,194	2	1
Works not provided for	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	5	0
Repairing Clutha Ferry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	19	6
Draining West Taieri Plain	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
District Court Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	240	2	0
District Gaols	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Gold Fields Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Dredging Harbor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	493	6	8
New Tolls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	411	7	8
School Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	860	3	0
Approaches to Nevis and Arrow Ferries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	15	10
Fencing Cemeteries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	5	0
Jetty Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	539	19	8
Clearing obstructions, Taieri River	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Waitaki Ferry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
Public Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Telegraph, Queenstown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	329	18	3
									<u>£38,606</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

ALFRED F. OSWIN,

Sub-Treasurer.

Treasury, Dunedin, May 15, 1867.

SUSPENSE ACCOUNT No. 2.

ROADS AND WORKS.

	£	s.	d.
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	3341	4	7
" Clutha	676	17	2
Palmerston to Oamaru	884	12	10
Waikouaiti to Palmerston	41	18	6
Supplemented Roads and Unforeseen Contingencies	349	18	3
Mataura Bridge	955	2	0
Upper Shotover do	1140	7	3
Clutha Bridge	9970	15	9
Oamaru Jetty	1490	14	2
Palmerston School	20	0	0
Clutha Ferry School	20	0	0
	<u>£18,891</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>

OPINION OF COUNSEL *RE* THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOLD FIELDS OF OTAGO.*(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, May 6.)*

OPINION OF MR. COOK.

At my recent interview with the Provincial Solicitor, I understood that my opinion was required, on behalf of the Provincial Government, on the question of the right of the General Government to control the management of the Otago Gold Fields. This involves a consideration of the provisions of the Constitution Act, of the Gold Fields Act, 1866, and of several other Acts, all of which I have examined; and it appears to me—

1st.

1st. That so far as the Gold Fields Act has the effect of depriving the Provincial Government of the right to govern over any portion of the Province of Otago, or is otherwise antagonistic to Provincial Government, it is contrary to the provisions and spirit of those portions of the Constitution Act which have reference to Provincial Institutions, and is therefore illegal. Were it otherwise, Provincial Governments, which form one of the grand features of the Constitution Act, would be annihilated, for the whole of New Zealand might be proclaimed Gold Fields and thereby brought under the control of the General Government, which might, by means of corrupt and incapable agents, govern the country in the most oppressive manner.

2nd. Assuming the Gold Fields Act to be valid, it would seem that all costs, charges, and expenses incident to the collection, management, and receipt of the rents, royalties, and fees mentioned in Section 53, might be paid thereout under the authority of the 62nd Section of the Constitution Act without the authority of an Appropriation Act; but the costs, charges, and expenses mentioned in Section 54 refer generally to the management and administration of the Gold Fields, and to the construction and repair of works of public utility and convenience therein and leading thereto, and would, I think, clearly require an Appropriation Act. This Section (54) of the Gold Fields Act cannot be considered an appropriation clause. In the first place, it was not sent down to the House in a message from the Governor pursuant to Section 54 of the Constitution Act. Secondly, if it had been so sent, it is far too vague to accomplish its object, and is altogether unconstitutional, as the public have a right to control the public expenditure, and to see what is required before the amount is voted. The clause in question leaves the Governor and his Council at liberty to spend whatever amount they please in the execution of public works and improvements without the control of Parliament. The land revenues of the Crown in England were for some years under the management of Commissioners, who also had the superintendence of public works. It was found that money was spent by them with too great facility in the execution of works and improvements; whereupon Parliament, to arrest the evil—in, I think, the year 1851,—interposed, and since then all sums required for those purposes have to be first voted by Parliament.

3rd. The framers of the Gold Fields Act, 1866, appear to have lost sight of the New Zealand Loan Guarantee (Imperial) Act, 1857, the 3rd Section of which provides that no Act of New Zealand varying the security for the money borrowed under the authority of the New Zealand Loan Act, 1856, and interest, shall be valid unless confirmed by her Majesty in Council. Now, inasmuch as this latter Act (Sec. 5) provides that all sums of money raised under its authority shall be made a first charge upon the General Revenue of the Colony, which includes that to arise from the Waste Lands of the Crown, it appears to me that the Gold Fields Act should have contained a clause suspending its operation until her Majesty's pleasure should have been taken thereon, and the same should have been confirmed by her Majesty in Council in the manner provided by the 3rd Section of the New Zealand Loan Guarantee Act, 1857.

4th. The recent conduct of the General Government towards the Provincial Government and the inhabitants of Otago, appears to be in violation of the arrangements entered into with the Provincial Government in 1856, in reference to the Waste Lands of the Crown and the revenue derivable therefrom. It is scarcely possible to conceive anything better calculated to drive the Ministry from office, or to accelerate Separation.

5th. With respect to the power of the General Assembly to legislate upon the subject of the Gold Fields, I feel no doubt.

Gold mines form a branch of the Royal Revenue, and the Crown has the privilege of entering upon the lands of a subject and digging for and carrying away gold.

The Governor has had committed to him by the Crown, amongst other things, the care and protection of its revenue in New Zealand; and being a constituent part of the General Assembly, I think he can, as such, consent to that revenue being dealt with by an Act of the New Zealand Parliament. The consent of the Crown appears to have been given in a similar manner on the passing of the statutes 1st William and Mary, St. 1, c. 30, and 5th William and Mary, c. 6 (amended by 55 Geo. III., c. 134), whereby it was enacted that no mines of copper, tin, iron, or lead should be looked upon as Royal mines, notwithstanding gold or silver might be extracted from them in any quantities; but that the King, or persons claiming Royal mines under his authority, might have the ore—other than tin ore in the counties of Devon and Cornwall,—paying for the same a price stated in the Acts; by which means the Crown can have all the precious metal contained in the ore, paying no more for it than the value of the base metal, which it is supposed to be.

GEORGE COOK.

Dunedin, May 15, 1867.

RETURN SHOWING TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ON HARBOR JETTIES AND RECLAMATION, TO 31ST MARCH, 1867.—(ORDERED ON THE MOTION OF MR. McDERMID, MAY 15.)

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Burns, May 17.)

REVENUE.				EXPENDITURE.									
				£	s.	d.							
Harbor and Jetty Dues	36,887	9	7	Harbor Jetties, Sheds, Dredging,	£	s.	d.			
Harbor Loan	50,000	0	0	Reclamation and Pilot Service	187,522	18	4			
Balance	100,635	8	9							
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Treasury, Dunedin 16th May, 1867.

RETURN

RETURN OF THE SALE OF RURAL LAND IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 1866, TO 31ST MARCH, 1867.
(ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. MITCHELL, MAY 17.)

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Burns, May 20.)

HUNDREDS.	NO. OF SECTIONS.	NO. OF PURCHASERS.	ACREAGE.	AMOUNT REALISED.	AVERAGE PRICE PER ACRE.	AVERAGE ACREAGE PER PURCHASER.	REMARKS.
			a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	a. r. p.	
Maruenua ...	1	1	1018 3 32	1019 2 6	1 0 0	1018 3 32	
Awamoko ...	21	8	3175 1 16	3174 5 0	1 0 0	396 3 27	
Oamaru ...	16	7	974 0 1	973 5 0	1 0 0	139 0 23	
Moeraki ...	25	17	2325 2 4	2324 0 0	1 0 0	135 2 19	
Kakanui ...	1	1	741 3 6	741 7 6	1 0 0	741 3 6	
Otepopo ...	13	3	1423 0 0	1422 2 6	1 0 0	474 1 13	
Hawksbury ...	4	3	250 2 36	250 10 0	1 0 0	83 2 12	
Waikouaiti ...	3	2	151 2 19	151 10 0	1 0 0	75 3 9	
Dunedin ...	5	5	198 3 39	170 2 6	0 17 1	39 3 7	
East Taieri ...	5	4	223 0 36	231 7 6	1 0 9	55 3 9	
West Taieri ...	29	11	1896 2 6	1506 15 3	0 15 7	172 1 66	
Waiholā ...	9	8	628 0 36	462 15 6	0 14 8	78 2 4	
South Tokomairiro ...	10	9	671 2 27	443 14 6	0 13 4	74 2 20	
North Tokomairiro ...	22	12	1675 0 8	1616 16 9	0 19 2	139 2 0	
East Clutha ...	4	3	169 3 34	147 7 6	0 17 4	56 2 24	
West Clutha ...	1	1	251 0 0	125 10 0	0 10 0	251 0 0	
Pomahaka ...	13	11	785 1 38	785 3 1	1 0 0	71 1 11	
Popotunoa ...	6	5	746 2 32	746 10 0	1 0 0	149 1 14	
Tuturau ...	13	5	2528 3 1	2527 2 6	1 0 0	505 3 0	
Mokereta ...	1	1	50 0 0	50 0 0	1 0 0	50 0 0	
Toetoes ...	1	1	25 0 0	25 0 0	1 0 0	25 0 0	
Waitahuna ...	29	2	1826 1 35	1824 17 6	1 0 0	913 0 37	
Pastoral Districts ...	48	24	1880 0 0	1880 0 0	1 0 0	78 1 13	
Totals ...	280	144	23618 0 6	22599 5 1			

Waste Land Board Office, Dunedin,

W. H. CUTTEN,

Chief Commissioner.

RETURN OF THE SALE OF TOWN LANDS IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO FROM 1ST OCTOBER, 1866, TO 31ST MARCH, 1867
—(ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. MITCHELL, MAY 17.)

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Burns, May 20.)

TOWNS.	NO. OF SECTIONS.	NO. OF PURCHASERS.	ACREAGE.	AMOUNT REALISED.	AVERAGE PRICE PER ACRE.	REMARKS.
			a. r. p.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Oamaru ...	26	17	6 2 0	334 0 0	51 8 0	Upset price, £12 10s.
Herbert ...	2	2	0 2 0	25 0 0	50 0 0	"
Palmerston ...	3	3	0 3 0	37 10 0	50 0 0	"
Greytown ...	2	1	0 2 0	25 0 0	50 0 0	"
Lawrence ...	39	26	4 1 39	477 7 0	96 0 0	"
Clyde ...	49	30	11 3 20	171 0 0	14 0 0	Upset price, £2.
Cromwell ...	59	33	10 0 16	163 10 0	10 13 4	"
Naseby ...	48	39	371 8 0	371 8 0		Sold at per foot frontage.
Waipori ...	27	19	1 2 17	264 12 6		"
Wetherstones ...	24	21	1 1 13	197 13 0		"
Totals ...	279	191		2067 0 6		

Waste Land Board Office, Dunedin,

W. H. CUTTEN,

Chief Commissioner.

LIST

LIST OF SECTIONS IN ROSS PLACE, LAWRENCE, AND IN BLOCKS IV. AND V., WAIPORI, (which have been applied for under Section 28, Waste Land Act, 1866, for which the approval of the Provincial Council is requested).

(Transmitted in Message No. 11, May 21.)

	ALLOTMENT.		PRICE.	PURCHASER.
Lawrence	1	40	£20 0 0	James Harris
	2		17 10 0	James K. Middlemiss
	3		17 10 0	James Buchanan
	4		17 10 0	R. Hermitage
	1	41	20 0 0	Frederick Myers
	2		17 10 0	Griffen & Roberts
	3		17 10 0	Do.
	6		17 10 0	John Donovan
	7		17 10 0	John Tuckey
	8		17 10 0	Mathew Hay
Waipori.....	9		17 10 0	Thomas Dorton
	10	4	9 10 0	Andrew Lee
	1	5	12 7 6	Cotton & Henry.

W. H. CUTTEN,
Chief Commissioner.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AGENTS ON THE GOLD FIELDS.

(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, May 21.)

The following Instructions are published for general information :—

It shall be the duty of the Provincial Government Agents on the Gold Fields—

- 1st. To take charge of all Provincial Government Property on the Gold Fields in their respective districts.
- 2nd. To report to me upon the proceedings and conduct of all persons who assume to act under the authority of the General Government within their respective districts.
- 3rd. To receive complaints from the residents within their respective districts as to any denial of justice, or difficulty in obtaining official attention to their wants. To examine into these complaints and report to me upon them.
- 4th. To allow to any person claiming to be an Officer of the General Government the use of such Provincial Property as may seem to the Agent desirable for the benefit of the residents on the Gold Fields, on giving a receipt for the same, and to allow the use of such property only on the distinct understanding that such Officer will hold it at the disposal of the Provincial Government, and will give up possession to such Agent on demand.
- 5th. To report to me upon the condition of his district ; also from time to time to report upon any complaints as to past mal-administration.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

21st May, 1867.

RETURN

RETURN OF EXPENDITURE ON ROADS FROM 1854 TO 1ST MAY, 1867.—(ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. REID, MAY 16.)

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Duncan, May 22.)

NAMES OF ROADS.	Amount expended from 1854 to 30th September, 1865.			Amount expended from 30th September, 1865, to 30th September, 1866.			Amount expended from 30th September, 1866, to 31st March, 1867.			Amount expended from 31st March to 1st May, 1867.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MAIN ROADS.															
Maintaining Main Road through Dunedin and filling up Market street Reserve, Princes street	23,061	14	2	1,500	0	0	1,189	10	4	33	11	0	25,784	15	6
Maintaining Main Road through Port Chalmers	2,000	0	0	200	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,200	0	0
NORTHERN TRUNK.															
Dunedin to Waikouaiti	103,307	19	8	2,986	6	6	3,431	2	3	139	2	0	109,864	10	5
Waikouaiti to Palmerston	24,197	8	10	5,146	5	8	2,349	11	0	68	9	0	31,761	14	6
Palmerston to Oamaru	27,699	0	0	2,994	13	9	1,311	1	6	45	16	0	32,050	11	3
Main Road through Oamaru ... ..	...	...	...	1,000	0	0	1,128	5	1	...	...	...	2,128	5	1
" " Hampden ... ..	...	...	...	14	17	0	495	14	4	...	...	...	510	11	4
Oamaru to Waitaki	3,284	4	5	9	9	0	23	17	0	20	16	0	3,338	6	5
SOUTHERN TRUNK.															
Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge	76,727	16	10	5,124	7	8	6,021	10	1	158	11	0	88,032	5	7
East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro	49,753	16	8	2,630	16	6	2,677	6	6	107	8	6	55,169	8	2
Tokomairiro to Clutha	24,104	13	2	4,768	4	3	1,143	9	11	28	3	0	30,044	10	4
Clutha to Matura	7,580	1	8	96	13	9	1,918	15	2	147	10	10	9,743	1	5
NORTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.															
Oamaru to Wanaka	13,982	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,982	0	0
Oamaru to Lindis ... ..	...	...	...	292	7	0	589	13	6	92	1	6	974	2	0
Lindis to Wanaka ... ..	...	...	...	63	17	0	197	17	0	342	13	8	604	7	8
Palmerston to Manuherikia	10,872	7	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,872	7	11
Palmerston to Eweburn ... ..	...	...	...	1,965	13	11	1,827	16	6	172	12	0	3,966	2	5
Eweburn to Manuherikia ... ..	...	...	...	92	3	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	3	0
CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK.															
Saddle Hill to West Taieri	21,629	3	8	2,242	3	6	819	18	3	72	10	6	24,953	15	11

EXPENDITURE ON ROADS FROM 1854, TO 1ST MAY, 1867.—Continued.

1867.]

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

NAMES OF ROADS.	Amount expended from 1854, to 30th September, 1865.	Amount expended from 30th Septem- ber, 1865, to 30th September, 1866.	Amount expended from 30th Septem- ber, 1866, to 31st March, 1867.	Amount expended from 31st March, 1867, to 1st May, 1867.	TOTALS.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK—Continued.					
West Taieri to Dunstan...	14,114 16 4	...	...	...	14,114 16 4
West Taieri Bridge to Rock and Pillar	...	1,471 1 2	454 10 6	74 4 6	1,999 16 2
Rock and Pillar, to Dunstan	...	214 11 0	5 0 0	...	219 11 0
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	14,939 10 3	10,215 19 2	1,613 15 11	166 18 2	26,936 3 6
Tuapeka to Dunstan	23,565 7 1	...	...	...	23,565 7 1
" Alexandra	...	2,000 0 0	...	...	2,000 0 0
" Teviot	...	342 9 0	1,594 5 3	90 18 0	2,027 12 3
Teviot to Dunstan	...	42 16 0	13 9 0	...	56 5 0
Dunstan to Wanaka	9,550 16 7	...	...	...	9,550 16 7
Cromwell to Wanaka	...	122 12 0	57 8 8	...	180 0 8
Dunstan to Cromwell	4,453 8 0	31 16 0	94 17 6	19 5 0	4,599 6 6
Cromwell to Frankton	23,029 17 4	...	...	...	23,029 17 4
Cromwell to Queenstown	594 14 0	8,493 18 8	3,999 8 0	750 17 0	13,838 17 8
SOUTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.					
Popotunoa to Mataura	6,360 0 9	88 12 0	...	...	6,448 12 9
MAIN BRANCH ROADS.					
Dunedin to Portobello	8,250 14 5	1,681 11 6	827 15 3	8 9 0	10,768 10 2
Dunedin to West Taieri	5,194 10 11	196 6 6	244 7 3	20 3 2	5,655 7 10
North-east Valley to Pine Hill	2,211 3 2	49 19 0	50 14 0	8 9 0	2,320 5 2
Northern Trunk to Waikouaiti Port	2,344 0 6	...	500 0 0	...	2,844 0 6
" " to Port Chalmers	12,165 17 11	93 10 6	553 15 6	9 2 0	12,822 5 11
" " to Moeraki Port	3,524 10 3	276 11 6	153 4 0	9 2 0	3,963 7 9
Southern Trunk to Clarendon	1,374 10 6	...	...	...	1,374 10 6
" " to Clutha Mouth	5,709 10 0	145 8 3	631 14 7	28 7 0	6,514 19 10
West Taieri to Tuapeka	1,119 6 6	...	...	...	1,119 6 6
Lee Stream to Waipori	30 0 0	299 12 0	125 1 6	58 19 6	513 13 0
Lawrence to Gabriel's	3,018 9 9	29 4 6	...	5 6 0	3,053 0 3
" to Wetherstones	832 18 6	59 12 0	21 7 0	11 14 0	925 11 6

EXPENDITURE ON ROADS FROM 1854, TO 1ST MAY, 1867.—Continued.

APPENDIX TO

[SESS. XXIII.

NAMES OF ROADS.	Amount expended from 1854, to 30th September, 1866.			Amount expended from 30th September, 1866, to 31st March, 1867.			Amount expended from 31st March, 1867, to 1st May, 1867.			TOTALS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS.															
Street in Port Chalmers ...	79	9	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Main Road through Hawksbury ...	360	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Roads unprovided for ...	1,900	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Roads on Gold Fields ...	5,368	16	6	3,264	14	3	705	8	4	201	13	6			
Havelock to Waitahuna ...	2,661	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Landslip Hill to Bengier Burn ...	1,201	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Taiari to Waihola ...	1,199	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Southern Trunk to Kaitangata ...	2,672	19	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Branch Road to Kaikorai Quarry ...	1,967	0	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Supplemented Roads and Unforeseen Contingencies ...	195	0	0	3,423	15	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peninsula Beach to Portobello ...	100	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nevis Road ...	498	13	0	...	...	...	39	11	8	2	8	0
Clyde to Nevis ...	...	...	...	150	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Track to West Coast ...	275	9	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Main street, Clyde ...	...	...	...	100	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peel-street, Lawrence ...	...	...	...	200	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Between Towns, Port Molyneux ...	...	...	...	299	13	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clutha Ferry to Clutha Mouth ...	...	...	...	244	10	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Road through Block V., Hawksbury ...	...	...	...	415	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Taiari Bridge to Sea... ..	...	...	...	137	4	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waihemo to M'Crae's ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	0	0	...	...	...
Beaumont to Tapenui, <i>via</i> Moa Flat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0	...	...	...
Waihola to Taiari Beach ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0	...	...	...
Waiwera, Main South Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	0	0	...	...	...
Albert Town to Cardrona ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0	...	...	...
Supplemented Roads, £2 for £1 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,000	0	0	...	...	...
Totals ...	£549,064	15	8	£65,408	12	2	£45,311	1	8	£2,895	0	11	£662,679	10	4

J. T. THOMSON,
 Engineer of Roads and Works.
 22nd May, 1867.

A. BARRON, Accountant.

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. WM. MURRAY, OF PORT CHALMERS,
RESPECTING THE IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOATING
DOCK.

(Transmitted in Message No. 16, May 28.)

Port Chalmers, May 23, 1867.

TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

SIR,—Feeling the acknowledged want of some convenience for repairing vessels in this Port, and impressed with the necessity for immediate action being taken with a view to provide facilities for a work so important, and as the contemplated Stone Dock must occupy some years before it would be available for the repairing of vessels, I would most respectfully submit to your Honor, for the consideration of your Government, plans and specifications of a *Floating Dock*, which would meet the requirements of the place till the completion of the Stone Dock, and would then be useful for vessels that could not afford to pay for (what would necessarily be) the more expensive accommodation of the Stone Dock.

The dimensions I would propose are—length, 150 feet (or longer if advised); breadth, 40 feet; depth, 15 feet. The water would be pumped out by an engine and pumps capable of discharging the Dock in the space of four hours; which Dock could be built within seven months, and, constructed according to the accompanying plans and specifications, would cost, say, three thousand three hundred pounds (£3,300) sterling. Should the project meet with the approval of your honorable Government, I would undertake to form a Company to supply the same, providing the Government would guarantee 8 per cent. on the outlay of that sum (£3,300), and the Government agree to purchase the Dock at the original cost, at the end of, say, five years; and in event of the Dock realising *over* 8 per cent. on that amount, the surplus would be deducted from the original cost.

WILLIAM MURRAY, Ship Builder.

SPECIFICATIONS OF FLOATING DOCK.

<i>General Dimensions.</i>	} Length, 150 feet. Breadth between outside of top timbers, 40 feet. Depth, 15 feet.
<i>Keel.</i>	Six keels, of black pine, 12 × 12.
<i>Keelsons.</i>	Six keelsons, do., 12 × 12.
<i>Floors.</i>	Floors to be formed of two logs, 30 feet each, properly bolted together (black pine).
<i>Top Timbers.</i>	Top timbers to be of red or black pine, 10 × 10; the keels to be half-checked upon ends of floors.
<i>Knees.</i>	Knees joining floors and top timbers to be of red or black pine, sufficiently fastened with through-bolts.
<i>Stringers.</i>	Six stringers upon each side, as per plan.
<i>Planking.</i>	The planking on bottom to be of black pine, 12 inches broad by 4 inches thick, to be properly fastened with bolts. The sides to be planked with red or black pine, 9 inches in breadth by 3 inches thick. Planking of side decks, engine decks, and side casing to be 2½ inches thick; all to be sufficiently fastened with bolts and spikes.
<i>Outside.</i>	
<i>Inside.</i>	Inside planking to be 3 inches thick on bottom, and 2½ on the sides.
<i>Gate.</i>	The gate to be double-planked with diagonal girders, and to be hinged to the sill of the Dock with strong iron bands.
<i>Caulking, &c.</i>	The seams of the outsides and decks to be thoroughly caulked with oakum and payed with Stockholm pitch. The whole to receive three good coats of coal tar mixed with arsenic.

OPINION OF COUNSEL RESPECTING POWERS OF SPEAKERS UNDER
THE "PRIVILEGES ACT, 1856."

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Speaker, June 3.)

CASE FOR OPINION OF COUNSEL.

1st. GENERALLY, as to extent of Speakers' powers (as conferred by *Privileges Act*, 1856, or other Act or Ordinance at present in force) in the matter of witnesses required by Select Committees.

2nd. ESPECIALLY, as to the course or courses open to the adoption of Speaker in the event of a witness duly "summoned" (by warrant) in terms of above-recited Act, *refusing to obey*.

Note.—Attention is called to "Votes and Proceedings," Session XVII (1863), page 145; and to "Appendix" to same pages, 34 and 39, also to "Appendix" to Session XVIII, page 1.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,

Speaker.

Provincial Council Chambers,
Dunedin, May 27, 1867.

OPINION

OPINION.

Under the third section of the "Privileges Act, 1856," the Provincial Council have power, by warrant of their Speaker, to require all persons within the Province (with the exceptions hereinafter mentioned) to attend the Provincial Council, or any Committee thereof, for a period not exceeding six consecutive days during any one session, for the purpose of giving evidence on any matter relating to the *Public Service* of the Province, and to produce any books, papers, and documents relating to *such* service.

The exceptions referred to are :—

1. The Governor.
2. The Judges of the Supreme Court.
3. Members of the Executive Council of the Colony.
4. Members of the General Assembly.
5. The Superintendents of Provinces.
6. Officers or persons serving on full pay in her Majesty's army or navy, unless holding a civil appointment in the Colony of New Zealand, and unless on a matter relating to the Civil Government of the Colony.

The penalty for disobeying such warrant, without reasonable cause, is any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, which the Provincial Council may impose, and in default of payment imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month, which such Council may fix, or until such fine is paid.

Amongst other "reasonable excuses" for non-attendance, the fact of a person having been subpoenaed to attend as a witness or a juror in any Court of Justice is to be deemed one.

Every person attending to give evidence in obedience to the Speaker's warrant is to receive expenses equal in amount to those allowed to witnesses under like circumstances by the Supreme Court.

The Act of the General Assembly, shortly intituled "The Parliamentary Privileges Act, 1865," is the only other "Act or Ordinance" at present in force relating to the questions submitted for my opinion. This Act does not, however, affect the Provincial Council, for while repealing "The Privileges Act, 1856" for other purposes, it expressly saves that Act so far as it relates to Provincial Councils.

The extent of the Speaker's powers so far as they relate to compelling the attendance of witnesses before the Council or any Committee thereof may be shortly stated as follows :—

The Speaker may, by his Warrant, require the attendance of any person within the Province, (except the persons specially named as above), to give evidence upon any matter relating to the *Public Service* of the Province, and every person required to attend must do so, unless he can shew reasonable cause for not obeying the Warrant. Should any person, (bound to obey the same), upon whom the Speaker's Warrant has been served, refuse or neglect to obey it, or to produce any document which he may be called upon to produce, or refuse to answer any question pertinent to the matter under enquiry, which may be put to him, he will be liable to be fined by the Council in any amount not exceeding Twenty Pounds, or to suffer such term of imprisonment, in default of payment of the amount, not exceeding One Month, as the Council may fix, or until the fine is paid.

There is no course of proceeding pointed out by the Act in the event of a Witness refusing or neglecting to obey the Speaker's Warrant, or to produce documents, or answer questions put to him.

The course I should advise to be followed would be for the Speaker to summon the person disobeying his Warrant to the Bar of House, to shew cause why he should not be dealt with under the fourth Section of the "Privileges Act, 1856," and on his appearing or on proof of personal service of the Summons upon him, and on his failing in either case to shew reasonable cause for his disobedience, the House should decide what penalty to impose; and if such penalty be not paid, the House may fix any term of imprisonment, not exceeding one month, unless the fine be sooner paid. The Speaker may issue his Warrant, committing the person in contempt to a common Gaol, or some other convenient place to be named by the Speaker in his Warrant, and such Warrant will be a sufficient authority for the detention of such person for the time and in the manner specified in the Warrant.

I annex drafts of the necessary forms of proceeding, as requested.

B. C. HAGGITT,

Provincial Solicitor.

29th May, 1867.

OPINION OF COUNSEL ON RESOLUTION APPOINTING GOLD FIELDS COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTION.

"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Management of the Gold Fields, and the conduct of Gold Fields' Officers, with power to call for persons, papers, and reports. &c."

OPINION.

OPINION.

I am of opinion that any matter which occurred during the time that the Superintendent of Otago held the delegated powers under the Gold Fields Act, 1866, and after the Governor had declared by Order in Council, that the costs, charges, and expenses incident to the management and administration of the Gold Fields within the Province should be regulated by Ordinances of the Superintendent and Provincial Council, would be a matter relating to the Public Service of the Province.

I am further of opinion that if the Revenue and receipts arising from the sale, letting, disposal and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown is Provincial Revenue, which, I believe it is, an inquiry into the Management of Gold Fields and the conduct of Gold Fields Officers, with the object of obtaining any information whatever relative to the receipt and disposal of such Revenue, would be a matter relating to the Public Service of the Province.

B. C. HAGGITT,

Provincial Solicitor.

30th May, 1867.

RESOLUTIONS ON GOLD FIELDS' MANAGEMENT.

(As Adopted May 8.)

1. "That the course pursued by the General Government, in attempting to withdraw the Goldfields from the control of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago, is a gross infringement of the Constitutional rights of the Province, since it amounts to a contravention of the 18th Clause of the Constitution Act, which the Imperial Legislature decided should not be subject to alteration by the Colonial Legislature.
2. "That so much of the Goldfields Act as pretends to give the right to exclude the Superintendent and Provincial Council from exercising control over a large portion of the Province is, in the opinion of this Council, beyond the power of the General Assembly, and that the General Government cannot thereunder deprive the Superintendent and the Provincial Council of the power to make and ordain all such Laws and Ordinances, save those excepted by the 19th section of the Constitution Act, as may be required for the peace, order, and good government of such Province: provided that the same be not repugnant to the law of England.
3. "That the Council, therefore, charge the Superintendent and Executive to assert the integrity of the Provincial Institutions from end to end of the Province, in the terms of the Constitution granted by the Imperial Legislature, subject to the laws properly in force, and to resist any illegal and unconstitutional encroachments.
4. "That the Goldfields of Otago have been proclaimed of large dimensions, because such a course was convenient as long as the Superintendent and Provincial Council retained control: but that the General Government have unwarrantably stretched the power intended or pretended to be given by the Goldfields Act, when they seized, on pretence of being Goldfields, 4,808,000 acres of the Province.
5. "That in removing the Waste Lands included within the Goldfields districts from the control of the Province, and in seizing the Goldfields territorial revenue, the General Government have been guilty of a gross breach of the compact entered into in 1856.
6. "That the 53rd Clause of the Goldfields Act, which pretends to make a first charge upon the Goldfields revenue, which is Crown Lands revenue, is illegal and of no avail, since the Imperial Legislature has already imposed a first charge on such revenue, and provided that any measure which pretended to infringe the security, should have no force in law, unless it contained provisions which are not contained in the Goldfields Act, 1866: and, therefore, the Government have acted illegally in removing such revenue from the class of territorial revenue to which it belongs.
7. "That it is impossible a separate control of the Goldfields can work well; that there is no adequate provision, nor can there be one, by which such a double system of Government within the Province could be made to harmonise, and that the General Government, in attempting it, and in making the appointment of General Government Agent, could not have been actuated by a desire to promote the welfare of the residents in the Province, either on the Goldfields or elsewhere.
8. "That a petition embodying these Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will cause it to be forwarded to Her Majesty in Council, and a similar petition to the General commanding, with a like request; and that a similar petition be also presented to the House of Representatives, and to the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker sign such petitions on behalf of the Council.
9. "That petitions of the same nature be prepared for each Electoral District in the Province, and that those persons, who desire it, in each district, shall be allowed to sign them.
10. "That the Council hereby enjoins on the Superintendent and Executive to take every lawful means, both in New Zealand and elsewhere, to maintain the right of the Province to the Provincial control of the Goldfields."

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING THE PROVINCES.

(As adopted May 9.)

Resolved—“That the course of events in the North Island during the last few years has had a tendency to injuriously affect the interests of the Provinces of both Islands, and this Council is of opinion that these events point to the necessity of endeavoring to secure the co-operation of the Provinces generally, towards giving effect to the following objects :—

1. “That the South Island should no longer interfere in Native affairs.
2. “That an equitable arrangement should be made with the North Island Provinces to undertake the cost and the responsibility of preserving law and order within their limits.
3. “That there should be an apportionment and adjustment of all existing liabilities, and that the South Island should be relieved from further contribution towards Native purposes.
4. “That the present financial partnership between the Provinces and the Colony should be dissolved, and the Provinces be assured of a settled instead of an uncertain revenue.
5. “That the Territorial Revenue should be secured to the Provinces.
6. “That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to take such steps, either by the assemblage of a conference, or otherwise, as may seem to him best calculated to give effect to these resolutions.”

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

(As adopted June 3.)

- 1st. “That the Dunedin Terminus of the Southern Trunk Line of Railway be on the reclaimed land North of Rattray-street.
- 2nd. “That the proposed deviations between Dunedin and the Taieri be adopted.
- 3rd. “That the alternative Line at Tokomairiro be acceded to, should the Government find that the Settlers desire it, and that the alteration does not involve any excessive extra expenditure.
- 4th. “That the Government be requested to give effect to these Resolutions.”

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

I.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Brought up by Mr. Main, May 3)

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed "to draw up Standing Orders," beg to bring up the appended Revised Copy, which they recommend for the Council's adoption.

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Chairman.

3rd May, 1867.

II.—PRINTING—*Interim.*

YOUR COMMITTEE have to report the following Resolutions as adopted at a meeting held on Saturday, May 4 :—

"Resolved to recommend to the Council—That all Private Petitions be printed by the Petitioners, and that two copies for each member be deposited with the Clerk of Council before their presentation."

WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Chairman.

Provincial Council Chambers
Dunedin, May 4, 1867.

III.—SHEEP BILL.

(Brought up by Capt. Mackenzie, May 21.)

Your Committee having taken into consideration the various Ordinances and Amendment Ordinances, and having given the subject generally the fullest consideration, have, with great pains and care, drafted a Bill, which your Committee believe will, if passed into law, be found to work much better than the numerous Ordinances and Amendments now in force.

In addition to the various provisions of the Bill, your Committee beg to recommend specially to your House :—

- 1st. The great desirability of having yards constructed at the crossing-place of the Waitiki River; as, owing to the great size of the flocks of sheep usually introduced by that way, it is almost impossible for an Inspector to satisfy himself that they are clean without putting them into a yard.
- 2nd. That sheep-dips should be constructed at or near Port Chalmers and Oamaru, for the purpose of dipping sheep entering the Province from sea-board, as provided by the Bill.

Your Committee have ascertained that scab has lately been communicated to a large number of sheep through neglect of this precaution.

Your Committee are of opinion that the cost of these works should be charged against the Public Revenue, as the greater number of the sheep now imported, are for persons who are not liable to be assessed under any Sheep Ordinance, and the fees charged for dipping should be sufficient to pay for the whole cost of erecting and maintaining the dip.

- 3rd. Your Committee have had under consideration a method for the more efficient working of the Sheep Department, and recommend that the department shall consist of not less than five Inspectors, one of whom shall reside in Dunedin, and while discharging the duties of Inspector at Dunedin and Port Chalmers, he shall be considered as "the Head of the Department," and be the channel of communication between the Government and the other Inspectors. The remaining Inspectors shall each have charge of a separate district, and should respectively keep diaries of all work done by them, and forward the same monthly to the Head Inspector, for the information of the Government.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the subject of the special assessment on sheep for the purpose of meeting the expenses incurred under the Sheep Ordinance. It appears to your Committee that, after the expiration of the present year, no special assessment should be made. The services of the Inspectors are available to all who require them, whether contributing to the expenses of the Department or not, and it is to the interest of the public generally that scab should be kept under. Your Committee think that hereafter the Inspectors ought to be considered as Provincial Public Officers (as is the case in Victoria), and should be paid out of the Public Revenue.

Although your Committee propose that power be given to the Superintendent to levy a rate upon sheep as heretofore, it is intended that the power shall be permissive only, and your Committee trust that your House will see that it is undesirable that it should be exercised after this year.

F. W. MACKENZIE,
Chairman.

Dunedin, 21st May, 1867.

IV.—HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.

(*Brought up by Mr. Thomson, May 22.*)

Your Committee have examined several witnesses, and have had before them a large amount of documentary evidence. They would now give, very shortly, the result of their investigations.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the Harbor Department could easily be made self-supporting. It appears that Capt. Thomson the Harbor Master, brought this matter before the Government in a communication dated 29th January last, and he has entered more fully into the subject in a Report addressed to the Chairman of this Committee. Both these documents the Committee recommend to the careful consideration of the Government.

Your Committee are of opinion that although certain Bye-laws and Regulations were issued by the Superintendent for the guidance of the Pilot Board, yet that the powers of the Board were not clearly defined. One position taken by the Board was that they had power to appoint or dismiss subordinate officers of the Pilot Staff. In the opinion of your Committee the Harbor Master should be responsible to the Board for the efficiency of the service. If interfered with in this particular, all responsibility must rest with the Board. The exercise of this power by the Board has also the effect of weakening the authority of the Harbor Master, and thus has a tendency to lessen the efficiency of the service. There is only one instance that has come under the observation of the Committee in which the Board has used this power. It was resolved to reduce the staff of Pilots from six to five. The question of the officer who should retire was brought before the Board. Three of the members took the view that the Junior Pilot should retire, and two that the least efficient officer should leave the service. The Harbor Master was one of the minority. In his Report to the Government, dated 1st May, 1867, he refers to the decision of the majority, and the principle on which it was founded; but your Committee were very much surprised, on examining the document, to find the passage relating to the decision of the Board struck out, and on comparing it with the printed Report laid on the Table of the House, that the passage had been omitted. As the passage in question is highly important, and as reports when printed should be printed in full, your Committee have ordered that the entire paragraph in Captain Thomson's Report relating to the Pilot Service should be printed.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the Government should, this Session, introduce a Bill into the Council with the view of making this Department self-supporting, and at the same time promote its efficiency. The Committee are sorry that the Government did not adopt a similar recommendation by a Select Committee that sat on the Harbor Department last Session. All the evidence that has been led by your Committee this Session, goes to show the absolute necessity of immediate action on the part of the Government.

In the event of the Government introducing a Bill, the Committee would recommend that the duties of any Marine Board that may be formed should be clearly defined, that the appointment and dismissal of officers should rest entirely with the Harbor Master, and that all correspondence between the Government and officers should come through Harbor Master or Marine Board.

Your Committee recommend the following Resolutions for adoption by the House, viz. :—

1. That the Government be requested to introduce a Bill this Session, in terms of the Final Report of Select Committee of Provincial Council, Session 22, with the view of promoting the efficiency of the Harbor Department, and making the Department self-supporting.
2. That all correspondence between the Government and officers in the Harbor Department should be conducted through the Harbor Master and Marine Board, when formed.
3. That all Reports laid on the Table should be submitted without mutilation.
4. That the Government should recognise the recommendation of the Harbor Master in the appointment or dismissal of his subordinate officers.

JAMES W. THOMSON,
Chairman.

V.—DUNEDIN CORPORATION.

(Brought up by Mr. Turnbull, May 29.)

Your Committee has the honor to report that it has examined into the Financial affairs of the Corporation of the City of Dunedin, with great care and minuteness, and taken a large amount of evidence—skilled and otherwise, which will be found appended to this Report.

After mature consideration and taking into account the past operations of the City Authorities, the present position of the Finances of the City, and its future requirements, your Committee has arrived at the following conclusions, which it recommends for the adoption of the Council:—

- 1st. That out of its Revenue, unless the inhabitants are subjected to taxation excessively and injuriously high, the Corporation, for some time to come, cannot defray the necessary expenses in carrying on the affairs of the City, and meet its liabilities.
- 2nd. That the Corporation should receive out of the Provincial Revenue an annual subsidy of 10s. in the £ on the amount of Rates raised in the City, for a period of three years: Provided that if the Rate levied exceeds 1s., the computation for the subsidy shall be based on a 1s. Rate.
- 3rd. That the Provincial Council should obtain power from the General Assembly to offer the Provincial Guarantee to the Corporation Loan, or any portion of it.
- 4th. That the Guarantee should be at once extended to £25,000 of the Loan, and that the proceeds of such amount should be employed in paying off the present liabilities of the Corporation, the Government taking such steps as will secure the proper application of the money.
- 5th. That no part of the remainder of the Loan be negotiated without the sanction of the Provincial Council and without the proceeds being appropriated by the Council.
- 6th. That on account of the £25,000 to be negotiated, the Superintendent be authorised to guarantee an advance to the extent of £6,000 for twelve months; such amount to be applied in payment of the immediate and pressing liabilities of the City, the Executive taking such steps as will secure the proper application of the money.
- 7th. That taking into consideration the past history of the City, and in view of the foregoing proposals being carried out, your Committee is strongly of opinion that some control should be exercised by the Provincial Government over the actions of the Corporation, and recommends, therefore, that the Government should have in its hands the ratification of the appointment and power of dismissal of the Town Clerk and City Surveyor or Engineer.
- 8th. That looking to the excessive rates which have of late years been levied, and seeing that only property, and not political considerations, are involved, your Committee thinks it would be advisable that the voting powers of the ratepayers should be regulated to some extent by the amount of property held by them, and suggests as follows:—

On property of which the assessed value does not exceed £50	...	...	...	...	1 vote.
Above £50, and not exceeding £150	...	...	...	...	2 "
„ £150, „ „ £500	...	...	...	...	3 "
„ £500, ... ..	...	...	...	...	4 "

GEORGE TURNBULL,

Chairman.

29th May, 1867.

VI.—CLASSIFICATION OF CONVICTS.

(Brought up by Mr. Thomson, May 29.)

Your Committee have examined five witnesses on the subject remitted to them by your House. In addition to this, they have received from seven gentlemen, written answers to a series of questions which your Committee drew out at their first meeting.

All the evidence adduced before your Committee, goes to show the desirability of classifying criminals, and the unsuitableness of the present building for carrying out classification.

The present Gaol might be extended in two ways. Accommodation for the Warders might be provided outside the Gaol, or the prison accommodation might be extended in the direction of the Bay. But there is evidence before your Committee that neither of these arrangements would be satisfactory.

Your Committee took evidence on the subject of erecting a strong stockade apart from the present Gaol. But as the long-sentenced prisoners are gradually decreasing in number; as the work to be secure, would be very costly; and as such an establishment would involve the expense of a distinct staff of officers, your Committee cannot recommend that such a work should be undertaken.

Your Committee also took evidence as to the expediency of erecting a Penal Establishment in a country district. They cannot, however, recommend the erection of such an establishment. Such might be necessary, if the number of long-sentenced prisoners was large, which fortunately is not the case.

Taking a general view of the evidence adduced, it is the opinion of your Committee, that the Provinces should combine to erect a Central Penal Establishment. At present there are eighteen of these prisoners in the Dunedin Gaol. If these were removed, the Gaol would contain ample accommodation for the remainder. Your Committee understand that it is the intention of Government to erect local Gaols; if such Gaols are erected, the accommodation in the present Gaol would be more than sufficient.

In the event of there being no prospect of the Provinces combining for the erection of a Central Penal Establishment, your Committee are of opinion that the best thing the Government can do, is to erect a New Gaol on the most approved principles, and on a site where it could be surrounded by a high wall.

JAMES W. THOMSON,

Chairman.

May 29, 1867.

VII.—HOUSE—INTERIM.

(Brought up by Mr. Julius, May 27.)

Your Committee, appointed by the Provincial Council, having enquired into the various matters connected with the House, beg to submit the following resolutions for approval—viz.:

Resolved,—

1. That Provincial Council Apartments, Officers of Council, and Printing, should be entirely under the control of the Council and Mr. Speaker.
2. That the House Committee during Session should regulate all matters relating to the comfort or convenience of Members, and all the duties of Office-keeper and Messenger.
3. That Mr. Speaker and Chairman of Committees, be *ex officio* members of the House Committee.
4. That Mr. Speaker, in conjunction with the Government, be empowered during the recess to remove the Refreshment Room to the present Library, and the Library to the Refreshment Room; to paint or paper, and fit up the Council Hall, Offices, and Committee Rooms; none of which are to be used for any other purposes than those connected with the business of the Council, without the consent of the House Committee during Session, and of Mr. Speaker during the recess.

GEORGE DUNCAN,

Chairman.

May 27, 1867.

VIII.—HIGH SCHOOL.

(*Brought up Mr. Reid, June 3.*)

Your Committee have the honor to report that they have taken evidence from those whose intimate knowledge of the subject renders their opinion of great value.

It appears to your Committee that it would be the means of extending a higher class of education in the Province, and greatly promote the usefulness of the High School, if a suitable Boarding Establishment were erected in connection therewith. From the information supplied to your Committee they are of opinion that by such an arrangement a saving of at least fifty per cent would be effected upon the present cost of boarding, thus enabling many to take advantage of a superior education at the High School, who, on account of the present cost of board are now entirely precluded from so doing.

Your Committee believe that this desirable object may be attained, and due provision made for the proper care and moral training of the pupils, by adopting a plan similar to that now in operation in the Nelson College.

Should the scheme recommended by your Committee be adopted, they would commend the claims of the Rector to the favorable consideration of the Government. It appears that in the arrangement entered into with the Rector, he was to have a "house suitable for the reception of boarders, and every encouragement in taking boarders given," this being an inducement for him to enter the service of the Province, it would be matter for regret to your Committee that any arrangements now made in the interests of Education should be the means of injuring the present position or future prospects of the Rector. Your Committee simply refer to this matter and leave it to the consideration of the Executive Government, fully satisfied that it will in the circumstances do what is just and proper.

Your Committee are impressed with the total inadequacy and unsuitableness of the High School Buildings for the purpose for which they were designed, or for the educational requirements of the Province. The Rector, in a report furnished to the Committee, fully enters into this subject.—(*See Extract appended.*)

Having carefully examined the High School Buildings, your Committee unanimously concur with the Rector in his opinion. They consider it would be injudicious to incur further expenditure on the present building, either by carrying out the original design or otherwise adding thereto, and recommend that the Executive Government be requested to take this matter into consideration during the recess, with a view to more suitable provision being made.

The attention of your Committee has been forcibly directed to the great stimulus that would be given to Education and the consequent benefit that would accrue to the Public Schools of the Province if effect were given to the scheme for Scholarships adopted by this Council at its twenty-first Session, and they would therefore recommend that immediate steps be taken to carry out this arrangement, and would direct the attention of the Government to this subject when preparing the new Education Ordinance.

Your Committee have to express their thanks to Mr. Hislop, Inspector of Schools, the Rev. F. C. Simmons, Rector, and Messrs. Abram and Mitchell, Teachers of the High School, and also to Dr. Hulme, Provincial Surgeon, for the valuable information they have afforded to your Committee.

Your Committee recommend the following Resolutions for adoption by the Council:—

1. That Park House be retained in possession of the Government, with a view to its being temporarily converted into and furnished as a Boarding Establishment in connection with the High School.
2. That immediate steps be taken to give effect to the scheme of Scholarships adopted by this Council at its twenty-first Session.
3. That the Government be requested to take steps to procure competent opinion as to the suitability of the High School Buildings for the purposes for which they were originally designed, with a view to ascertain whether it would be more economical to carry out the original plan, or to abandon it, and erect buildings of a less costly character, and better adapted to the educational requirements of the Province, both as regards Boarding and Classroom accommodation.
4. That the Government take steps during the recess to give effect to these Resolutions.

DONALD REID,
Chairman.

June 3, 1867.

(EXTRACT FROM RECTOR'S REPORT REFERRED TO.)

Removing the whole Institution to the site of Park House.—Considering the nature of the existing High School Buildings, how utterly unsuited they are to their requirements, how exceedingly costly they are in style, and the consequent expense of adding to them, I believe that both from considerations of economy and efficiency, the

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best thing that could be done would be to abandon them to some other purpose. They may be fit for a Hospital or a Museum and Library, but they are fitter for any earthly purpose than that of a School, and especially a Boarding School. Half the space of the wings is taken up in corridors, and half the remainder frittered away in little rooms, which could not contain a dozen boys with convenience. The old building (the centre) is incurably leaky, the roof is always in a dangerous state; and it is, besides, a bad room for sound, rendering it impossible for more than two masters to use it simultaneously for *viva voce* work, and making it difficult even for two. As I have said, I do not think Park House as it now stands in any way suitable for boarders, though as a mere temporary expedient something might be done with it. I believe, therefore, that the most economical method would be to remove the whole establishment to the Park House grounds. Possibly, for a public purpose such as that of the High School, it might be found possible to erect a portion of the buildings on the Town Belt. There is ample room there for a play ground without in any way encroaching on public rights, and the absence of a proper play-ground is a serious inconvenience to the present High School, and a brick building capable of containing the whole establishment (boarding and teaching) might be put up for, I believe, half the money which would be required for completing the design of the present buildings. I say this, judging from the cost and character of the Benevolent Society's buildings at Caversham, and the estimated expense of completing our present buildings, which I am informed is £12000.

IX.—GOLD FIELDS MANAGEMENT.—(INTERIM No. 1, RESPECTING PETITION OF CHARLES HENRY HERTSLETT.)

(Brought up by Mr Brown, June 3.)

Your Committee consider that the testimony of Mr Strode shows that the evidence of incapable intoxication was sufficiently open to doubt. The appearance of animus on Mr Pyke's part is sufficiently evident to make summary dismissal a hard measure to deal out without some compensation. Your Committee would therefore recommend payment of three months' salary to Mr. Hertslett, as compensation.

J. C. BROWN,

Chairman.

June 3, 1867.

X.—GOLD FIELDS MANAGEMENT.—(INTERIM, No. 2.)

(Brought up by Mr. M'Indoe, June 3.)

Your Committee would submit as an Interim Report, that a number of complaints regarding the late administration of the Goldfields, of a voluminous and very important character, have been brought under their consideration.

That they have summoned a number of witnesses and taken a large amount of evidence, but are prevented from proceeding so speedily with their investigations as they wish, by the refusal of several of the witnesses to answer questions put to them.

That your Committee consider the questions put, to which answers were refused, and which are herewith reported, clearly within their cognisance, as they are on "matters relating to the public service of the Province," according to the Privileges Act, 1856. Some of the questions put to Mr. Robinson, referred to two grave charges of forgery preferred against a Goldfields official. It was in evidence that Mr. Robinson was aware of the charge and held the custody of the documents alleged to be forged, but it did not appear that he had made any report on the subject. All your Committee desired to ascertain was,—Whether in Mr. Robinson's knowledge, the charges were frivolous, or of sufficient weight to make it advisable that a judicial investigation should be made; and he was distinctly told that this was the object, but he refused to give the least information. Your Committee are wholly unable to account for this, and think the witness guilty of serious contempt. This witness also refused to produce documents and papers to the Committee, which he admitted were in his possession, although called on to do so by Mr. Speaker's warrant.

That your Committee have requested Mr. Speaker to issue his warrant calling on the witnesses who have refused to give evidence and produce documents, to appear at the bar of the house this evening, to show cause for their refusal to answer, or failing to do so, to be adjudged as the house may consider necessary.

JAMES M'INDOE,

Acting Chairman.

June 3, 1867.

XI.—GOLD FIELDS—(FINAL).

(*Brought up by Mr. Brown, June 4.*)

Your Committee have to report that it is impossible for them to conclude their enquiry into the past management of the Gold Fields for some time. So many complaints are made, and the evidence promises to be so voluminous, that many weeks would be consumed in doing justice to the subject. There is, besides, the difficulty in the way of making the investigation that some of the witnesses decline to answer questions, as has already been represented by your Committee. It therefore seems to your Committee desirable that the Council should remit the investigation to the Government. The complaints are chiefly made against officers who now consider themselves General Government servants. Your Committee cannot suppose that the General Government would permit the dispute which has arisen with the Provincial Government in any way to interfere with an enquiry into alleged misconduct of officials in the service of either Government. Your Committee recommend, therefore, that the whole of the evidence be forwarded to the Superintendent with a respectful request that he will cause it to be laid before the Provincial Government, with a view to its proper investigation by an independent Board of enquiry. If the General Government consent, instructions can be given to the Officers who have joined their service to submit to the examination, and thus the difficulty produced by their refusing to answer questions be averted. As the evidence is mostly on one side as yet, your Committee recommend that no copy of it be retained by the Council, and thus no injustice be done to any one inculpated.

Without wishing to prejudge the enquiry, your Committee express the opinion that sufficient has been shewn to make a thorough investigation imperatively necessary.

J. C. BROWN,
Chairman.

June 4, 1867.

XII.—FENCING BILL.

(*Brought up by Mr. Burns, May 14.*)

Your Committee have gone very carefully through the Bill, clause by clause, making several very material amendments, one entirely new clause, and a very lengthy addition to Schedule B. The important principle running through the Bill is that all fences must be sheep proof. Clause 5 of Schedule B is a departure from this principle, but clause 14 of the Bill has been inserted to make special provision for such departure, but only where both adjoining proprietors or occupiers have agreed not to keep sheep. Your Committee found it necessary to make an elaborate Schedule B, that the provisions in the Bill might be made clear and distinct, but nothing has been inserted in the Bill to disturb existing rights or any agreement to fence that may be made by any adjoining proprietor or occupier. Your Committee would draw the attention of the Council to a new feature in this Bill, the provision contained therein enabling disputes to be settled between runholders for fencing-in their runs; this provision has been inserted at the express wish of a large number of the runholders themselves, thereby showing that the march of improvement is taking a direction only lately contemplated, and creating a new industry in the Province, by the manufacture of fencing made entirely of iron. Large powers are given in the Bill, encouraging the planting of live fences for the purposes of shelter to stock and the saving hereafter to be effected in the necessary additions and repairs every other kind of fence entails upon landed proprietors and occupiers.

Your Committee beg further to report that they have received most valuable assistance from many members of Council, outside the Committee, in their deliberations on the Bill, and beg to thank them for many valuable suggestions. We would now bring up this Report and Amended Bill, with the unanimous consent of the whole Committee, recommending the Council to pass the Bill as it stands, believing that a measure has now been framed to meet the fencing requirements of the whole Province.

A. J. BURNS,
Chairman.

May 14, 1867.

XIII.—CARNIE'S PETITION.

(*Brought up by Mr. M'Indoe, May 15.*)

Your Committee having examined the documents produced and several witnesses, find:—

That on the 6th July, 1866, the Petitioner made application to Mr. Warden Wood, Nokomai, for a mining lease of five acres, and paid the deposit thereon (£20).

That up to the present time the Warden does not appear to have had the ground applied for, surveyed; or taken the other proceedings prescribed by the Gold Fields Regulations.

Your Committee therefore consider the Petitioner is entitled to have the ground applied for surveyed, objections called for and considered, and the ground protected until the case is regularly disposed of.

JAMES M'INDOE,
Chairman.

May 15, 1867.

XIV.—MESSAGE No. 2.

(Brought up by Mr. Mouat, May 16.)

Your Committee having considered his Honor's Message No. 2, together with the accompanying documents,* and having examined witnesses thereon, have to report that the evidence taken leads them to the following conclusions:—

That it is desirable to utilise the blocks of Land on which Mr. Reynolds' Bonded Warehouses are situated, particularly the one occupied by the Stone Building.

That, while the time is somewhat unfavorable for the sale of leasehold property, the excellent position of the said block—together with the probability of Railway Works being shortly undertaken, and the prevailing desire at present to obtain freehold sites for building—would secure a good price being obtained by the sale of the property in question as freehold.

Your Committee therefore recommend to your favorable consideration the proposal of Mr. Reynolds for the determination of his Leases and the immediate sub-division and sale of the Block of Land occupied by the Stone Warehouse, together with the site of the old Government Buildings.

Your Committee are also of opinion that the land occupied by the Iron Warehouses could be re-leased on terms favorable to the Government.

JOHN MOUAT,

Chairman.

May 16, 1867.

XV.—TAIERI DISTRICT PETITION.

(Brought up by Mr. Reid, May 23.)

Your Committee having carefully enquired into the subject remitted to them for consideration, and taken evidence thereon, have the honor to report:—

1st. That the vote of last Session, for the erection of a Bridge at "Taieri Junction" has been expended in the erection of a Bridge which will not be available to the Public nor the Settlers generally without an additional outlay (variously estimated at from £300 to £7,000), to form the line of road on which the Bridge has been erected; and, owing to the low level of the said line of road, the cost of formation and maintenance will be excessive, and the road when formed will be liable to inundation.

2nd. That the present road along the banks of the Taieri River (upon which it was intended the Bridge should be placed) is a passable road at all seasons, and is now open for traffic; no compensation claims are made, and the only obstacle to the use of this road is the want of a Bridge across the Silver Stream, at its junction with the Taieri River.

3rd. That the interests of the Petitioners and of the public require that a Bridge should be erected at the Taieri Junction, as originally intended, in order to secure an immediately available roadway, in accordance with a vote of the Council at its last Session.

The attention of your Committee has (by the evidence given) been forcibly directed to the necessity that exists for a more careful supervision of the expenditure of monies voted by the Council. It appears that, in the case now under consideration, the vote has been expended in an irregular manner, inasmuch as tenders for the work were not publicly invited, nor does it appear to have been carried out under any Officer of the Government, nor any other responsible individual.

It further appears that the vote has not been expended for the purpose for which it was appropriated.

Your Committee recommend that a sufficient sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of erecting a Bridge across the Silver Stream, at its junction with the Taieri River, as originally proposed.

DONALD REID,

Chairman.

May 23, 1867.

* See "Council Papers," page 7.

XVI.—SEPARATION PETITION.

(Brought up by Mr. Millar, May 28.)

Your Committee Report that they have prepared the following Petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and recommend the same to your Honorable House for adoption; together with a recommendation that the same be engrossed on parchment in the style usually adopted for presentation of a like nature to Her Majesty, and in accordance with a previous Resolution of this Council.

May 27, 1867.

MILLAR, F.S.A.,
Chairman.

PETITION REFERRED TO.

“TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY VICTORIA, QUEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND DEPENDENCIES THEREOF: DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, ETC.

“MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

“*May it Please Your Majesty,*

“The humble Petition of Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Provincial Council of Otago, in the Middle Island of the Colony of New Zealand, in Parliament Assembled, in the City of Dunedin, upon the first day of June, 1867, who approach Your Majesty with feelings of profound loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Throne, in all faithfulness and zeal towards Your Majesty's service, most humbly and dutifully

“SHEWETH,

“That Your Petitioners pray Your Majesty may cause an Act to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament to provide for the Separation of the North and Middle Islands of New Zealand into two separate and independent Colonies, with such provisions for a Federal Union as Your Majesty's advisers may esteem desirable.

“That Your Petitioners consider the union of the Northern and Middle Islands is injurious to both—the interests of the two Islands being dissimilar.

“That the Northern Island has been, and will be for many years, occupied in resisting the aggressions of the Native Race, and ultimate peace with the Natives can only be secured by the careful local application of laws calculated to meet the wants of both the European and Native Races—laws altogether unsuitable to the Middle Island, which, free from Native claims and occupation, seeks only permission to devote its energies to the development of the great Commercial, Pastoral, Agricultural, and Mining resources which it possesses, by the construction of Roads, Bridges, Railways, and other re-productive Works, and by encouraging Immigration on an extensive scale.

“That owing to the General Assembly of New Zealand having to chiefly occupy itself with the discussion of Native questions, laws for the general government of the Colony, as well as those more particularly affecting the interests of the Colonists occupying the Middle Island, are either hurried through in an imperfect manner, or are altogether neglected.

“That the administration of the Government of the Middle Island, where only European Settlers are concerned, has always been subordinate to that of the Northern Island, and so long as the two Islands are united, and the Native question exists, Your Petitioners believe it will necessarily be so.

“That besides the heavy charges on the Middle Island Revenues for Loans already expended, not for its benefit, but for Native purposes, there is still a continuous drain on the Revenue for current expenditure on the same objects, and Your Petitioners are convinced that the disbursements will continue to be extravagant, and in a great measure useless, so long as the Middle Island is liable for them. On the other hand, if the Northern Island has entirely to rely on its own resources, costly Native experiments will be avoided, and the Natives will be governed efficiently and economically.

“That the Middle Island now stands to the North Island in a similar relation to that which Great Britain did to New Zealand before Imperial considerations of expediency led the Mother Country to withdraw from interference in Native affairs, and the same considerations, with equal force, point to the inexpediency of the Middle Island continuing to interfere with the government of the Natives in the Northern Island.

“That Your Petitioners consider the extent, population, commercial importance, and resources of the Middle Island, as compared with those of other Colonies, fully justify their desire to convert it into a separate Colony.

“That Your Petitioners also respectfully represent that the isolation, great length (1,100 miles,) and the narrowness of New Zealand, make its government from any one spot more difficult than that of other Colonies possessing many times its area.

“That Your Petitioners emphatically disclaim any desire that the Middle Island should escape the liabilities fairly attaching to it, and they may direct Your Majesty's attention to the Petition already forwarded in 1858 and subsequently, from Auckland, and to the proceedings in the General Assembly, as evidence that in the North Island, the principal Province, and a large proportion of the population are as anxious as Your Petitioners for Separation.

“That

“ That Your Petitioners are fully aware of the advantages of a Federal Union, such as has taken place in British North America, but they humbly submit, that the division of New Zealand into two Colonies, will not prevent provision being made for their Federal Union, in respect to those interests which they possess in common as portions of the same Empire.

“ Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Most Gracious Majesty will be pleased to take the prayer of your loyal subjects into your most favorable consideration, and cause the Islands of New Zealand to be divided into two Colonies, and that each may have conferred upon it such constituent powers of legislation as shall best enable it to deal with the circumstances peculiar to itself.

“ And Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.”

XVII.—GLENORE AND TOKOMAIRO PETITION.

(Brought up by Mr. Fraser, May 28.)

Your Committee, after considering the Petition above referred to, have come to the conclusion that seeing they have no evidence as to the auriferous nature of the land in question beyond the statements of the Petitioners, and keeping in view that the approaching prorogation of this Council renders it inexpedient that your Committee should summon witnesses from a distance, would recommend that this Petition be referred for consideration to the Government, who might send down a properly qualified person to enquire into and report upon the present gold-producing qualities of the land in question.

Your Committee would draw the attention of this House to that portion of the Petition in which it is stated, “That during the last Session, your Honorable Council authorised the purchase of the said auriferous lands by exchange,” inasmuch as said statement is incorrect, the House never having dealt in any way with the matter, as it was referred for consideration to the Government.

Your Committee consider that it is undesirable, except in very exceptional cases, for the Government to offer to purchase auriferous lands from private individuals for the purpose of throwing them open for public mining.

Your Committee would further recommend that, in dealing with this Petition—and especially with such portions of it as refer to the exchange of other lands for the land in question—the Government should exercise great caution lest, by any action of theirs, other interests might be endangered.

WILLIAM FRASER,

Chairman.

May 28, 1867.

XVIII.—PETITION OF CERTAIN SHAREHOLDERS OF THE SOUTHERN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

(Brought up by Mr. Julius, May 28.)

Your Committee having carefully considered the evidence they thought it expedient to call before them, have come to the decision that the prayer of the Petition is worthy of consideration on the part of the House. The evidence clearly shews that, although the Company may not have complied with the strict letter of the contract, they have, to the best of their ability, performed it in the spirit; they only ask for a subsidy for the River Service, which, in the opinion of your Committee, was carried out well and faithfully. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the House to grant the relief prayed for by the Petitioners.

HERBERT A. JULIUS,

Chairman.

May 28, 1867.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, viz. :—

That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to place the sum of £950 on the Supplementary Estimates, as compensation to the Southern Steam Navigation Company, in consequence of the non-payment of the subsidy placed upon the Estimates last year.

XIX.—SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

(Brought up by Mr. Sibbald, May 28.)

Your Committee have examined witnesses and documentary evidence on the subject of the proposed "Terminus and Line of the Southern Trunk Railway," and have carefully weighed all the evidence submitted to them.

In regard to the Terminus at Dunedin, your Committee have taken the evidence of both professional and business men, and have come to the conclusion that the Terminus should be on the reclaimed land south of Jetty-street. Your Committee, however, would recommend that a portion of the reclaimed land north of Rattray-street Jetty be reserved as a Terminus for the "Port Chalmers" and "North Trunk Line."

As to the deviations on the line between Dunedin and the Taieri, it is the opinion of your Committee that these should be adopted.

With reference to the proposed deviation at Tokomairiro, your Committee are of opinion that the Government should ascertain the wishes of the people of Tokomairiro in regard to the deviation, and its probable expense. Should the settlers of Tokomairiro be anxious that the alternative line shewn on the plans be adopted, and should the expense be moderate, it is the opinion of the Committee that the wishes of the Tokomairiro settlers should be complied with.

JOHN SIBBALD,

Chairman.

May 28, 1867.

XX.—PRIVATE PETITIONS.

INTERIM, No. 1.—(GEO. HENRY SHORT.)

(Brought up by Mr. Mollison, May 14.)

Your Committee have the honor to report that, after careful consideration of the Petition of George Henry Short, and taking evidence, they have come to the conclusion that the Petitioner's prayer should not be complied with. Your Committee cannot admit for a single moment that the Government are in any way liable for defects in moorings laid down. Your Committee after their investigation, exculpate the officers of the Government from any blame.

ALEX. MOLLISON,

Chairman.

Dunedin, May 13th, 1867.

INTERIM No. 2.—(MATTHEW BAILY MUIR.)

(Brought up by Mr. Mollison, May 14.)

Your Committee have the honor to report that having taken the Petitioner's case into consideration, and the evidence brought before them on his behalf, they are of opinion that while there is no doubt that the property referred to in the Petition has depreciated to a considerable extent in value, from the cuttings which have been made on Bell Hill by the Provincial Government, the City Corporation and the late Town Board, the Petitioner has no claim on the Government, unless it wished, under the Ordinance, to reduce his property to the permanent level. The Petitioner should have satisfied himself what that was when he purchased the land and constructed his house, as it would never do to establish the principle that the Government could not bring its own property to the proper level without compensating adjoining proprietors. There is no doubt that the access to the Petitioner's House has been rendered very difficult and inconvenient, but should any claim lay on this account, it would be against the Corporation and not the Provincial Government.

ALEXANDER MOLLISON,

Chairman.

Dunedin, May 14, 1867.

INTERIM, No. 3.—(DAVID KIRBY—GREEN SWAMP CONTRACT.)

(Brought up by Mr. Mollison, May 17.)

Your Committee have carefully considered the case of the Petitioner David Kirby. They have examined witnesses; they have also had before them various documents connected with the Contract. From the whole evidence that has been obtained, it is the opinion of the Committee that the Petitioner has no claim against the Provincial Government.

ALEXANDER MOLLISON,

Chairman.

May 17, 1867.

INTERIM

INTERIM No. 4.—(WILLIAMS AND McLAREN.)

(Brought up by Mr. Mitchell, May 23.)

Your Committee have examined several witnesses. They have also had before them Mr. Williams, one of the Petitioners. They have gone carefully over the correspondence and documentary evidence laid on the Table of the House, May 10, 1867. It is the opinion of your Committee, after weighing all the evidence, that the Petitioners have no claim on the Provincial Government.

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Interim Chairman.

May 23, 1867.

INTERIM No. 5.—(JOHN STODDART.)

(Brought up by Mr. Mitchell, May 27.)

Your Committee have carefully read the Petition of John Stoddart; they have also examined the Petitioner and all the Visiting Justices.

It appears that, about six months previous to the resignation of Mr. Stoddart, a misunderstanding arose between him and the Chief Warder. The last time this came under the notice of the Justices, they intimated to these Officers that, should this matter come before them again, they would recommend their dismissal. Shortly after this, the Government, accompanied by Mr. Murison, one of the Justices, went to the Gaol, and instituted an investigation, which resulted in the resignation of Mr. Stoddart.

Your Committee are of opinion that had this dispute been entrusted to the Justices for decision, if they had seen cause to dismiss at all, they would have dismissed both the Gaoler and Chief Warder.

In regard to pecuniary compensation for loss of employment, your Committee consider that the case of the Petitioner is met by the nine month's salary awarded to him by Government.

Your Committee cannot draw the Report to a conclusion without recommending that, in future, the Government should not deviate from the usual practice of placing all disputes in the hands of the Visiting Justices. So far as your Committee are aware, the dispute investigated by Government could have been equally well investigated by the Visiting Justices.

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Interim Chairman.

May 27, 1867.

INTERIM No. 6.—(DAVID ROSS.)

(Brought up by Mr. Mitchell, May 27.)

Your Committee report that they have examined the Petitioner and other witnesses. It appears that the Government, in calling for Competitive Designs for the Provincial Government Buildings, gave it distinctly to be understood that unsuccessful competitors should not receive any remuneration.

Mr. Ross's Plans were not accepted, and his claim, therefore, cannot be sustained.

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Interim Chairman.

May 27, 1867.

INTERIM No. 7.—(JOHN NUGENT WOOD.)

(Brought up by Mr. Mitchell, May 29.)

Your Committee have carefully read the Petition of John Nugent Wood, and accompanying documentary evidence. They have also examined Mr. Willis, Under-Secretary. From the evidence adduced, your Committee are of opinion that Mr. Wood is entitled to the sum of £87 10s.

Your Committee recommend the following Resolution for the adoption of the House :—

“That the Government be requested to give effect to the recommendation contained in the Report.”

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Interim Chairman.

May 29, 1867.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

SESSION XXIII.

1867.

I.—ROADS.

General Roads Board Office,
Dunedin, March 29th, 1867.

Secretary, Public Works.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of communication 8th March instant, requesting to be furnished with report of Department under my charge.

Since the issuing of last report, the Department has obtained the passing into law of two Ordinances by which power has been taken to close one hundred and ten miles of useless or impracticable Roads.

In lieu of these, new road sites answering the requirements of the various districts have been or are to be surveyed by the Department.

Those where special bargains have been entered into have and are being carried into effect as speedily as possible in so far as the strength of the Department will admit.

There are now one hundred and one road districts proclaimed under the "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1865." Many of these have been furnished with an elaborate map, duplicate copies of which are kept for purposes of reference. Maps of those districts not yet supplied are in course of preparation.

Since the last annual election of local Boards in June, twenty-five districts have levied rates, those of the more thickly populated have availed themselves of the privilege of assessing on the annual value of property, it being considered a more just and equitable mode of assessing, each owner of property (no matter of what kind) having to pay a fair share towards the making and maintaining of the roads. (See section XXXI, "Otago Roads Ordinance, 1865.")

By the last session of Council a vote was taken under the Appropriation Ordinance for subsidising monies raised by local Boards for road works at the rate of £2 to £1. Applications have been received under this vote for subsidy on the sum of £3464.

This amount, together with the rates raised, will materially assist districts in taking the first steps towards securing good roads, and should the Council deem it advisable to vote similar advantages at its next session many other districts will be enabled to avail themselves of the benefits such a vote would confer.

The Government being desirous of rendering every possible assistance, have recommended that the local Boards and Municipalities (those in outlying districts in particular) should be visited for the purpose of establishing a uniform system of accounts, and having explained to them the workings generally of the Roads and Municipal Ordinances, and to this duty an officer of the Department has been appointed.

It is anticipated much good from this course will arise, as ratepayers, when they are aware how easily the advantages of good roads may be secured, will be induced to take a more active part in their local matters.

Since the last Report, the business of the Department has greatly increased, keeping its staff so fully occupied, that little time can be given to the working off of an accumulation of matters of more or less importance.

The Departmental expenses have been considerably within the limit of the votes under the various items.

This arises chiefly from the fact, that pressing office work has rendered necessary the postponement of field operations, but which an endeavor is now being made to overtake.

Since

Since the last Report the Pine Hill Road Board made application for a further survey and sanctioning of the Pine Hill Road, that the Local Board may be enabled to form the same.

The survey of this road has been at various times carried out by the Department for a distance of 108 chains, of which, the Local Board have formed a distance of 70 chains to the width of 15 feet, according to the gradients and line, as laid down by an officer of the Department, and under his supervision.

I may here state, that as in all probability this road will become one of importance, (*i. e.* branch of Main North Road,) it would be advisable for the Department to continue to exercise supervision over the works still to be carried out on this said road, and also under the 42nd clause of the "Roads Ordinance, 1865," over any district roads upon which public revenue is being, or may be expended.

This supervision is, I am given to understand, the wish of the Local Boards generally.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES DOUGHTY,
Clerk General Roads Board.

II.—SURVEY.

Survey Office, Dunedin,

5th April, 1867.

To the Provincial Secretary.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 8th March, requesting an estimate of expenditure of the Department for the year ending 31st March, 1868; also a report on the state of the service. In compliance with the above instructions I forward the estimate, amounting to the sum of 22,162 pounds, and in reporting on the Department I may premise that as the survey season ends on the 30th June each year, I will then be able to fully detail the actual work of each surveyor, and in the meantime I trust it will suffice to give a general view of the operations since I last reported on them on the 20th August last.

The applications for lands within hundreds have been surveyed by officers stationed at Hampden, Dunedin, Tokomairiro, Popotunoa, and Tutarau, who have so far been able to keep pace with the demand. As the surveys are now of detached or spotting claims, the time and cost of each survey depends more on the distance required to be travelled than the actual area.

Since last October I have had much of my attention given to the Goldfields surveys, which shortly previous to that month were placed under my charge. Having visited all the districts, to personally inform myself of the wants of the Service, I early suggested the placing of survey offices in the four central localities of Tuapeka, Hamilton, Clyde, and Queenstown, for the purpose of receiving and intelligibly recording the applications for mining and agricultural leases, as the above applications were not confined to certain localities, but extended to every portion of the Goldfields Districts, a guide or standard map of true bearings had at once to be prepared for the use of the various surveyors; and for this purpose the geodesical operations of Mr. M'Kerrow were made available. This preliminary work could not be accomplished till January last, but since which time the Goldfield surveys have had the benefit of its guidance. In December last the arrears of Goldfields surveys were as follows:—

	Mining Leases.	Mining leases unconnected	Agricultural Leases.	Agricultural Leases unconnected.	Leases in surveyed blocks to be marked.	Extended Claims.	
Tuapeka	23	70	117	60	95	71	436 Drummond and Wilson
Queenstown	25	52	59	24	...	3	163 Wrigley and Millet
Dunstan ... ..	...	18	12	8	...	30	68 Coates and Bate
Hamilton's	16	15	9	2	...	6	48 Keene
Totals	64	155	197	94	95	110	715 Grand Total.

In order to meet the pressing wants of the public in overtaking the above arrears, I found it absolutely necessary to detach several of the surveyors of the general staff to assist forward the work. Messrs. Howden, Shanks, McKenzie and Arthur have consequently been engaged in the service. I hope now to have all arrears overtaken in the course of two or three months.

Relative

Relative to the subject of Goldfields Surveys, I beg to suggest that there are duties called for which do not seem compatible with the progress of the general survey, and which I would suggest should be executed by officers of the Goldfields Department. These duties are such as the gauging of water—laying out races—advising in Court cases—attendance in disputes—underground traverses and levels, &c. The engagement of officers for these duties I find to be loudly called for by the Wardens; but which, if acceded to by officers under the general survey staff, would evidently entirely stop the progress of the Record Surveys. The Goldfields Secretary, no doubt, will advise the Government on this subject.

I may state that on my late visit to the Goldfield Surveys, I found the officers now remaining in the field to be thoroughly acquainted with the system of survey, and hope by the end of this season to be able to report all arrears of work met in a professional and systematic manner—the plans presented being fit for permanent record in the archives of the Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. THOMSON,

Chief Surveyor.

Dunedin, 8th April, 1867.

To the Secretary of Public Works.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular dated 8th ult., requesting an approximate Estimate of Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1868, also, a Report on the state of the Department.

In compliance with your instructions, I now forward the estimate required; also, in forwarding my Report, I beg to enclose those in detail of the various officers. There are now about 130 miles of metalled roads in the Province. The works in extension of this system of communication have been principally towards Balclutha, Lawrence and Palmerston, otherwise the works have been in the extension of dray tracks, and the maintenance of tracks to the several interior centres of traffic.

While it would be needless to recapitulate the minor road works which are placed in the estimates, I may again call the attention of the Government to the desirability of improving the two main roads that connect Dunedin with Clyde, viz.—one by Shag Valley and the other by Tuapeka. Both of these roads run through fine districts, and connect the capital with the principal mining centres. The improvements required on the Shag Valley route, are, the cutting of sidings with easy gradients over saddles near Coal and Grassy Creeks, and considerable deviations near Mr. Wayne's and Pigroot. The road would also be better to be carried more into the centre of the Maniototo plains, by a valley running west from the Shag River Saddle. By taking this route, the road would be shortened several miles, and near 500 feet of elevation saved at the bleakest part of the journey. Between the crossing of the Ida burn and Lauder, also, considerable saving in distance might be made, by taking the road down the Ida Valley and crossing the south end of Blackstone Hill, thence by a gorge of the Manuherikia, where that river might be bridged. In the whole distance of 132 miles between Dunedin and Clyde, I consider 20 miles might be saved by the above measures, and the journey of two days might be reduced to a day and a-half's travel by coach.

The improvements required on the Tuapeka route are principally in metalling the road as far as Beaumont, in easing the gradients over the Sowburn Saddle, and in diverting the present track over Spylaw and the Knobby Ranges to the immediate banks of the Clutha. By these means the 110 miles distance between Dunedin and Clyde might be shortened to 100. Beyond Clyde, the connection with Queenstown is now being rapidly completed. A punt has been placed at the Nevis crossing, and another is about ready to be placed at the Arrow. By these means this very dangerous and difficult route will be rendered comparatively easy and safe. But to the full attainment of this end a bridge over the Shotover at Forster's Ferry is required. Towards the west coast, via Haast Pass, considerable attention is being drawn, owing to the recent discovery of payable gold diggings. The road is excellent to the south end of the Wanaka Lake, from whence to the head of the Lake (*i.e.* the north end) traffic would be best carried by boating. From the head of the Lake to the goldfields township on the Haast, the journey has been accomplished in four days, and the cost of making a horse or cattle track is estimated at between £1500 to £2500. On the road on the seaboard from Dunedin to Waitaki, the worst parts have been metalled, but which operations must be extended as funds are available. The most pressing want in this route I conceive to be a bridge over the south Otepopo River, but bridges over the northern branch, as well as over the Kakanui, would be a great convenience to the public.

From Balclutha to Maitara two bridges are now under construction. As the climate of this part of the country is wet and the soil retentive, much improvement to traffic cannot take place without metalled roads. At present the road throughout is available for carriage traffic during the summer months.

Of buildings—the Government Offices are now nearly ready for occupation, and what has been effected to other works will be seen by reference to Mr Howlison's report.

The Electric Telegraph is now nearly completed as far as Queenstown, and only awaits the arrival of certain material to be put in operation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. THOMSON,

Engineer of Roads and Works.

REPORT

REPORT ON THE VARIOUS WORKS UNDER THE CHARGE OF THOMAS OLIVER, DISTRICT ENGINEER, FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING THE 30th OF MARCH, 1867.

Dunedin to Waikouaiti.—This road has continued in good order during the last six months. Fifteen surfacemen have been regularly employed, spreading metal, repairing bridges and keeping the surface of the road; likewise one foreman looking after contracts and general repairs of road. There have been two contracts entered into for maintenance of metal, which are now in progress. First, for 4,050 cubic yards, at 7s. 5d. between the Water of Leith Toll Bar and the 16-mile peg. Second, for 2,220 cubic yards at 9s. 7½d. between the 16-mile peg and Waikouaiti Bridge.

Waikouaiti to Palmerston.—This road has continued in good order during the last six months. Five surfacemen have been regularly employed on general repairs, and keeping surface of road, likewise one foreman looking after contracts and general repairs of road. There have been five contracts satisfactorily completed. First, for construction and metalling 60 chains of road. Second, for erection of bridge over the Pleasant River. Third, for construction and metalling 72 chains of road. Fourth, for metalling 44 chains of road. Fifth, for blinding 132 chains of the metalled road. There have likewise been three contracts entered into. First, for 1,180 cubic yards of metal, at 12s. 5d. Second, for erection of bridge over Pleasant River, at Young's. Third, for construction and metalling 26 chains of road.

Palmerston to Oamaru.—This road has continued in fair order, with the exception of a few land slips and soft portions. Three surfacemen have been employed keeping the road in repair. One contract has been satisfactorily completed—metalling 40 chains on One River Flat. Contract for metalling 120 chains at Otepopo, nearly completed. Contract for erection of culverts and forming approaches at Murcott's Creek in progress. Contract for forming about 44 chains of road in Blocks 5 and 7, Oamaru District, nearly completed. There have been two contracts entered into; first, for blinding metalled portion of road at Otepopo; second, for gravelling 55 chains of road near Hampden.

Oamaru to Waitaki.—This road has continued in fine order. One surfaceman has been employed in drainage and general repairs of road.

Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge.—This road has continued in fair order. Fifteen surfacemen have been regularly employed on general repairs, and keeping surface of road. There are in progress three contracts for road metal. First, for 4,560 cubic yards of metal at 10s. 6d. per cubic yard, between the 8th and 13th mile posts. Second, for 3,648 cubic yards of metal, at 12s. 6d., between the 13th and 17th mile posts. Third, for 1,000 cubic yards of metal, at 9s. 2½d. per cubic yard, between the 17th and 22nd mile posts.

East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro.—This road has continued in good order. There have been eight surface men regularly employed in widening and keeping the road in repair. There has been one contract completed for 1,200 cubic yards of metal at 11s. per cubic yard, and one contract entered into for 3,000 cubic yards of metal at 10s. 10d., which is now in progress.

Tokomairiro to Clutha.—This road has continued in fair order. There have been three surface men regularly employed keeping surface of road in repair. There have been two contracts completed, first for supply of 1200 cubic yards of road metal, second for metalling portion of the road. There are likewise four contracts in progress—first for construction and metalling 45 chains of the road, second and third for metalling about 70 chains of the road, fourth for supply of 1000 cubic yards of metal @ 13s.

Clutha to Mataura.—This road was very much cut up in the commencement of summer, but is now in fair order. There has been a road party of 16 men employed repairing the road and bridges for the last two months between Clinton and the Mataura River. The road is very much improved, and is now in very fair order. There have been two contracts entered into for constructing and metalling about 119 chains of the road. These are now in progress.

Saddle Hill to West Taieri.—This road has continued in good order. There have been seven surface men regularly employed in improving and keeping the road in repair. There has been one contract completed for gravelling the unmetalled portion of the road, and there has been a contract entered into for the supply of 1000 cubic yards of road metal at 8s. 6d. per cubic yard.

West Taieri to Rock and Pillar.—This road was considerably cut up in the commencement of summer. There has been a road party employed on drainage and repairs, and the road is now in very fair order. A contract for gravelling that portion of the road between the West Taieri Bridge and Roy's Cutting has been completed.

Tokomairiro to Tuapeka.—This road has continued in fair order. There have been on an average four men employed keeping the road in repair. There have been three contracts completed—two between Waitahuna and Tuapeka for construction of 291 chains of road, third contract at Woolshed for erection of small bridge and 18 chains of road metalling. There are now three contracts in progress—first between Waitahuna and Tuapeka for construction of 42 chains of road, second for erection of two bridges over the Tokomairiro River, third for construction of 114 chains of road, Manuka Creek.

Tuapeka to Teviot.—This road has continued in fair order. There have been on an average eight men employed re-forming portions of the road to receive a coating of gravel, and repairing road generally. There has been one contract completed for gravelling 300 chains of portion of the road. There is another contract commenced for gravelling 100 chains of portions of the road.

Oamaru to Lindis.—This road has been in middling order. There has been a party of about 18 men employed for the last three months on forming a new road to avoid Barren Flat, making a new cutting through Fern Gully, and clearing debris from the old cutting. The road generally is now in very fair order.

Palmerston

Palmerston to Ewe Burn.—This road has continued in fair order. There have been three surface men employed keeping that portion of the road in repair about Pigroot and Kye Burn, also a party of eight men employed forming portion of the permanent line where the old road has been fenced across. There is a contract let for forming and metalling 55 chains of road (Tiverton-street, Palmerston).

North Trunk to Port Chalmers.—This road has continued in good order. There has been one man employed in keeping the road in repair. There is one contract in progress for the supply of 1378 cubic yards of metal at 7s. 3d.

North Trunk to Moeraki.—This road has continued in fair order, with the exception of a few landslips. There has been one man employed keeping the road in repair. There is a contract entered into for supply of 200 cubic yards of road metal, at 10s. per cubic yard.

Dunedin to Portobello.—The metalled portion of this road has continued good. One man has been employed keeping metalled portion in repair. Unmetalled portion is in bad order. Four men have been employed temporarily repairing portion of the unmetalled road. There is one contract in progress for supply of 400 cubic yards of road metal, at 7s.

Southern Trunk to Molyneux.—This road has continued in middling order. Three men have been employed for the last three months repairing the road. There has been a contract entered into for forming and metalling about 57 chains of the road.

Dunedin to North Taieri.—The metalled portion of this road has continued in good order. One man has been employed keeping the road in repair. There has been a bridge erected over the Silver Stream. The works were satisfactorily executed. There is a contract in progress for supply of 350 cubic yards of road metal, at 8s. 6d.

North-East Valley to Pine Hill.—This road is in middling order. It will require a large supply of metal to put it in good order. One man has been employed repairing the road.

Lawrence to Wetherstone's.—Road in fair order. One man employed temporarily.

Lawrence to Gabriel's.—Road in fair order. One man employed temporarily.

Main Road through Dunedin.—Road in good order. Four men and one cart have been temporarily employed keeping the road in repair. There is a contract in progress for supply of 2500 cubic yards of road metal at 6s. 5d.

Main Road through Hampden.—There is a contract in progress for forming and gravelling portion of the road.

Main Road through Oamaru.—There is a contract entered into for forming portions of Severn and Wansbeck Streets, and metalling portion of Severn Street.

Lee Stream to Waipori.—This road is in very fair order. There have been four men employed repairing the road generally.

Waihemo to McRae's.—There is a contract in progress for forming and widening the worst portions of the road.

North Trunk to Waikouaiti.—There is a contract let for metalling portion of Beach Street.

Beaumont to Tapanui, via Moa Flat.—There is a road party put on to make a dray road between Tapanui and Moa Flat.

THOMAS OLIVER,

District Engineer.

To the Engineer of Roads and Works.

5th April, 1867.

III.—EDUCATION.

Education Office, Dunedin,
January 31, 1867.

His Honor the Superintendent.

SIR,—In compliance with the provisions of the Education Ordinance, I do myself the honor to submit my Report for the year ended December 31, 1866.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

At the close of the year 1865, there were 46 District Schools in operation throughout the Province. There were also the two schools established in Dunedin for the education and training of poor or neglected children. During the past year, there have been opened the schools of Popotunoa, Kaitangata, St. Bathans, Maungatua, Waipori (Upper), and the Free School for neglected children in connection with the Benevolent Institution near Caversham. There are, consequently, 51 District Schools and three Free Schools at present in operation throughout the Province, in connection with the Board. In these 54 schools, 76 teachers are employed, viz., 53 schoolmasters, 13 schoolmistresses, 7 assistant teachers, and 3 pupil teachers. The settlers of the following-mentioned localities are taking steps for the establishment of schools, viz.:—Flag Swamp (Waikouaiti), South Akatore, Puarua, Hillend, Bluespur, and North Harbour.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A tabular view of the different schools, the attendance of pupils, the teachers' names, &c., is hereunto appended. (See Appendix A.) The following Table contains an abstract of the attendance at the Dunedin, and the other District Schools for the last five years :—

Year.	Number of Pupils who attended at all in the course of the Year.			Average Daily Attendance for the Year.			Attendance at the close of the Year.		
	Dunedin.	All other Schools.	Total.	Dunedin.	All other Schools.	Total.	Dunedin.	All other Schools.	Total.
1861-62	228	1021	1249	129	632	810	205	705	910
1862-63	1024	1366	2390	653	758	1411	734	907	1641
1864	1418	2148	3566	771	1148	1919	996	1500	2496
1865	1295	2416	3711	918	1415	2333	1046	1747	2793
*1866	1193	2754	3947	888	1680	2568	934	2136	3070

* Exclusive of about 180 scholars at the three Free Schools.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS.

A tabular view of the branches of Education taught in the different schools, and the number of scholars learning the same, during the year 1866 is hereunto appended (see Appendix B). I have not been able as yet this season to visit more than the schools in Dunedin and the suburban districts, but I hope to be able to overtake the inspection of all the other schools in the course of the next three months. I am able to report that all the schools already examined by me this season are in a highly efficient and satisfactory condition.

The Board some time ago passed the following resolutions in reference to the teaching of singing and of the geography of New Zealand in the different schools, and so far as I have been able to judge there is a very general desire on the part of the School Committees and the Teachers to carry out as far as practicable the views and wishes of the Board in regard to the teaching of those branches.

Resolution in reference to School Singing :—“That the Secretary be instructed to furnish copies of the Tonic Sol-Fa Modulator to such teachers as may wish them, for the purpose of School instruction in Singing, and that the Secretary be further instructed on behalf of the Board to recommend to the different School Committees and teachers that instruction in singing should form a part of the usual course of School instruction.”

Resolution in reference to School Instruction in the Geography of New Zealand :—“That the Secretary be instructed to furnish copies of the maps of New Zealand and of Otago to such schools as have not already received them, and to recommend on behalf of the Board to the different School Committees and teachers that instruction in the Geography of New Zealand should receive attention in their several schools.”

INCOME

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1866.

The following is an abstract of the Income and Expenditure of the Education Department for the year ended December 31st, 1866, viz. :—

INCOME.	
1. Education Reserves Fund	£326 11 9
2. School Books sold	641 15 7
3. High School fees	1124 15 0
4. From Provincial Revenue	8241 7 6
	£10,334 9 10
EXPENDITURE.	
1. <i>Office</i> —Secretary and Inspector	£450 0 0
Clerk (a youth)	60 0 0
Travelling Expenses	93 19 6
Advertising, printing, stationery, &c.	11 19 9
	£615 19 3
2. <i>Elementary Schools</i> —Teachers' Salaries	£5603 10 5
Rents, Insurance, Repairs, &c.	684 4 0
Purchase of School sites	59 9 0
Pupil Teachers	57 18 4
Free Schools, and fees for destitute children	382 2 11
	£6787 4 8
3. <i>High School</i> —Rector	£550 0 0
Four Masters—Salaries and rent allowances	1626 4 2
Janitor	50 0 0
Prizes, printing, fuel, &c.	57 8 10
	£2283 13 0
4. Advance for School Books	647 12 11
	10,334 9 10

A table showing the respective amounts contributed towards the current expenses of the District Schools for the past year by the Government and the different districts is hereunto appended. (See Appendix C.) The sum contributed by the Government towards salaries, repairs, insurance, &c., is £6287 14s. 5d., while the amount advanced by the districts towards the same objects is £5291 14s. 4d.

Taking the whole of the expenditure by the Government on the Elementary Schools (£6787 4s. 8d.) and the number of pupils who, for longer or shorter periods, attended the schools during the year 1866, the average cost per scholar will be found to be about £1 17s. 9d. If the average daily attendance be taken, the cost would be at the rate of £2 11s. 3d. for each scholar.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

JOHN HISLOP,

Secretary and Inspector.

APPENDIX A.

LIST OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO, WITH A STATEMENT OF THE ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS, THE NAMES AND OFFICIAL INCOMES OF THE TEACHERS, &C., FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1866.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	SCHOOL ESTABLISHED.	TEACHER APPOINTED.	NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO ATTENDED AT ALL IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR.	IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.	OFFICIAL INCOME OF THE TEACHER.	ESTIMATED ANNUAL VALUE OF THE TEACHER'S RESIDENCE AND GLEBE.
				Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
North Dunedin.....	A. Stewart.....	1862	1862	260	201	461	308	312	£ 277 7 11	£ 60 0 0
	R. Stout.....	...	1865	...	...	...	...	...	217 7 11	.....
	* E. K. Hay.....	...	1865	...	...	...	...	...	153 7 11	.....
Middle Dunedin....	T. Halliwell.....	1856	1862	213	175	388	360	388	277 7 11	60 0 0
	J. Ferguson.....	...	1865	...	...	...	...	...	217 7 11	.....
	* M. Hercus.....	...	1864	...	...	...	...	...	153 7 11	.....
South Dunedin.....	J. B. Park.....	1864	1864	209	135	344	220	234	277 7 11	60 0 0
	M. Samuels.....	...	1866	...	...	...	...	...	150 0 0	.....
	* M. Park.....	...	1866	...	...	...	...	...	100 0 0	.....
Anderson's Bay.....	W. B. Mackay.....	1858	1863	57	44	101	73	80	172 5 10	35 0 0
Blueskin.....	W. Porteous.....	1864	1864	36	23	59	37	39	156 0 6	35 0 0
Brockville.....	J. B. M'Allister.....	1864	1866	21	16	37	25	34	.....	.....
Caversham.....	W. Milne, M.A.....	1861	1865	62	53	115	65	79	174 14 2	40 0 0
	* A. Houghton.....	...	1866	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
East Taieri.....	J. Waddell.....	1856	1861	62	73	135	101	114	164 7 6	45 0 0
	* I. Graham.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100 0 0	.....
East Clutha.....	J. M'Ewan.....	1858	1861	27	24	51	31	41	185 0 0	40 0 0
Green Island.....	A. G. Allan.....	1856	1859	37	35	72	52	39	169 19 0	40 0 0
Glenore.....	P. M'Intyre.....	1863	1863	23	15	38	19	24	123 18 0	25 0 0
Hampden.....	D. Munro.....	1864	1864	27	24	51	26	37	155 11 0	35 0 0
Inch Clutha.....	A. Grigor.....	1858	1858	37	23	60	27	42	160 19 0	40 0 0
Kaihiku.....	T. H. Meeking.....	1864	1864	17	15	32	13	17	97 12 0	25 0 0
Lake Waipori.....	A. Anderson.....	1864	1864	22	20	42	29	36	131 13 0	25 0 0
Moeraki Bush.....	P. Leitch.....	1859	1859	20	21	41	28	29	.....	.....
North East Valley...	W. Taylor.....	1858	1865	54	27	81	55	56	164 3 4	50 0 0
North East Harbour	G. P. Bell.....	1860	1865	24	14	38	28	34	140 11 6	40 0 0
North Taieri.....	G. B. Anderson.....	1860	1862	31	16	47	40	47	175 1 9	35 0 0
North Tokomairiro...	J. Robertson.....	1864	1866	21	21	42	30	37	141 13 0	25 0 0
Oamaru.....	N. Fleming.....	1862	1865	42	19	61	46	58	184 0 6	50 0 0
	* F. Anderson.....	...	1866	...	...	...	...	...	100 0 0	.....
Otepopo.....	J. Orr.....	1864	1864	20	21	41	18	28	108 18 4	25 0 0
Carry forward.....				1322	1015	2337	1631	1805		

APPENDIX A.—LIST OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, &c.—(Continued).

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	SCHOOL ESTABLISHED.	TEACHER APPOINTED.	NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO ATTENDED AT ALL IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR.		OFFICIAL INCOME OF THE TEACHER.	ESTIMATED ANNUAL VALUE OF THE TEACHER'S RESIDENCE AND GLEBE.
				Boys.	Girls.	Total.	IN ATTENDANCE AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.			
									£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought Forward.....				1322	1015	2337	1631	1805		
Port Chalmers.....	W. Reid.....	1856	1861	90	84	174	106	126	159 0 0	30 0 0
	* A. Bell.....	...	1865	...	...	...	...	...	125 0 0	.....
Portobello.....	T. Tiley.....	1858	1864	12	8	20	9	13	116 13 4	25 0 0
Saddle Hill.....	J. Dickison	1863	1863	14	15	29	18	29	125 6 8	35 0 0
Tokomairiro.....	D. Ross.....	1856	1866	83	45	128	84	125	.....	40 0 0
Waihola.....	J. Stevens.....	1859	1863	25	19	44	24	37	165 0 0	25 0 0
Waikouaiti.....	J. Phillips.....	1860	1865	36	41	77	43	35	155 4 0	30 0 0
Wakari.....	D. M'Lauchlin	1858	1864	83	42	125	73	90	180 0 0	40 0 0
	* Mrs. M'Lauchlin.....	...	1865	...	...	...	...	...	30 0 0	.....
Warepa.....	E. Ings.....	1858	1866	20	17	37	27	27	146 0 0	25 0 0
West Taieri.....	G. Crocket.....	1858	1864	51	46	97	67	75	160 0 0	40 0 0
	* M. Hamilton.....	...	1864	...	...	...	...	...	100 0 0	.....
Alexandra.....	Rev. J. Cameron, M.A.	1864	1864	34	14	48	35	35	200 0 0	30 0 0
Arrow Town.....	R. M'Cracken.....	1864	1865	22	12	43	15	19	142 18 0	.....
Clyde.....	S. M. Clarke.....	1864	1865	33	30	63	39	49	200 0 0	20 0 0
Lawrence.....	J. Stenhouse.....	1864	1864	87	64	151	120	138	254 10 6	40 0 0
	* Mrs. Searle.....	...	1865	...	...	...	...	...	127 0 0	.....
Queenstown.....	J. Brown.....	1864	1864	34	22	56	30	44	210 0 0	25 0 0
Waitahuna.....	D. Clarke.....	1863	1865	33	18	51	30	39	190 13 10	20 0 0
Cromwell.....	D. M'Kellar.....	1865	1866	22	10	32	23	34	200 0 0	.....
Teviot.....	G. Ireland.....	1865	1865	19	11	30	15	17	127 0 0	.....
Nokomai.....	* L. S. L. Hanson.....	1865	1865	11	16	27	18	17	.....	.....
Palmerston.....	J. Watt.....	1865	1866	13	16	29	17	16	150 19 0	.....
Balclutha.....	D. Todd.....	1865	1865	27	12	39	22	36	150 0 0	.....
Port Molyneux.....	J. Forbes.....	1865	1866	18	10	28	14	21	125 0 0	.....
Mount Ida.....	N. M'Leod.....	1865	1865	32	30	62	40	52	176 12 4	15 0 0
Hamilton.....	G. S. Mitchell.....	1865	1865	9	7	16	13	11	.....	.....
Mornington.....	A. Russell.....	1865	1865	60	58	118	78	80	192 0 0	25 0 0
Popotunoa.....	J. Roy.....	1866	1866	8	16	24	19	22	.....	.....
St. Bathans.....	R. Darling.....	1866	1866	11	5	16	16	16	200 0 0	.....
Maungatua.....	W. Murray.....	1866	1866	14	18	32	25	25	.....	.....
Kaitangata.....	H. Hawson.....	1866	1866	13	10	23	17	20	.....	.....
Waipori.....	J. E. Wilson.....	1866	1866	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Totals.....				2236	1711	3947	2568	3070		

* Schoolmistresses.

APPENDIX B.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE BRANCHES OF EDUCATION TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF OTAGO, AND THE NUMBER OF PUPILS LEARNING THE SAME, FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1866.

SCHOOLS.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN LEARNING																			
	To Read.				To Write.		Arithmetic.					Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Book-keeping.	Mathematics.	Latin or French.	Music from Notes.	Sewing (Girls).	Drawing.
	The Holy Scriptures.	Letters and Monosyllables.	Easy Narratives.	Books of General Information.	From Dictation on Slates or Paper.	From Copy on Paper.	Simple Rules.	Compound Rules.	Proportion or Practice.	Fractions.	Higher Rules.									
North Dunedin.....	299	87	188	186	213	236	151	145	51	20	11	159	157	35	4	171	130	6		
Middle Dunedin	270	67	270	195	292	225	80	103	123	46	16	231	156	63	14	39	194	125	63	
South Dunedin.....	143	53	113	68	110	167	136	55	23	15	6	96	96	61	126	62	33			
Anderson's Bay.....	56	19	26	56	69	82	32	23	11	8	5	58	58	48	4	6	87			
Blueskin.....	47	6	6	47	47	47	22	11			9	19	19		2	39				
Brockville.....	15		18	12	13	19	16	3		1		8	8	3	1	12				
Caversham.....	61	19	48	48	79	79	42	14	16	4	1	44	44	21	1	3	61	53		
East Taieri.....	103	4	20	79	29	70	27	17	13	11	5	29	29		1	1	60			
East Clutha.....	30	1	20	18	17	33	17	16	5	5	2	24	24	5	5	8		5		
Green Island.....	33	10	10	34	8	35	13	16	16	5	6	20	18	4	1	1	27			
Glenore.....	11	10	2	12	9	11	8	3	2		9	7	7							
Hampden.....	34	10	22	19	34	38	15	12	2	2	4	15	15			31				
Inch Clutha.....	40	10	18	32	32	45	9	14	11	4	4	32	32	14	3					
Kaihiku.....	19		2	19	19	19	9	6	4	2		15	15	7	2					
Lake Waipori.....	23	8	13	15	6	19	7	7	6			14	14	7						
Moeraki Bush.....	20	6	14	21	4	21	7	7	5											
North East Harbour	25	7	13	16	19	9	10		19		1	21	19	18						
North East Valley...	47	18	17	30	30	30	27	7	11		1	26	30	17	7	47				
North Taieri.....	32		15	32	32	32	11	10	1	7	3	20	20	12	9	4	2	47	12	
North Tokomairiro...	29	6	4	29	18	29	11	8	6		4	18	18	4		29				
Oamaru.....	26	13	6	42	21	14			11	1		23	23	12		6	61	18		
Otepopo.....	22	10	3	20	16	21	8	6	3			2	11							
Port Chalmers.....	68	23	62	68	50	99	42	25	18	8	1	52	52	46	8		84			
Portobello.....	8	6	5	2	8	8	6	1	1	1	1	7	7	2	1			2		
Saddlehill.....	22	2	19	8	37	18	18	10	10	4	2	10	3	10						
Carry forward...	1483	395	934	1108	1212	1406	724	508	379	144	91	949	875	396	24	39	70	905	559	121

TABULAR

TABULAR VIEW OF THE BRANCHES OF EDUCATION TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF OTAGO—(Continued).

SCHOOLS.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN LEARNING																				
	To Read.				To Write.		Arithmetic.					Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Book-keeping.	Mathematics.	Latin or French.	Music from Notes.	Sewing (Girls).	Drawing.	
	The Holy Scriptures.	Letters and Monosyllables.	Easy Narratives.	Books of General Information.	From Dictation on Slate or Paper.	From Copy on Paper.	Simple Rules.	Compound Rules.	Proportion or Practice.	Fractions.	Higher Rules.										
Brot. forward ...	1483	395	934	1108	1212	1406	724	508	379	144	91	949	875	396	24	39	70	9	5	59	121
Tokomairiro.....	63	27	38	63	20	75	37	38	7	8	3	35	38	20	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waihola.....	39	3	11	29	19	39	9	8	8	...	9	25	25	12	6	6	...	...	...	...	18
Waikouaiti.....	39	15	23	39	41	33	13	18	18	10	2	29	32	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wakari.....	79	8	27	90	60	90	18	13	25	10	14	53	53	42	1	12	...	...	30	...	...
Warepa.....	28	8	11	18	29	30	26	18	2	...	...	18	18	18	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Taieri.....	88	9	16	66	111	82	16	24	42	17	2	47	47	24	...	3	...	...	35	...	...
Alexandra.....	23	10	17	15	9	27	11	4	4	5	1	15	8	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Arrowtown.....	8	6	8	5	6	13	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clyde.....	26	23	22	18	24	23	18	9	8	5	1	23	13	4	...	...	...	13	...	...	...
Cromwell.....	...	3	14	14	18	16	8	6	...	...	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Laurence.....	33	22	32	54	57	63	20	24	22	22	3	54	54	11	...	...	...	57	30	...	...
Queenstown.....	...	12	20	14	14	13	14	12	...	2	1	18	18	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waitahuna.....	16	11	16	24	5	3	16	6	...	...	1	24	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Teviot.....	6	4	11	2	1	11	6	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nokomai.....	25	7	8	12	18	18	17	...	...	...	...	26	26	5	...	...	...	17	8	...	...
Palmerston.....	18	3	4	17	13	18	4	5	5	...	5	11	15	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Molyneux.....	17	4	10	7	..	17	10	1	5	...	1	17	16	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naseby (Mount Ida)	29	9	26	27	...	22	16	3	5	3	1	12	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balclutha.....	6	10	17	9	...	9	2	6	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hamilton.....	11	3	4	6	5	10	4	3	2	...	...	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Mornington.....	36	10	64	23	44	11	15	...	6	...	5	36	36	19	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Popotunoa.....	8	3	15	4	...	11	4	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaitangata.....	16	1	8	10	9	20	10	4	5	1	1	9	9	4	2	...	...	...	...	10	...
St. Bathans.....	...	2	12	2	..	7	3	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maungatua.....	38	18	10	4	2	9	8	1	...	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waipori.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	2135	626	1378	1680	1707	2076	1031	721	545	231	142	1433	1336	605	30	61	91	903	677	140	...

APPENDIX C.

TABLE SHEWING THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICTS TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF OTAGO FOR THE YEAR 1866.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Teachers.	CONTRIBUTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.			CONTRIBUTED BY THE DISTRICTS.		
		Towards Salaries.	Towards Insurance, Repairs, Rent, &c.	Total.	From School Fess.	From Contributions and other sources.	Total.
		£ s. D.	£ s. D.	£ s. D.	£ s. D.	£ s. D.	£ s. D.
Dunedin.....	16	1098 15 0	65 3 7	1163 18 7	1211 12 3	.....	1211 12 3
Anderson's Bay.....	1	100 0 0	69 1 1	169 1 1	72 5 10	4 2 6	76 8 4
Blueskin.....	1	100 0 0	2 0 0	102 0 0	56 0 6	7 0 0	63 0 6
Brockville.....	1	65 1 6	10 0 0	75 1 6	31 6 0	.....	31 6 0
Caversham.....	2	175 0 0	15 4 11	190 4 11	97 14 2	44 18 10	142 13 0
E. Taieri.....	2	175 0 0	4 8 2	179 8 2	128 15 0	11 7 8	140 2 8
E. Clutha.....	1	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0	81 5 0	10 17 8	92 2 8
Green Island.....	1	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0	69 19 0	5 0 0	74 19 0
Glenore.....	1	75 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	48 18 0	.....	48 18 0
Hampden.....	1	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0	55 11 9	22 10 10	78 2 7
Inch Clutha.....	1	100 0 0	1 2 6	101 2 6	60 19 0	11 0 1	71 19 1
Kaihiku.....	1	75 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	22 12 0	3 4 8	25 16 8
Lake Waipori.....	1	85 14 3	.....	85 14 3	31 13 0	.....	31 13 0
Moeraki Bush.....	1	75 0 0	.....	75 0 0	40 0 0	.....	40 0 0
N. E. Valley.....	1	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0	64 3 4	94 13 0	158 16 4
N. E. Harbor.....	1	100 0 0	9 3 8	109 3 8	40 11 6	12 7 8	52 19 2
N. Taieri.....	1	100 0 0	2 10 0	102 10 0	75 1 9	24 17 8	99 19 5
N. Tokomairiro.....	1	63 6 0	25 0 0	88 6 0	66 13 0	.....	66 13 0
Oamaru.....	2	175 0 0	2 8 9	177 8 9	84 0 6	98 13 9	182 14 3
Otepopo.....	1	75 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	43 11 10	18 0 6	61 12 4
Port Chalmers.....	2	175 0 0	22 10 0	197 10 0	109 12 6	10 0 0	119 12 6
Portobello.....	1	100 0 0	1 8 2	101 8 2	16 13 4	16 4 11	32 18 3
Saddle Hill.....	1	100 0 0	3 7 6	103 7 6	25 6 8	9 0 0	34 6 8
Tokomairiro.....	1	100 0 0	30 7 8	130 7 8	99 15 0	79 17 6	179 12 6
Waihola.....	1	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0	65 0 0	.....	65 0 0
Waikouaiti.....	1	100 0 0	5 4 4	105 4 4	55 4 0	21 8 6	77 2 6
Waikari.....	2	130 0 0	14 5 4	144 5 4	88 10 0	.....	88 10 0
Carry forward.....							

TABLE

TABLE SHEWING THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICTS TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF OTAGO FOR THE YEAR 1866.—(Continued).

SCHOOLS.	No. of Teachers.	CONTRIBUTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.						CONTRIBUTED BY THE DISTRICTS.											
		Towards Salaries.			Towards Insurance, Repairs, Rent, &c.			Total.			From School Fees.			From Contributions and other sources.			Total.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward..																			
Wairepa	1	83	6	8	15	0	0	98	6	8	40	0	0	.....	40	0	0		
West Taieri.....	2	156	5	0	.....	.....	.....	156	5	0	69	11	10	23	16	2	93	8	0
Alexandra.....	1	100	0	0	.....	.....	.....	100	0	0	81	0	0	23	0	0	104	0	0
Arrowtown.....	1	80	0	0	.....	.....	.....	80	0	0	42	16	0	41	7	0	84	3	0
Clyde.....	1	100	0	0	.....	.....	.....	100	0	0	87	11	0	95	6	3	182	17	3
Cromwell.....	1	75	0	0	.....	.....	.....	75	0	0	55	15	0	69	5	0	125	0	0
Lawrence.....	2	175	0	0	3	0	0	178	0	0	257	16	6	12	0	0	269	16	6
Queenstown.....	1	100	0	0	25	0	0	125	0	0	60	0	0	75	8	6	135	8	6
Waitahuna.....	1	100	0	0	.....	.....	.....	100	0	0	90	13	10	38	17	0	129	10	10
Teviot.....	1	75	0	0	.....	.....	.....	75	0	0	27	3	6	68	2	3	95	5	9
Nokomai.....	1	75	0	0	.....	.....	.....	75	0	0	38	2	6	36	17	6	75	0	0
Palmerston.....	1	100	0	0	25	0	0	125	0	0	31	15	0	.....	.....	.....	31	15	0
Balclutha.....	1	79	0	0	50	0	0	129	0	0	50	0	0	.....	.....	.....	50	0	0
Port Molyneux.....	1	75	0	0	25	0	0	100	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0	50	0	0
Mount Ida.....	1	97	15	0	.....	.....	.....	97	15	0	78	17	4	.....	.....	.....	78	17	4
Hamilton.....	1	83	2	0	.....	.....	.....	83	2	0	33	16	0	49	6	0	83	2	0
Maungatua.....	1	100	0	0	160	0	0	260	0	0	92	0	0	150	0	0	242	0	0
Popotunoa.....	1	56	5	0	18	15	0	75	0	0	25	0	0	.....	.....	.....	25	0	0
St. Bathans.....	1	18	15	0	.....	.....	.....	18	15	0	31	5	0	.....	.....	.....	31	5	0
Mornington.....	1	12	10	0	4	3	4	16	13	4	7	2	6	.....	.....	.....	7	2	6
Kaitangata.....	1	18	15	0	.....	.....	.....	18	15	0	9	12	0	.....	.....	.....	9	12	0
Totals.....	70	5,603	10	5	684	4	0	6,287	14	5	4,077	12	11	1,214	1	5	5,291	14	4

REPORT FROM THE RECTOR OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

HIGH SCHOOL OF OTAGO,

Dunedin, 26th April, 1867.

SIR,—In accordance to your Honor's commands, I beg to lay before you my Report as to the condition and progress of the High School since October last.

I have drawn up in tabular form the various studies of the several classes, and have added in the same form various matters which I deemed likely to be of interest. From these tables it will be seen what is the course through which it is intended that the pupils of the High School should pass, as well as the proportion of the pupils engaged in each of the several branches; the proportion of town and country residents whose sons attend the School; and, as far as could be ascertained, the occupations of the parents. With regard to the work of the School I have to remark that its character, except, of course, in the lowest Form, is being steadily raised, and especially in the higher Forms. Each of the four higher Forms is engaged on more difficult work than that on which the same Form was employed this time last year, although, the boys who then composed these Forms have almost, without exception, been promoted in all but the highest, where promotion is impossible. In the highest Form the character of the work has been very much raised, notwithstanding that since this time year I have naturally lost almost all the boys, who then made up that Form. This improvement could be only slowly accomplished, as at the conclusion of each quarter the boys are promoted if they are found to be capable of promotion, and accordingly, every quarter each Form is liable to lose its best boys, who are raised to the Form above. I have also to add that the highest Form would have been before this, reading authors of more advanced character, but for some unavoidable difficulty in obtaining the books required. I do not, however, consider this as a matter of any great moment, as thorough mastery of simpler authors makes the acquaintance of the more difficult comparatively easy. Notwithstanding this, your Honor will find that most of the classical works usually read in English schools of the highest reputation, are in use with us; and this, notwithstanding that the School can be said to have been in full operation scarcely more than three years, and, in almost all instances, classics had then to be commenced from the elements. I cannot but regret that so many of the pupils' parents object to Greek being made a part of their children's education. It is, of course, intelligible and right enough, when the boys are intended to be withdrawn to the duties of active life at an early age; but where this is not the case it is a pity that so important an element of a liberal education should be omitted. If I had the power I should make German the compulsory alternative of Greek, as I believe in many instances the parents' indifference is founded on their children's wish to shirk hard work. This disposition on the part of the parents deranges the working of the school, as, during the hours allotted to Greek Mr. Abram and myself are engaged with small classes, while unwieldy and ill-assorted classes have to be given to Mr. Brent.

I have continued and intend to continue the arrangements for working the School—six Classical Forms, and an English or modern form—which I detailed in my last report. I have been much gratified by comparing the pupils of the High School with Boys from both English and Scotch schools of some reputation, who have lately been entered here. I find that while in Classics they are not more advanced than our boys, in English, Arithmetic, and Mathematics, they are behind them.

The proportion of country boys is steadily on the increase, and I have to call your Honor's attention to the fact that this increase is especially observable in the higher part of the school. In the highest form the proportion of country boys is eight to ten from the town, in the next somewhat less, and this gradation is maintained throughout the school. As the lower part of the school is nearly self supporting (the fees more than pay Mr. Pope and Mr. Mitchell's salaries, and of course my share in the working of these forms is confined to supervision and examination), the participation of the benefit derived from the liberality of the Council is not very unequally distributed.

Your Honor will allow me to pass so far beyond my own province as to draw your notice to the fact that the two most advanced pupils who had ever been entered at the High School, were entered last quarter from the South Clutha and North Taieri schools. I have had the opportunity of comparing these boys with others nominally engaged on much the same work, and certainly not inferior in ability or industry, who came from an Edinburgh school of some reputation. The boys from our schools were decidedly superior in Latin, and immeasurably superior in English and Arithmetic. The opinion which I expressed in my last Report, is very much strengthened; I believe that the elementary education given in the Otago District Schools is not to be surpassed in soundness by any other schools of the same character. As I have in Scotland had good opportunities of forming an opinion, I may perhaps be allowed to say that our District Schools are infinitely superior to the expensive and pretentious private schools in that country, to which some of our wealthier settlers occasionally send their sons.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Honor's most obedient Servant,

FRANK C. SIMMONS, M.A. Oxon,

Rector of the High School of Otago

APPENDIX A.

List of Books and Subjects studied by the Pupils of the High School.

	ENGLISH.	LATIN.	GREEK.	FRENCH.	MATHEMATICS.
Form VI...	Sacred History and Christian Evidences Shakespear (English History: Constitutional) Course of Eng. Lit. Clyde's Geography, with Mapping Roman History to fall of Republic Translations from English, Greek, and French Composition, Original and Suggested [Elementary Logic]	Horace, Odes, Satires and Ars. Poet (Upper Div.) Virgil, Æneid Livy, B. XXI (Upper Div.) Sallust, Bell. Jug. Translations from English Authors (Upper Div.) Advanced Exercises. (Lower Div.) Course of Advanced Grammar	St. Luke's Gospel Homer, Iliad Xenophon, Anab. (Sophocles) (Thucydides)	Free Translations from Selected English and French Prose.	Upper Division.—Euclid Algebra, Quad. Equations Arithmetic, whole of Colenso's larger Arithmetic Lower Division.—Colenso's larger Arithmetic to Interest Mr. Brent Mr. Abram.
Form V...	Sacred History Morell's English Grammar and Analysis, with Exercises Shakespear—Hamlet " Henry IV Cornwell's Geography, with Mapping Roman History English History Composition, Original and Suggested, and Translations	Virgil, Æneid II. Cæsar, de Bell. Gall. Smith's Latin Grammar Do. Latin Exercises	Greek Grammar Delectus and Exercises Xenophon, Extracts	Exercise and Reading Book. Selections for Constructing. [Charles XII. Volt.]	
Form IV...	Sacred History Collier's Modern History Geography, with Mapping Analysis Composition, Suggested Translations	Construing Smith's Roman History Grammar Exercises	Elementary Grammar Delectus and Exercises	Exercises construing sentences.	
Form III...	Sacred History Grammar, Analysis, Composition Dictation Anderson's Geography, with Mapping Collier's British History	Accidence, Syntax Delectus, Parsing and Exercises		Commencing.	
Form II...	As III, but more Elementary	Accidence, Delectus Parsing, Exercises			
Form I...	Do.	Commencing Latin			

N.B.—The divisions in Greek and French do not exactly correspond with the Form Divisions. Those boys who are not wished by their parents to learn Greek are taken by Mr. Brent in Bookkeeping and Arithmetic during the hours devoted by their class-fellows to Greek. The English form is taken by Mr. Brent in the above subjects, during the hours given by other boys to Classics. They also have special lessons in subjects in which they are deficient.

Subjects bracketed are shortly to be entered upon.

APPENDIX B.

During the present quarter (2nd quarter, 1867) 120 names are on the books. Their subjects are shown in the subjoined table.

Boys studying	I. Greek	...	...	...	...	...	...	29 (a new class is being formed.)
	II. Latin	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
	III. French	...	...	...	...	...	...	75 (a class of 10 to 15 additional is being formed.)
	IV. History: English, Modern, Roman, [Grecian]	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
	V. English Literature	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
	VI. Composition and Analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
	VII. Arithmetic	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
	VIII. Algebra	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
	IX. Geometry	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
	X. Bookkeeping	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
	XI. Military Drill	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
	XII. Ball Practice	...	...	...	...	...	...	18

APPENDIX C.

Of the 120 boys at present on the books, the parents of 84 reside in Dunedin, of 34 in the country, and of two out of the Province.

The occupations of the parents are, as nearly as I can gather, as follows:—Runholders, 11; Merchants and Bankers, 19; Magistrates, 5; Tradersmen, 20; Professional, 13; Accountants and Clerks, 13; Farmers and Settlers, 21; Government Officers, 6; Carriers, Labourers, Miners, Sailors, 11; Orphans, 10. Total, 120.

IV.—IMMIGRATION

Immigration Department, 30th April, 1867.

The Provincial Treasurer.

SIR—I have the honor to furnish the following Report on my Department for the Six Months, ended 31st March, 1867.

The following Sums have been collected on account of Immigrants' Bills, during the period referred to, viz. :

October, 1866	...	...	...	...	£227	0	0
November, "	...	...	...	...	401	12	6
December, "	...	...	...	...	195	0	0
January, 1867	...	...	...	...	245	0	0
February, "	...	...	...	...	208	0	0
March, "	...	...	...	...	248	0	0
					£1,524	12	6

The above sum comes short of my estimate, but this I attribute to the scarcity of money in the hands of most country people until their crops are sold. I entertain the hope that the deficiency will be made up during the next six months. The amount realized for this month (April) is upwards of £500.

GUARANTEED PASSAGES.

There were passages for 195 souls guaranteed by Settlers in the Province, for their relations in the United Kingdom, during the last Six Months. Several of the applications were for Females who were assisted to the amount of half of the Passage Money. The Guaranteed Passage Scheme works well. A useful class of Immigrants continues to be introduced into the Province by this scheme.

RETURN OF ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS FROM BRITAIN TO OTAGO, FROM 1ST OCTOBER 1866 TO 30TH APRIL 1867.

SHIP.	WHENCE SAILED.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	NUMBER ABOVE 12 YEARS.		NUMBER UNDER 12 YEARS.		STATUTE ADULTS.	TOTAL NUMBER OF SOULS.	DOMESTIC SERVANTS.
			Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.			
Star of Tasmania	London	10th October, 1866	1	—	—	—	1	1	
William Davie	Glasgow	1st November, 1866	14	22	5	3	39	44	17
Celano	London	8th January, 1867	7	7	2	2	16	18	3
Caribou	Glasgow	13th January, 1867	22	35	4	2	59½	63	32
Countess Russell	London	22nd February, 1867	0	9	—	—	9	9	0
City of Duuedin	Glasgow	13th March, 1867	20	32	6	4	56	62	24
			64	105	17	11	180½	197	85

The above Return shows that of the 197 souls introduced into the Province during the last six months, 85 were female servants.

The ships carrying immigrants under contract during last season arrived in a satisfactory condition. The provisions were of first-rate quality. No complaints were made to me by any of the immigrants.

DEMAND FOR LABOUR.

Farm Servants.—This class of labour continues to be in great demand in all parts of the Province, and on this account wages rule high. Suitable ploughmen are readily offered £60 per annum, with board and lodging. The farmers are loudly complaining of the high rate of wages, as the prices realized for their crops will not admit of their employing the number of hands they require for the profitable working of their farms.

Female

Female Domestic Servants.—The supply of this class both in town and the country is not nearly equal to the demand. Servants accustomed to dairy work are particularly sought after. The wages at present is from £30 to £40 per annum, and in many cases 20s. per week is given to first-class servants. The Province could absorb monthly one hundred female servants during six months of the year.

QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT.

In my report last year I made application to have a sum placed on the Estimates for certain additions to the Quarantine Buildings, as recommended by the Board of Health, but nothing has been done as yet. As the vote has lapsed, I have the honor to recommend that a sum be again placed on the Estimates for making at least such additions as are urgently required to render the accommodation comfortable as a temporary residence for immigrants in quarantine.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Provincial Council during its last session, passed a resolution to the effect that assistance to Immigrants should be afforded to persons suited for agricultural pursuits, and their families, to the extent of one-half of the passage money. The Home Agent believes that this resolution will have the desired effect in inducing suitable families to emigrate. In order that we may be able to compete with other colonies, female servants should be brought out for a mere nominal sum. The passage money now charged for females is £7 each, but it can seldom be recovered on account of the difficulty of finding them, scattered as they are over the length and breadth of the Province.

It is known to the Government that the locality of the building now occupied as Immigration Barracks is most unsuitable for the purpose, being too near the principal thoroughfare of the city, and so hemmed in by other buildings as to leave a very small space for the necessary offices. The Hospital Buildings were fixed upon by the late Government as suitable for Immigration Barracks, but these were afterwards granted to the city for a market place. I would respectfully suggest that a part of the reclaimed ground would be a suitable locality for the purpose, as it would be near the wharf, and also the centre of the city. I have the honor to recommend that a sum be placed on the estimates for the purpose of erecting a proper building.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

COLIN ALLAN,

Immigration Agent.

V.—HARBOUR.

REPORT BY THE HARBOR MASTER UPON THE STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER HIS CHARGE, FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1867.

OTAGO HARBOR.

The Pilot Service.—The pilot staff is to be reduced from six to five pilots, Mr. Pilot Bain, according to a decision of the Pilot Board, having to retire on the 16th June next. The reduced staff is quite adequate to the efficient performance of the duties, and since the pilotage has again been made compulsory, the revenue derivable from pilotage dues will meet the whole expenditure of the establishment, and thus relieve the Government from the expense (£530 per annum) of the maintenance of a boat's crew at the Heads. I also anticipate that a reduction in the rates of pilotage dues can also shortly be made, and still leave the service remunerative.

Leading Lights.—I would again urge the necessity for the erection of these lights, the want of which continues to be very much felt by masters of steamers and coasting vessels arriving during night. After the pilotage dues have been reduced, I would recommend that tonnage dues be levied on all vessels visiting this port, coasters included. This would be a much more equitable charge than that hitherto made against the shipping, and the revenue derivable therefrom would not only maintain the lights, but would also meet the working expenses of the department, make it self supporting, and thus obviate its longer being a burden upon the ordinary revenue of the Province.

Steam Tug.—This service is not yet remunerative to the owners of the "Favorite," nor is there any reasonable prospect of its proving so for some time to come. I would therefore recommend that the subsidy be continued for the next twelve months.

Jetties.—I would again call attention to the necessity for an extension of Port Chalmers Jetty, so as to render it available for landing stock. For this purpose an addition of about 150 feet would be required, and I trust the necessary steps will be adopted to provide this much needed accommodation.

Alongside of Rattray Street Jetty a channel has been formed, 500 feet long, 26 feet wide, by 6 feet deep, at low water. This was accomplished in 116 working days, at a cost, according to the value of prison labour, of £626. This channel will no doubt gradually silt up until there is a constant traffic to and from the same, which I anticipate will shortly be the case, as steps are being taken for deepening a channel beyond the jetty, so as to admit of vessels visiting Dunedin Bay getting alongside.

In my last report I suggested that, as the traffic on Stewart Street Jetty is frequently disturbed by steamers using the same for repairs, that Pelichet Bay Jetty should be strengthened, and a pair of heavy shears erected thereon for lifting boilers and heavy machinery. Being still of the same opinion as to the desirability of the adoption of this course, I would again call attention to the matter.

While channels are about to be deepened to the Dunedin jetties, this will only benefit vessels that at present get up to Dunedin Bay, and will not in any way advantage the larger class of vessels. In my opinion, the only efficient means of transmission of cargo to or from these will be by a railway from Dunedin to Port Chalmers, the scheme for the formation of which should be furthered by all prudent means.

Graving Dock.—Much delay has arisen in the commencement of this work, and further delay appears certain. The want of such accommodation has been so frequently pointed out by me, and so generally acknowledged, that further remarks are unnecessary. One instance, however, has just occurred, in the case of the "Rangitoto," which recently grounded on the rocks in the Bluff Harbour, and the master of which would now gladly avail himself of a dock to ascertain what, if any, damage the vessel has sustained, but the Port of Otago cannot yet afford him the accommodation necessary for this purpose.

OAMARU ROADSTEAD.

During the past season the outer moorings have been used by the ship "Star of Tasmania," and the barque "A. W. Stevens."

After riding out one of the heaviest seas on this coast, the latter vessel parted from the moorings, but although they have not yet been picked up, I have reason to believe it was her own cable which parted. The vessel sustained no damage or loss except her cable. In order to render the moorings more complete, I would recommend that a full length 2 inch cable be supplied. This would obviate masters having to use their own cables, which are all smaller than the moorings. The inner moorings were parted during the heavy sea above referred to, by the schooner "Stately."

The jetty works have been at a stand still for several months past, but so far as these have been completed, they, as well as the temporary staging for the jetty, have stood the test of as heavy a sea as has been known on this coast. A crane erected by Messrs. Traill, Roxby and Co., has been of great service to the port in facilitating the shipment of heavy cargo, and without which no stone could have been shipped.

PORT MOLYNEUX.

The river and coastal steam service is still unremunerative to the owners, and a continuance of the subsidy is required in order to secure them against loss.

CATLINS RIVER AND WAIKAWA.

These ports are connected with Dunedin by the same service as the Molyneux, and are growing in importance; without such service, however, they would be quite isolated, and their traffic would be comparatively destroyed.

LIGHTHOUSES.

In my report of the wreck of the steamer "South Australian" I mentioned the necessity for the erection of the light in our possession either upon Cape Saunders or the Nuggets, and gave a preference to the former, as the lantern was suitable for that point. After more mature consideration, however, and considering the probability of the lapse of a long period before another light is likely to be erected, I would now recommend the Nuggets as being a half-way point between the existing lights, on Dog Island and Taiaroa's Head.

CASUALTIES.

The casualties for the past half-year have been comparatively heavy, including the loss of the schooner "Clarendon" at Moeraki, the schooner "Stately" at Oamaru, which was caused by the master disobeying the signal of the Beach Master to stand out to sea on the approaching storm. From the same cause the schooner "Vixen" drove ashore at same time, but was got off without damage. I have also to record the total loss of the fine steamer "South Australian," on a reef eleven miles from the mouth of the Clutha River, caused by the deviation of the compasses being more easterly than shown upon the card with deviations furnished by the Steam Navigation Board of Victoria, according to the evidence given at the official inquiry; at the same time I am of opinion that if due care had been exercised in determining the vessel's true position when the course was shaped to fetch the Nuggets, and a sufficient look-out, together with an occasional cast of the lead, this wreck would have been avoided. Since the wreck four lives have been lost by the upsetting of their boat, while engaged in endeavoring to save a portion of the wreck.

In conclusion I beg to report that repeated complaints have been made to me of the imposition practised on ship masters by the seamen shipping agents, in exacting a fee of 5s. per head both from the masters and the men, and in order to obviate this I would recommend that a government officer be appointed, whose duty it would be to engage men and see them on board. I may mention that in the Australian colonies it was found necessary to establish such an officer in order to do away with the medium between the seamen and the Customs officer, who at present sees the contract entered into, and for which an additional fee of 2s. per head is paid by the ship master. The revenue derivable from this last mentioned fee would meet the expenditure of such an office.

WM. THOMPSON,

Harbour Master.

Port Chalmers, 1st May, 1867.

VI.—HOSPITAL.

To His Honor the Superintendent.

Dunedin Hospital, April 1, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that 121 patients remained under treatment in this Hospital at the last annual report, on the 30th September, 1866. In the succeeding six months, 297 patients have been admitted, making altogether 418.

Of this number 189 were discharged cured, 57 received benefit, 11 were not benefited, 8 were expelled for misconduct, and 22 died, making altogether 287; leaving 131 under treatment at the present time.

Of the admissions in the six months ending 31st March, 48 were received in October, 54 in November, 37 in December, 46 in January, 55 in February, and 57 in March.

Only 10 cases of typhoid fever were admitted in the half year, and only one died out of 15 cases treated.

Two cases of scarlet fever were admitted, and both left the Hospital cured.

Thirty-two cases of consumption were treated, of these 23 were admitted in the half-year. Of the whole number 15 were discharged benefited, 2 not benefited, and 6 died.

Of the 22 deaths, 3 occurred in October, 6 in November, 5 in December, 1 in January, 1 in February, and 6 in March.

Several of these cases were brought to the Hospital in a dying state, especially 1 from typhoid fever and 4 from apoplexy. The other deaths were 6 from consumption, 2 from disease of the heart, 2 from disease of the kidney, 4 from lumber abscess, 1 from laryngitis, 1 from cancer of spleen, and 1 case from burns.

Of those who died from disease, only 3 were from diseases considered curable.

Of the accidents, 5 were fractures of the thigh, and 3 of the leg, and 1 case of dislocation of the hip joint. These were all successfully treated.

In the month of March a patient was admitted blind in both eyes from cataract. She has since been operated on in one eye successfully, and vision restored.

The daily average number of patients resident for the six months was 119.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For the quarter ending 31st December, 1866	99	19	= 118
„ „ 31st March, 1867	103	17	= 120
Daily average for the six months	101	18	= 119

The daily average cost of each patient for the six months was 3s. 2½d., viz:—

	s.	d.
Salaries	1	0½
Rations	1	0½
Fuel and Light	0	2½
Instruments, Medicines, and Medical Comforts	0	2½
Stores, &c., Bedding and Clothing	0	5½
Incidental Expenses, Stationery, &c.	0	2½
	3	2½

The average cost for the six months ending 31st March, is higher than usual in consequence of the expenditure for additional furniture, matting, &c., required for the present Hospital. A supply of blankets and rugs for the winter is also included in the above cost, which will lower the rate proportionably for the ensuing six months.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Honor's most obedient Servant,

EDWARD HULME, M.D., F.R.C.S.,

Provincial Surgeon.

DUNEDIN.

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

REPORT BY THE PROVINCIAL SURGEON TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT,

From October 1, 1866, to March 31, 1867.

DISEASES.	TOTAL IN HOSPITAL ON 1ST OCT., 1866.	ADMITTED SINCE	TOTAL	DISCHARGED.					TOTAL.	TOTAL REMAINING IN THE BOOK.
				Cured.	Received Benefit.	Not Benefited.	For Misconduct.	Died.		
Scarlet Fever	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	—
Fevers, Typhoid	5	10	15	6	—	—	—	1	7	8
Measles	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Inflammatory Diseases	28	33	61	26	8	—	1	1	36	25
Affections of the Head	8	15	23	5	4	2	—	4	15	8
Disorders of the Nerves	1	16	17	12	1	1	1	—	15	2
Disorders incidental to Females ...	1	9	10	2	5	—	—	—	7	3
Dropsy	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Disorders of the Bowels	—	13	13	6	—	1	—	—	7	6
Diseases of the Kidneys	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	2	2	3
Diseases of the Heart	10	11	21	4	2	1	—	2	9	12
Consumption	9	23	32	—	15	2	—	6	23	9
Scrofula	3	2	5	—	2	—	—	—	2	3
Diseases of the Skin	4	11	15	11	1	—	—	—	12	3
Surgical Cases	29	84	113	55	15	4	3	5	82	31
Accidents	18	47	65	46	4	—	—	1	51	14
Lying-in Ward	4	13	17	12	—	—	3	—	15	2
Lunacy	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Grand Total	121	297	418	189	57	11	8	22	287	131

EDWARD HULME, M.D., F.R.C.S.,

Provincial Surgeon.

VII.—LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Dunedin Lunatic Asylum,

1st April, 1867.

To His Honor the Superintendent.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward the Report of this Department for the six months ending 31st March, 1867

On the 30th September, 1866, there remained in the Asylum 45 male, and 21 female patients—total 46. Since then there have been admitted 34 males, and 6 females—making a total of 106 under treatment during the six months. Of this number there were

Discharged, cured	18	} 19;
Removed, improved	1	

leaving in the Asylum on the 31st March, 64 male, and 23 female patients—total 87. This shows an increase of 21 patients for the half-year, and gives a daily average of 80. The admissions during December and January numbered 19.

The percentage cured on the admissions is 45, and upon the whole number under treatment, 17. This is lower than the rate for the previous 12 months, but is highly satisfactory compared with the Home Asylums, in many of which the average is 34 per cent. on the admissions, and 13 per cent. on the total number under treatment. As stated in a former Report, the rate of cures will decrease in proportion to the number of chronic cases admitted. There is a gradual increase of incurables in this as in all other Asylums, from the admission of aged patients suffering from Dementia, Paralysis, and softening of the brain.

Among the number discharged cured during the six months, was a female patient, eniente when admitted. She was exceedingly morose and intractable till within a short time of her confinement, after which she rapidly recovered, and left the institution to join her husband and family. Another female patient (a similar case to the above) was removed by her husband after confinement, and well enough to leave the Asylum.

One of the male patients, while being conducted from his ward to the Recreation Room, made his escape through a side door which happened to be open at the time. He returned the following day, of his own accord, in time for dinner, and stated that he had been studying the planets, but at the same time watching the safety of his flock (the inmates of the Asylum) during the night. This patient recovered shortly after, and left Dunedin for Victoria, to join his brothers, who are respectable farmers there. This was the only escape during the six months.

It is satisfactory to state that there has not been a death during the half-year.

The cost per patient for the six months ending 31st March, was 2s. 2½d. per day, or 15s. 5½d. per week. The garden continues to furnish an ample supply of vegetables, &c., for the use of the Institution, which lightens the expenditure considerably.

The ward for refractory male patients, mentioned in last Report as being in course of erection, has been completed, and is now occupied; the new airing court in connection with this ward is also finished. The violent and excitable patients are now separated from the quiet and convalescent, so that a better chance of a speedy recovery is afforded to the latter class. The space occupied by the old airing court is being formed into single rooms also, for the accommodation of violent cases.

Amusements for the patients have been encouraged to the greatest extent practicable, and as many as possible induced to take part in them. The weekly ball appears to be the favorite recreation, and no doubt has a good effect on many of the patients. The number attending averaged about 50.

The religious services on Sundays have been continued as usual. The chaplain's discourse is listened to attentively by the patients present, and the proceedings are, with rare exceptions, quiet and orderly. The average number attending has been about 53. The ministers of the several religious denominations have every facility afforded them to see and converse with those patients who are in a fit state.

The general state and discipline of the Asylum is very satisfactory. The staff of officers and attendants work well together, and apparently with one object, the comfort and welfare of the patients entrusted to them.

I have the honor be,

Your Honor's most obedient servant,

EDWARD HULME, M.D., M.R.C.S.,

Provincial Surgeon.

TABLE

TABLE I.

RETURN OF PATIENTS ADMITTED, DISCHARGED, AND REMAINING, FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1867.

						MALE.	FEMALE	TOTAL.
Number of patients remaining in the Asylum, October 1, 1866						45	21	66
Admitted from Dunedin and suburbs						15	3	18
„	Dunedin Hospital... ..					4	0	4
„	Dunedin Gaol					1	0	1
„	Tuapeka					1	0	1
„	Tuapeka Hospital					1	0	1
„	Port Chalmers					1	0	1
„	Waikouaiti... ..					1	1	2
„	Hawksbury					1	0	1
„	Tokomairiro					1	0	1
„	Oamaru					4	0	4
„	Teviot					1	0	1
„	Mount Ida... ..					1	0	1
„	East and West Taieri					2	2	4
Total number under treatment						79	27	106
						M.	F.	TOTAL
Discharged cured						15	3	18
Removed						0	1	1
Died						(none)		
						15	4	19
Remaining in the Asylum, March 31, 1867						64	23	87

Percentage cured on the admissions, 45.

„ „ „ whole number under treatment, 17.

Daily average number resident during the six months, 80.

Average daily cost per patient, 2s. 2½d.

TABLE II.

OCCUPATION OF THOSE ADMITTED.

	MALE.	FEMALE
Bricklayer :	1	—
Bullock-driver	1	—
Carpenters	2	—
Cook	1	—
Draper's Assistant	1	—
Farmers	3	—
„ (Wives of)	—	2
Housekeepers	—	2
Labourers	9	—
Military Officer	1	—
Miners	7	—
Runholder (wife of)	—	1
Sailors	3	—
Shepherds	3	—
Shoemaker	1	—
Unknown	1	1
Total	34	6

TABLE III.

SOCIAL POSITION OF THOSE ADMITTED.

	MALE.	FEMALE
Single... ..	24	2
Married		3
Widowed	1	1
Unknown	2	—
Total	34	6

VIII.—GAOL.

Gaol Department,

Dunedin, May 22, 1867.

The Provincial Secretary, &c., &c.

SIR—I have the honor to forward Returns showing the state of this Department for the Half Year ended 31st March, ultimo.

I was appointed Acting Gaoler on the 30th March ultimo, and beg to state, during the last six months very considerable alterations have been made in the Gaol, many of which are undoubted improvements. But still, the Gaol is altogether defective in accommodation and arrangement. No officer, however alert, can properly discharge his duty of effective superintendence over the prisoners, with such obstructions to inspection as are placed in his way by the ingenious misconstruction of the Gaol, which renders it quite inadequate to give effect to the many salutary provisions laid down in the modern system of prison discipline. Its insecurity, want of accommodation, defective arrangements, and other deficiencies, are well known; and although I consider any large amount of outlay on the buildings standing on such a confined and inconvenient site to be very impolitic, yet I am nevertheless satisfied that a great deal can be done by prison labor, by which the Establishment may be brought very much closer in analogy with the law, and further animadversion spared, until the question of building a Gaol is decided. Besides, much more expense is incurred in superintending, than if it were built on the modern, or radiating principle. Also, the great inconvenience and unsuitability of the present place is beginning to be felt, and the evil will grow rather than decrease. Notwithstanding that there have been large sums of money expended year after year, still the place is very inadequate and inconvenient, that I consider it my duty to lose no time in urging on the immediate attention of the Government, that it is utterly hopeless to expect that the prisoners can be even properly secured, much less that they can be subjected to a systematic course of penal and reformatory discipline, as the buildings are insufficient to admit of the establishment of a perfect system of prison discipline; the grand essential—separation, when not at labor—being impossible. The system adopted in Great Britain and Ireland is—Firstly: Absolute seclusion at all times. Secondly: Association when at labor, with separation at all other times. Thirdly: Association under a proper supervision at all times.

The general conduct of the prisoners may be described as orderly, peaceable, submissive, and industrious. Cases of individual misconduct of anything approaching to a serious nature have been very rare; while in quality, I may say that the works executed on Bell Hill and elsewhere, under the superintendence of the overseers (Officers of the Gaol), will bear favorable comparison with the products of free labor in the Province, and I see as yet no reason to question the correctness of my opinion—that when the expenditure of the department is reduced to its lowest limits, the value of the labor performed by the convicts will go far towards covering the cost of their custody and maintenance. The prisoners are exceedingly satisfied by the Visiting Justices inspecting the Gaol, in rotation, weekly, and enquiring from the men if any complaints remain unredressed, so that each prisoner is made to know and feel that it depends entirely on his own general conduct and industry, whether he be restored to society at the minimum or at an extended period of his sentence. Their spiritual and moral interests have not been lost sight of, as Divine Service is held regularly in the Gaol every Sunday by the Chaplains, (the Rev. Mr. Smith, Presbyterian, and Rev. Father Moreau, Church of Rome.) In addition, the Presbyterian Chaplain visits every Wednesday, and I think it is very satisfactory to know that the word of God is regularly taught in public, that religious consolation is afforded to the sick and dying, and that every prisoner who may desire to seek comfort, instruction or advice at the hands of a minister of religion, has only to make his appeal and it is immediately responded to. Number of each denomination received into the Gaol from the 20th May, 1866, to the 20th May, 1867:—Protestants, (including all classes of dissenters,) 446. Roman Catholics, 190. Jews, 2. Grand total, 638.

School is held every evening, for about two hours-and-a-half, for the younger prisoners. The attendance is voluntary, no compulsion being used. One of the prisoners acts as Monitor. The teaching is secular and elementary only. There is also a library containing a small supply of moral and instructive works, of which the prisoners greedily avail themselves, and thus employ in mental culture, or at least in harmless amusement, those leisure hours during which depraved and contaminating conversation would be their only resource.

The Provincial Surgeon visits and examines the prisoners twice a week regularly, and as much oftener as the cases of sickness require. The general state of the prisoners health is very good, the supply of clothing and bedding ample, the provisions are good, well cooked, and fairly distributed, and any man who desires it can see his portion weighed immediately.

I have the honor most respectfully to allude in this Report, to the very great advantages which are certain to result from the introduction of a Juvenile Reformatory into this Province, as that is a subject which is now very generally understood, and on which there is little difference of opinion that this Province should derive the benefit of a Reformatory at the earliest practicable opportunity. Such a benevolent institution would be designed for the reclamation of a class on which society turns its back. Its doors would be open to the convicted and the unconvicted offender.

It is not easy to calculate the amount of mature crime, which, in the course of a few years, it would avert from society, by its timely rescue of the precocious delinquent. Any doubts which may have been entertained as to the successful issue of Reformatory Schools ought now to be set to rest, for it has been sufficiently proved that wherever they have been earnestly and judiciously worked, there criminality has received a check, which in many cases, has been beyond the most sanguine expectations of the benevolent promoters of the movement. "Take care of the children, and the adults will take care of themselves." If we compare, as we ought to do, the expense of training a criminal

boy

boy in a Reformatory, with the expense of training an honest one in a school for children of the operative class, we must be sensible of no little inconsistency, and inconsistency, which can only be justified by the consideration that the Reformatory School is an extreme measure, necessary for the cure of an extreme evil. In all ordinary cases of youthful delinquency, a Reformatory School will produce the correction of the offender. One of the most important things connected with Reformatory Schools is the obtaining from the neglectful parent, the necessary payments towards his child's maintenance. The means to this end should be rendered, as they may be, more simple and more certain, if it were only to remove the inducements which would, and do, lead unprincipled parents to neglect their children in the hope that the Reformatory School will take them off their hands; but I will pass on to the conclusion, which I believe myself warranted in drawing from the facts I have submitted, that parents ought to be compelled to defray part or the whole of the expense incurred in giving that industrial education, which they themselves have culpably neglected to give. It may be that, in many cases, the parents are unable to contribute anything towards this expense, but this inability will often be found to arise from wilful idleness, drunkenness, or other vice, and when such causes of poverty are proved, I see no just principle which would be opposed to making parents of this character liable to imprisonment for their misconduct. "The expense must be defrayed by the worse than an infidel father," and if his vices have brought him to a state which disables him from the fulfilment of the duty, correctional and penal consequences should be imposed upon him, and society must take charge of his child, fully assured that setting aside the matter of Christian duty, it will be sound economy to do so. The child will cost less by a few years proper training than he would by a few years of alternate imprisonment and crime.

The female prisoners are, with very few exceptions, the most depraved of their sex, frequenters of the *pave* and of the lowest dens of infamy. Their constant association precludes all hope that their imprisonment can produce any moral effect on themselves, and society derives no advantage from it, except their temporary abstraction, for they are no sooner released than they return to their former course of life, to be again convicted and sentenced to a so-called punishment of which they have no dread, and which has no beneficial effect whatever.

Several benevolent ladies, to whom much credit is due for their exertions, are in the habit of visiting the Gaol with the view of endeavouring to rescue from further degradation such of the inmates as appear susceptible of reformation, and to procure them situations on discharge; and the kindness of these good Samaritans has been, I am glad to say, attended in several instances with success. Their means are, however, limited; and even were they more abundant, but little can be hoped to be accomplished so long as the present contaminating system of associated imprisonment is permitted to continue. This really deplorable state of things has been a subject of much anxious consideration to me, and the only effective remedy appears to be the erection of a separate prison, in which female prisoners could undergo their short sentences (which seldom exceed six months), in total separation from each other. There would be no difficulty in finding employment at needlework, washing, &c., and there can be but little doubt that imprisonment so carried out would be both punitive and reformatory. If those ends can be obtained by any system whatever, and if those who have no homes to return to, could be received into a Refugial establishment, results most favourable both to the prisoner and the community might, I think, be fairly anticipated.

I conceive it to be very practicable that an Association, on a small scale, might be formed, with the object of obtaining employment for, and promoting the moral welfare of, discharged prisoners. The system also under which a prisoner was, some years ago, turned adrift penniless, and perhaps friendless, no longer exists, provision having been made by the Government for providing him with a small sum of money for enabling him on his discharge to subsist for a few days until he can search for employment.

I have now adverted to the principal topics of interest to the community in connection with this Gaol, but I should be unjust were I to conclude this report without expressing the satisfaction I have invariably felt at the support which I have received from the whole of the officials connected with the Gaol. As a body, the zeal they have evinced, and the temperate, firm, and yet conciliatory manner in which they have discharged the irksome, unpleasant, and not unfrequently, dangerous duties assigned to them, have been such as to reflect credit alike on themselves and on the department to which they are attached.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JAMES CALDWELL,

Acting Gaoler.

RETURN

RETURN SHEWING THE STATE OF H. M. GAOL, DUNEDIN, ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1867.

ESTABLISHMENT.							FOR TRIAL.				UNDER SENTENCE.						DETAINED		REMARKS.		
Gaoler.	Matron.	Clerk and Storekeeper.	Chief Warder.	Sergeant Warder.	Male Warders.	Female Warder.	Supreme Court.		Magistrate's Court.		Road Gang.		Hard Labor.		Imprisonment.		Debtors.			Total Confined.	
							M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1	1	1	1	3*	16	1	3	...	2	...	18	...	44	9	...	...	4	...	71	9	*1 Sergeant Warder acting as overseer of labor.

JAMES CALDWELL, Acting Gaoler.

RETURN SHEWING the EXPENDITURE, and also the VALUE OF PRISON LABOR in HER MAJESTY'S GAOL, DUNEDIN, for the HALF-YEAR ended the 31st day of MARCH, 1867.

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED			AMOUNT EXPENDED.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	2313	12	0	2285	9	0
Departmental Contingencies	2092	10	0	1383	0	6
	4406	2	0	3668	9	6
Amount expended (less appropriation)	£737	12	6			
VALUE OF PRISON LABOR.						
Removing Bell Hill				1787	3	6
Dredging at Rattray-street Jetty... ..				479	17	0
Repairing Dredge... ..				2	0	6
Repairing Wheelbarrows for Provincial Storekeeper				1	4	0
Boots supplied to Hospital Department... ..				1	11	0
Labor of Tailors and Shoemakers				86	2	6
Cash paid into Treasury for Debtors' Maintenance, Surplus Stores, and Labor done by Prisoners				37	14	8
				£ 2395	13	2

MEMO.—Labor done in Gaol, and of Wood-cutters, Painters, Cooks, Wardsmen, Washer-women, Needle-women, and Wards-women not included in the above.

JAMES CALDWELL, Acting Gaoler.

RETURN shewing the NUMBER of PRISONERS received into HER MAJESTY'S GAOL, DUNDEE, from the 1st day of October, 1866, to the 31st day of March, 1867, and the OFFENCES with which they were charged.

DESCRIPTION.	NATIVE OF												TOTAL.	
	England.		Ireland.		Scotland.		Foreign Countries.		British Colonies.		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Attempt to commit Felony.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary.	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assault.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealment of Childbirth.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aiding and abetting ditto.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forging and Uttering.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Horse Stealing.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M. F. Larceny.	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murder.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Felony.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Robbery under Arms.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Money.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shooting with Intent.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawfully Wounding.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obtaining Money under False Pretences.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Willfully making a False Declaration.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M. F. Drunkenness.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M. F. Vagrancy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences unenumerated.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
For Trial ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sentenced from Supreme Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Remanded ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sentenced from Magistrate's Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6	...	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	...
	4	...	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
	12	2	3	2	8	...	2	3	2	7	...	...	...	...
	68	12	40	22	50	16	13	3	4	30	4	174	54	64
	3	84	33	17	10	39	3	...	...	...	...	223	64	...

SUMMARY of all Prisoners received, as per Receiving and Description Register, from 1st October, 1866, to 31st March, 1867:—

For Trial	15
Sentenced from Supreme Court	10
Remanded	34
Sentenced from Magistrate's Court	228
	287
Add remanded for same offence more than once	10
	297
Debtors	32
Lanais	2
	331
Deduct Sentences from Supreme Court	10
Total as per Receiving Register	321

JAMES CALDWELL,
Acting Gaoler.

COUNCIL PAPER.

(No. I.)

SESSION XXIII., 1867.

LETTER TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT FROM THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

ORDINANCES DISALLOWED.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 23rd March, 1867.

SIR,—Referring to my letter, No. 157, of even date herewith, on the subject of certain Ordinances and Bills forwarded in your predecessor's letter, No. 6786, of 17th January last, I have to intimate to your Honor the decision of the Government with respect to the undermentioned reserved Bill and Ordinances.

RESERVED BILL.

Dunedin Reserves Management Ordinance, 1866.

ORDINANCES.

Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance, 1865, Extension and Amendment Ordinance, 1866.

Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal Ordinance, 1866.

Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862, Repeal Ordinance, 1866.

The Dunedin Reserves Management Ordinance, 1866, recites in the preamble that certain lands described in the schedule to the bill are vested in the Superintendent of Otago and his successors, subject to the Public Reserves Acts of 1854 and 1862, and then proceeds, in the 2nd and 5th sections, to deal with those lands.

I find, however, upon enquiry, that four of the sections described in the first schedule, being those in its clauses Nos. 6, 9, and 13, have never been granted at all to the Superintendent of Otago; and that another section (described in clause 11 of same schedule) was not granted till after the bill was reserved, and that consequently they were not, as stated in the preamble, vested in the Superintendent, subject to those Acts. The Government is advised that until they are so vested, they cannot be dealt with by an Ordinance of the Provincial Legislature, and that the Ordinance is *ultra vires* in respect of those Reserves.

Moreover, the Princes-street Reserve is included in clause 5 of the first schedule: and your predecessor was informed by my letter, No. 435, of the 16th October, 1866, that it was the intention of the Government to have the validity of the Crown Grant conveying that Reserve to the Superintendent tested before the Supreme Court. It would have been impossible, therefore, even if the objections above mentioned had not existed, for ministers to advise the Governor to assent to this Bill.

His Excellency's assent to this Bill has accordingly been withheld.

The Government has carefully considered the Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance, 1865, Extension and Amendment Ordinance, 1866.

The original Ordinance enables interest to be guaranteed for periods to commence respectively from the dates of completion of stated portions of the railway, and such guarantee was only to extend to the amount expended on each completed portion; but the amending Ordinance repeals that provision, and enables a guarantee of interest to be given for the whole paid-up capital (not exceeding four hundred thousand pounds) of the company undertaking the work, and the period of guarantee is to date from the commencement of the railway works.

A provision of this sort is in direct opposition to the object of the 19th section of the Southland Provincial Debt Act, 1865 (prohibiting further Provincial loans without the previous sanction of the General Assembly); and would enable the pecuniary obligations of the Province to be indefinitely increased. The Government is most anxious to encourage the prosecution of useful Public Works, and, with that object, did not disallow the original Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance, 1865; but by the Ordinance now under consideration, large and uncertain liabilities would be incurred, while no adequate security for the protection of public interest is provided. Irrespective also of this consideration, I am advised that the Ordinance is open to the legal objection that the Superintendent is authorised by it to make an agreement to pay public money to a purely private purpose, and

and that it cannot be held that moneys appropriated to the payment of those dividends are appropriated to the Public Service. The Provincial Revenue is to be appropriated to the Public Service, and the appropriation in question does not, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, come within that definition.

The Government has consequently been compelled to advise His Excellency to disallow this Ordinance.

The Port Chalmers Town Board Ordinance Repeal Ordinance, 1866, and Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862, Repeal Ordinance, 1866, are open to several objections. The third Ordinance assumes to make a statutory conveyance of lands, moneys, and choses in action. The fourth section of each Ordinance is clearly *ultra vires*. It purports to alter the jurisdiction and practice of the Supreme Court in the cases provided. With respect also to the former Ordinance, I would observe that an Ordinance of the Provincial Legislature was passed, incorporating the town of Port Chalmers; and, subsequently, the Otago Corporations Empowering Act, 1865, was passed by the General Assembly, enabling the town of Port Chalmers to be incorporated under that Act. That was done; but the Empowering Act does not provide for the transfer of property, &c.

These objections have compelled Ministers to advise the Governor to disallow these two Ordinances; but as the Government desires to encourage and facilitate in every way the exercise by municipalities of the fullest powers and privileges, a Bill with that object, to be introduced in the next session of the General Assembly, is now being considered, by means of which all parts of the Colony will be enabled to act effectively in a corporate capacity for all necessary local purposes.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. W. STAFFORD.

To His Honor the Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

REPLY BY HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 4th April, 1867.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date as per margin (23rd March, 1867,) No. 159, intimating that His Excellency's assent has been withheld from certain Ordinances of the Provincial Council of Otago, for reasons stated.

1st. "Dunedin Reserves Management Ordinance, 1866." Steps will be taken to remedy the objections to which you refer, with a view to the subject being dealt with by the Provincial Council at its next Session.

With respect to the intention of the Government to test the validity of the Crown Grant conveying the Princes street Reserve to the Superintendent in trust for the Municipality, I must respectfully demur to such a step as being in direct contravention of a Resolution of the House of Representatives, as founded upon the Report of a Select Committee.

As to the equity of the title upon which the Crown Grant has been issued, it appears to me that there can be no manner of doubt, and I venture to protest against any attempt to disturb the said Grant, in which light alone a reference to the Supreme Court must be regarded.

I am the more surprised at this step, seeing that not only has the ownership of the Princes street Reserve been declared by a distinct Resolution of the Lower House in the Session of 1865, but it has subsequently been confirmed by an Act which passed the Lower House in the Session of 1866, which Act was prepared and supported by the present Attorney General, and by him all but carried in the Legislative Council.

2nd. "Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance, 1865, Extension and Amendment Ordinance, 1866." The Provincial Treasurer has requested me to transmit a memorandum respecting the disallowance of this Bill, which is enclosed herewith, and to which I beg to refer. As this memorandum enters fully into the merits of the case, and in my opinion successfully combats the grounds upon which the Ordinance has been disallowed, it is unnecessary for me to say much. I would only remark that the disallowance reaching me as it did immediately after arrangements had been completed to dispatch a special agent to England for the purpose of negotiating for the construction of the Railway, has thrown a considerable damper on the hopes—the well founded hopes—which were entertained of his success.

I feel that I am justified in stating, that if there is any one thing more than another upon which the people of this Province had set their minds, it was the construction of this Railway, as the precursor of the railway system throughout the Province; and the disallowance in question is justly regarded as a "heavy blow and great discouragement."

I trust the Government will re-consider its decision upon this question, with a view to the Ordinance being re-enacted by the Provincial Council, about to be convened, and so as to reach England as early as possible after the arrival there of Mr. William Carr Young, the gentleman who has been appointed Special Agent of the Province in this matter. Mr. Young leaves to-morrow, and proceeds to England *via* Panama. I have requested him to call upon

upon you in order that he may personally represent the serious injury which will be inflicted upon the Province, should the success of his mission be retarded or imperilled by the withholding of those inducements to undertake the construction of the Railway, which the disallowed Ordinance provided.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

P.S.—I will do myself the honor to address you separately respecting the other Ordinances disallowed.

The Honorable the Provincial Secretary,
Wellington.

MEMORANDUM TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO,
FROM THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

The Provincial Treasurer desires to make the following observations upon that portion of the letter of the Colonial Secretary, dated 23rd March, 1867, in which he signifies that His Excellency has been advised to disallow the Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Ordinance 1865 Extension and Amendment Ordinance 1866, and gives the reasons for the same.

These reasons appear to be :—

1st. That the Amendment by which a guarantee of interest is to be extended to the whole of the paid-up capital, not exceeding £400,000, and by which it is made to date from the commencement of the works, is in "direct opposition to the object of the 19th Section of the Southland Debt Act, 1865, prohibiting further Provincial Loans without the previous sanction of the General Assembly, and would enable the pecuniary obligations of the Province to be indefinitely increased."

2nd. That the Ordinance authorises the Superintendent "to make an agreement to pay public money to a purely private purpose, and that it cannot be held that moneys appropriated to the payment of those dividends are appropriated to the Public Service."

With respect to the first objection, the Provincial Treasurer has to remark that the 19th clause of the "Southland Debt Act" simply prohibits the authorisation of Provincial Loans without the sanction of the Assembly. A guarantee is not the same as a loan, since it involves no repayment of the principal either expended or borrowed. At most, a guarantee may be considered to amount to an appropriation extending over a series of years, and the Treasurer submits that the General Government are not required by law to apply to it more than the ordinary consideration which guides them in leaving ordinary Appropriation Acts to their operation. In this case, that consideration would amount to whether the Province of Otago had a sufficient command of money to warrant it in appropriating a sum of thirty-two thousand pounds annually for fifteen years. There is no question that the resources of the Province are sufficient to make such an appropriation a safe one. There should be no objection to the nature of the expenditure, since the Act of the Assembly authorising the Railway, although it did not authorise a loan authorised the Superintendent to construct the line. By the Interpretation Clause, the words "Promoters of the Line" were made to mean the Superintendent, and the seventh clause also shows that it was not only contemplated that the Superintendent might construct the line, but that the Provincial Revenue might be saddled with a permanent charge for it. A permanent charge for guarantee cannot therefore be regarded as beyond the intention of the Legislature. But supposing that the 19th clause were capable of so strained, and, it may be added, so impossible an interpretation, as that any increase of the liabilities of a Province is tantamount to contracting a loan, the Treasurer has to point out that in the present case the Colonial Secretary is mistaken in supposing that the amended Ordinance authorises an increased liability. By either the original or the amended Ordinance, the Superintendent is authorised to make the Province liable for a guarantee of eight per cent. interest on £400,000 for fifteen years. The difference between the two consists only in the manner in which the guarantee is to operate, and especially how it is to commence. It is clear, therefore, that there is no legal impediment in the way of assent being extended to the Ordinance. But there arises out of this objection, and especially out of the remarks made by the Colonial Secretary, the question of public policy. It is not to be denied that on grounds of public policy the Government have the right to object to an Ordinance, but in this case it is respectfully submitted that reasons of public policy do not warrant the Ordinance being disallowed. It may be taken for granted, since the first Ordinance was assented to, that it is not considered opposed to public policy that a Railway should be procured by the inducement of a guarantee. The amended Ordinance then has the following advantages over the original Ordinance :—

1st. It prolongs the time. The period of eighteen months from April 1866, provided by the first Ordinance, is too short to admit of the necessary negotiations.

2nd. The guarantee provided by the Amended Ordinance would be more acceptable to investors, and, therefore, more likely to secure the construction of a Railway. By the first Ordinance the guarantee was to be extended only to the capital employed in making each ten miles of Railway after the same was completed. Although investors would still be entitled to a fifteen years' guarantee by this plan, they would not enjoy it at a time when they would most desire it, namely, whilst the works were in process of construction. The ten miles provision would undoubtedly tend to disturb the speedy and even progress of the works. Instead of the works being pushed on over the whole line, the company would have a strong temptation to concentrate their capital, as it was from time to time paid up, upon separate portions of ten miles each; and the difficult portions of the line, which should be first commenced, would probably be the last. By the amended Ordinance, not only would it be for the interest of the company to push on the works over the whole line, but the Superintendent could and would make a stipulation to that effect under

under the powers conferred by the following words in Clause 2:—"Provided always that such Railway works shall be carried on subject to such conditions provisions and agreements as the Superintendent with the advice and consent of the said Executive Council shall think fit to impose." These words must be regarded as conferring a larger power than the third section of the original Ordinance, and in any case they are an answer to the Chief Secretary's remark, "No adequate security for the protection of public interest is provided."

In respect to the Chief Secretary's second reason against the Ordinance, the Treasurer thinks, on reconsideration, he will withdraw it. It is irreconcilable with his first objection, since, if the liability be considered in the light of a Loan, the repayment could not be considered to be made for a private purpose. Again, the objection applies equally to the original Ordinance not disallowed as to the amended one. Again, there is custom to appeal to. In this and other colonies and countries, guarantees have not been considered to be "agreements to pay money to a purely private purpose." They are looked upon as money inducements to companies to undertake works of a public nature. The Colonial Secretary might, with as much reason say that the Assembly in the Nelson Railway Bill, authorised the alienation of a large tract of land for "a purely private purpose," as that the guaranteed inducement offered by the Otago Ordinance is amenable to a similar reproach.

The Treasurer recommends that the Superintendent should transmit this memorandum to the Colonial Secretary, and that he should ask the General Government to reconsider their decision, so far as to assent to a similar Ordinance, if again passed by the Provincial Council. The Colonial Secretary might be invited to suggest any amendments not interfering with the spirit of the Ordinance, but which he conceived would afford a better assurance against a possible invasion of public interests.

JULIUS VOGEL,

Provincial Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

THE WAKATIPU RUNS—STOPPAGE OF THE SALE OF LEASES.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 23rd March, 1867.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter, No. 370, of the 4th instant, forwarding a copy of the Otago Provincial *Government Gazette* of the 27th ult., containing certain Proclamations, issued by your predecessor, proclaiming new regulations for the depasturing of stock, and for the issue of Depasturing Licenses within the proclaimed Otago Goldfields. I have submitted these Proclamations to the Attorney-General, and am advised that the Proclamation, dated the 26th ultimo, is illegal. The Proclamation does not recite the authority under which it is made, but it is presumed it is intended to be taken as being in exercise of a delegated power, under the 14th section of "The Goldfields Act, 1866." The land referred to also is described as Reserve, there being no authority for making such a Reserve, nor can it be understood what is meant by such a description. The 14th section of "The Goldfields Act, 1866," in giving the power to grant Depasturing Licenses, does not empower the granting, as the Proclamation purports; to authorise, of pre-emptive rights and rights to compensation. Moreover, although the expressions used in the 14th section, "to make regulations for the depasturing of stock," are very general, yet from the fact that Business Licenses and Mining Licenses, or Miners Rights, cannot be granted for "longer term than a year," and that special provisions are made for granting leases, it cannot be inferred that the Governor had a power to make regulations for depasturing stock, but merely to grant rights of pasturage, and for short periods only. There is no mention in that section of rent, but simply of fees; consequently the regulations issued by your predecessor altogether go beyond the spirit and letter of the authority given by the 14th section of "The Goldfields Act, 1866." It was clearly intended that these Depasturing Licenses should be granted upon payment of fees to such persons as applied for them, and should not, in effect, be leases of specific land for a long term. The object of the section is to give a power to allow depasturing stock for the convenience and benefit of gold mining communities—not an original power to create a class of pastoral tenants to take the place of those tenants whose licenses under the Waste Lands Law have been cancelled. There is also no doubt whatever that the particular regulations providing for the payment of compensation, and for giving pre-emptive rights, are *ultra vires*, and of no legal validity. I would also observe that the delegation to the late Superintendent having expired, your Honor has no authority to administer those regulations. For the above reasons it has become the duty of the Government to stop the public auction of depasturing licenses, advertised by Messrs. Driver and McLean to take place on the 29th instant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient Servant.

E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 4th April, 1867.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date as per margin, No. 158, advising that you had stopped the sale of the Depasturing Licenses within the proclaimed Otago Goldfields.

As the proclamation for the sale of these runs was issued by my predecessor, the Provincial Treasurer has handed me a minute upon the subject, and as this minute fully explains the policy which dictated the proclamation, and also meets the arguments adduced by you for the stoppage of the sale, I enclose copy of it herewith, to which I beg to refer.

For my own part, I have only to express my regret both at the action which the General Government has seen fit to take in this matter, and at the mode in which it has carried that action into effect—the one as being indicative of hostility, and the other as being eminently discourteous towards the Provincial Government.

This I believe, is the first occasion since the arrangement of 1856, in which the privilege of this Province practically to administer its Waste Lands, has been interfered with, or called in question; and it is my duty, on behalf of the Province, emphatically to protest against such interference. The effect of the stoppage of this sale has been, to deprive the Provincial Revenue of a large sum of money, which would have been expended upon public improvements within the Lake District. It has, also, led to numerous claims (some of which have been already demanded) for travelling expenses incurred by intending purchasers, upon the strength of the Proclamation. Messrs. Driver, Maclean and Co. will, I presume, render an account of their claim, as well as their own expenses to the General Government.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

Memorandum for the Superintendent, from the Provincial Treasurer.

The Provincial Treasurer desires to express his regret at the course adopted by the General Government, in arresting the sale of the Wakatip Runs, and especially at their having thought it necessary to communicate with the Auctioneers direct.

The reasons stated by the Colonial Secretary are evidently based upon the assumption that it is undesirable, from a public point of view, to allow the Leases of the Runs to be sold. He has clearly been misinformed as to the circumstances or he would, at any rate, recognise that it is desirable the sale should take place. As the objections are all, more or less, based upon the conviction as stated—of its being undesirable to allow the sale to proceed, the Treasurer considers that, if he states the facts which have led to the sale, the Colonial Secretary will agree that the sale is desirable, and will aid in removing the difficulties to which he refers in his letter of the 23rd March, and which, it seems to the Treasurer, could all be legally surmounted by a properly framed Proclamation.

It came under the notice of the Provincial Government, some two or three months back, that the depasturing fees received from the Wakatip District were very low in proportion to the extent of country over which it was permitted to issue Gold Fields Depasturing Licenses. On inquiry, it appeared that a wholesale evasion of the payments due in respect to the sheep depastured in the country in question, was going on, and there seemed no way of properly protecting the revenue. Further inquiry showed that there were some 350,000 acres of country suitable for pastoral purposes. The Government came to the conclusion that such an immense commonage was not necessary for the wants of the comparatively small mining population in the district. There were several grave objections to it—amongst others, the loss to the revenue; the impossibility, under any commonage system, of getting the country properly stocked; the great facilities for cattle stealing offered, by making a commonage of such a large tract of country.

It was obvious, also, that for the Miners generally, the system which best stocked the country would supply them cheapest with animal food.

It was therefore decided to leave about 100,000 acres available for depasturing occupation by the miners, and to sell leases of the rest in runs which had already, some time back, been marked out. The Government preferred to sell under the Gold Fields Act, because provisions more suitable for the miners and more favourable to the revenue could be found under it than under the Land Act. The Treasurer alludes particularly to clauses four, five, six, and seven of the conditions proclaimed.

The Treasurer should mention that applications to restrain the sale were sent to the Provincial Government, but they were apparently made in the interest of those who had already put the Province to loss by depasturing cattle without paying the fees; and further, the reasons alleged were not deemed valid.

The Treasurer anticipated from the sale a sum of over £10,000, besides that the assessment would have yielded a large annual rental. As there are heavy works in roads and bridges required by the district, the Province will not be able to dispense with such sums, and will have to sell the leases under the Land Act, to do which there is a clear power, unless the Colonial Secretary will lend his aid to enable the sale to be made under the Gold Fields Act with the introduction of the provisions already contemplated. To sell without these conditions, would entail a sacrifice on the mining community which it is desirable to avoid, and a large loss to the revenue.

The Treasurer respectfully urges the Superintendent to lay this Memorandum before the Colonial Secretary, with the request that he will be so good as to aid the sale by paving the way to a proper proclamation.

JULIUS VOGEL,

Provincial Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS ON GOLD FIELDS' MANAGEMENT.

(COUNCIL PAPER.—NO. II.)

1. "That the course pursued by the General Government, in attempting to withdraw the Goldfields from the control of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago, is a gross infringement of the Constitutional rights of the Province, since it amounts to a contravention of the 18th Clause of the Constitution Act, which the Imperial Legislature decided should not be subject to alteration by the Colonial Legislature."
2. "That so much of the Goldfields Act as pretends to give the right to exclude the Superintendent and Provincial Council from exercising control over a large portion of the Province is, in the opinion of this Council, beyond the power of the General Assembly, and that the General Government cannot thereunder deprive the Superintendent and the Provincial Council of the power to make and ordain all such Laws and Ordinances, save those excepted by the 19th section of the Constitution Act, as may be required for the peace, order, and good government of such Province: provided that the same be not repugnant to the law of England."
3. "That the Council, therefore, charge the Superintendent and Executive to assert the integrity of the Provincial Institutions from end to end of the Province, in the terms of the Constitution granted by the Imperial Legislature, subject to the laws properly in force, and to resist any illegal and unconstitutional encroachments."
4. "That the Goldfields of Otago have been proclaimed of large dimensions, because such a course was convenient as long as the Superintendent and Provincial Council retained control; but that the General Government have unwarrantably stretched the power intended or pretended to be given by the Goldfields Act, when they seized, on pretence of being goldfields, 4,808,000 acres of the Province."
5. "That in removing the Waste Lands included within the Goldfields districts from the control of the Province and in seizing the Goldfields territorial revenue, the General Government have been guilty of a gross breach of the compact entered into in 1856."
6. "That the 53rd clause of the Goldfields Act, which pretends to make a first charge upon the Goldfields revenue, which is Crown Lands Revenue, is illegal and of no avail since the Imperial Legislature has already imposed a first charge on such revenue, and provided that any measure which pretended to infringe the security should have no force in law, unless it contained provisions which are not contained in the Goldfields Act, 1866; and, therefore, the Government have acted illegally in removing such revenue, from the class of territorial revenue to which it belongs."
7. "That it is impossible a separate control of the Goldfields can work well; that there is no adequate provision, nor can there be one, by which such a double system of Government within the Province could be made to harmonise, and that the General Government, in attempting it, and in making the appointment of General Government Agent, could not have been actuated by a desire to promote the welfare of the residents in the Province, either on the Goldfields or elsewhere."
8. "That a petition embodying these resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will cause it to be forwarded to Her Majesty in Council, and a similar petition to the General commanding, with a like request; and that a similar petition be also presented to the House of Representatives, and to the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker sign such petitions on behalf of the Council."
9. "That petitions of the same nature be prepared for each Electoral District in the Province, and that those persons, who desire it, in each district, shall be allowed to sign them."
10. "That the Council hereby enjoins on the Superintendent and Executive to take every lawful means, both in New Zealand and elsewhere, to maintain the right of the Province to the Provincial control of the Goldfields."

REYNOLDS' BONDED WAREHOUSES.

MESSAGE No. 2.

(COUNCIL PAPER.—NO. III.)

The Superintendent transmits herewith for the consideration of the Provincial Council, a Communication addressed to the Government, by Mr. W. H. Reynolds, respecting the Lease of the Bonded Store Sites, now held by him

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

3rd May, 1867.

COMMUNICATION ENCLOSED WITH MESSAGE.

Dunedin, April 18th, 1867

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Government a proposal for the resumption by them of the Leases of the Ground on which Reynolds's Bonded Warehouses are erected. The Leases will expire by effluxion of time on the 1st March, 1873, and I am then entitled to receive from the Government full valuation for all Buildings erected and Improvements made on the Premises. The Warehouses were built under the superintendence of, and according to Plans supplied by the Government, and at the time were considered well adapted for Bonding purposes. At the present time, however, the high rate of Insurance, and the difficulty of obtaining it upon the Iron Buildings, render them almost useless for the object for which they were intended, whilst the abundance of superior accommodation supplied by the numerous Bonded Warehouses in the town render my Buildings unnecessary.

Whilst it would be a decided advantage for me to relinquish my Leases just now, I am convinced that it would be equally advantageous to the Government to resume them, in order to utilise the Block on which the old Government Offices now stand. In the event of my application being entertained by the Government, I would propose that from the present valuation, should be deducted interest at the rate of (8 per cent.) eight per cent. per annum, computed to the time when the Leases would expire, and that I should receive credit for the difference between the rental I now pay, and that which would be received by the Government, were it let at the same rate as that which is realised upon the Reclaimed Land in Bond and Crawford Streets.

It would then stand thus, supposing the valuation to be fixed at	£5,000 0 0
Deduct interest—say from 1st May proximo, to March 1st, 1873—5 years and 10 months,	
@ 8 ̄ cent.	2,333 6 8
	<u>£2,666 13 4</u>
The frontage under the Leases consists of—	
84 feet to Bond-street, Stone Bond and Office Sites	
111 do do Iron Bonds and do	
111 do to Crawford-street do do	
Total 306 feet @ 20s. ̄ foot ̄ annum—£306	
Less present rental ̄ annum— 50	
	<u>£256 ̄ annum</u>
From—say 1st May proximo, to 1st March, 1873	1493 13 4
Giving a net value of... ..	<u>4,160 6 8</u>

It will be seen from the accompanying sketch that the Government would be enabled to utilise 19 feet between the Stone Bond and Liverpool-street, if they should decide upon extending it to Princes-street, and they would then also have a frontage of some 76 feet, which would give, on my former calculation, a total ground-rental as follows:—

	76 feet to Liverpool-street	
	19 „ additional to Bond-street	
	306 „ as above	
Total	401 „ @ 20s. $\frac{1}{2}$ foot ...	£401
	Less present Ground Rent ...	50
		<u>£351</u>

My Warehouses were originally erected in order to supply a great public want, and have hitherto been of great public benefit. They were built at a time when neither the Government nor any private individual was prepared to provide the necessary accommodation, without which the inconvenience and loss both to the Government and the public would have been very considerable. I trust, therefore, that taking all the circumstances into consideration, the Government will entertain my proposal favorably, and oblige me with an early reply.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. REYNOLDS.

The Provincial Secretary,

Dunedin.

(No. IV.)

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT BY THE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT OF MR. BRADSHAW AS AGENT FOR
THE GOLD FIELDS OF OTAGO, AND THE ACTION OF THE PRO-
VINCIAL GOVERNMENT THEREUPON.

(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer.—May 7.)

(1.)

Province of Otago, N. Z.

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 27th February, 1867.

SIR,—Having been elected Superintendent of this Province, and this day assumed Office, I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to issue to me, as early as possible the necessary delegations of His Excellency's powers under "The Gold Fields Act, 1866;" "The Diseased Cattle Act, 1861;" and "Amendment Act, 1865;" "The Marine Act, 1866;" "The Removal of Prisoners Act, 1865;" "The Protection to Certain Animals Act, 1865," and also the powers vested in His Excellency by the fifth part of "The Gold Field Act, 1866."

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

(2.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 8th March, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 7013, in which you state that you had been elected Superintendent of the Province of Otago, and had that day assumed the office, and request that the Governor may be advised to delegate certain of His Excellency's powers to you. I have the honor to inform you that the subject will be brought under the consideration of the Cabinet at the earliest practicable moment.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

(3.)

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 4th April, 1867.

SIR,—I do myself the honor to forward to you the enclosed copy of a memorandum from the Provincial Secretary, respecting a breach of official etiquette, which I have no doubt has arisen from inadvertence, and which I feel assured needs only to be pointed out, in order to be guarded against in future.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Provincial

Provincial Secretary's Office,

Dunedin, 4th April, 1867.

Memo. for His Honor the Superintendent.

The Auditor General applied to-day to Mr. Pyke for certain information regarding the collection of Gold Fields Revenue, with which Mr. Pyke at once furnished him.

The Provincial Secretary would suggest that it would be more in accordance with official etiquette if in future such applications were in the first instance made to the Government rather than to subordinate officers, who, without an official knowledge of Dr. Knight's position, might feel themselves justified in refusing to afford the required information.

(Signed)

JOHN MOUNT,

Provincial Secretary.

(4.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 16th April, 1867.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter No. 7282, of the 4th instant, transmitting a copy of a Memorandum from the Provincial Secretary of Otago on the subject of the Auditor-General having obtained certain information respecting the collection of Gold Fields' Revenue direct from Mr. Pyke, the Gold Fields Secretary.

In reply I have to state that the Auditor had received general instructions to enquire and report as to the collection of Gold Fields' Revenue. The Provincial Secretary appears to have overlooked the fact that since the 27th February last (the date on which the delegation to the late Superintendent lapsed) the administration of the Gold Fields in the Province of Otago remains in His Excellency the Governor solely, and that consequently the Provincial Government has no power to give instructions with respect to the collection and management of Gold Fields Revenues, or on any other question pertaining to the administration of the Gold Fields.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

(5.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 16th April, 1867.

SIR,—The delegation to the late Superintendent of Otago of the powers of His Excellency the Governor under "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," having now lapsed, the Government has appointed Mr. J. B. Bradshaw to be its Agent at the Gold Fields in the Province of Otago.

Assuming that the late Superintendent has left in charge of the Provincial Government all official documents, maps, &c., connected with the administration of the Gold Fields, I shall feel obliged by your causing them to be transferred to the charge of Mr. Bradshaw, who is duly authorised to receive them.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

(Signed)

E. W. STAFFORD.

(6.)

Superintendent's Office,

Otago, 20th April, 1867.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of date 16th April, 1867, intimating that the delegation to the late Superintendent of Otago of the powers of His Excellency the Governor under "The Gold Fields Act, 1866" having lapsed, the Government has appointed Mr. J. B. Bradshaw to be its Agent at the Gold Fields in the Province of Otago, and requesting that all official documents, maps, &c., connected with the administration of the Gold Fields, left by the late Superintendent in charge of the Provincial Government, should be transferred to the charge of Mr. Bradshaw, who is duly authorised to receive them.

In reply I have the honor to state that I shall bring the matter in question under the consideration of my responsible advisers at the earliest possible date.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Superintendent.

(7.)

(7.)

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 20th April, 1867.

DEAR SIR,—As the subject of our personal interview this morning is one which vitally affects the peace, order, and good government of this Province, I think it would perhaps be well that any communication which may pass between us, should be strictly official, and in writing.

May I therefore request that you will be good enough to consider the personal interview referred to as not having been, and that you will communicate with me in writing whatever you may desire to say.

I remain, &c.,
(Signed) JAMES MACANDREW.

J. B. Bradshaw, Esq., M.H.R., Dunedin.

(8.)

Office of the General Government,
Dunedin, 22nd April, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter dated 20th instant, in which you request me to consider the personal interview which I had with you on Saturday "as not having been."

As the object of that interview was simply to obtain an answer to the letter of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated 16th instant, in which your Honor was requested to cause the transference to myself of all official documents, maps, &c., connected with the administration of the Gold Fields, I must decline to regard it as other than official.

Your Honor may remember that during the interview referred to, you were pleased to express your pleasure at being relieved from the responsibility attaching to the Gold Fields Department, and I have now only to repeat that I desire an early answer to Mr. Stafford's request.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. B. BRADSHAW.
General Government Agent.

His Honor the Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

(9.)

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 22nd April, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, and have now to state that I shall reply to it through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

I have the honor, &c.,
(Signed) JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

J. B. Bradshaw, Esq., M.H.R., Dunedin.

(10.)

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DATED 22ND APRIL, 1857.

"Read a letter from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary intimating the appointment of Mr. J. B. Bradshaw as the Agent of the General Government for the administration of the Gold Fields, and requesting that all documents, &c., in the Gold Fields Department be handed over to him. Resolved that no books, maps, or other property connected with the Gold Fields be handed over to the General Government without the sanction of the Provincial Council.

"Also, that a Circular be sent to all the employes in the Gold Fields Department directing them to retain all public property under their care and control, until duly authorised by the Provincial Government to part with it, and further directing them to receive no orders from any officer other than the Provincial Secretary."

(Copy of Circular alluded to above.)

Circular, No. 71.

22nd April, 1867.

You are hereby directed not to hand over any maps, plans, documents or other property in your possession, or to give any information, or obey any instructions of any gentleman calling himself the Agent of the General Government. The Provincial Government having decided that such an officer is illegally and unconstitutionally appointed, you are further directed not to obey any orders or directions excepting they are communicated to you through the Provincial Secretary, or are countersigned by him.

(Signed) JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

"Further,

“Further, that the General Government be informed that the step they have taken in respect to Mr. Bradshaw virtually amounts to handing over to that gentleman the control of two-thirds of the Province, and that this is so opposed to the spirit and intention of the laws in force in the Colony, and unconstitutional, as tending to interfere with the powers of the Superintendent under the Constitution Act, that it is necessary the Provincial Government should prevent such a sacrifice of Provincial interests, and therefore Mr. Bradshaw's action will be restrained. That a communication be made direct to the Governor, and to the General commanding Her Majesty's Forces, detailing the circumstances of the case.”

(11.)

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DATED 23RD APRIL, 1867.

“1. Resolved that the Provincial Government declines to recognise the appointment of a General Government Agent, and will continue the administration of the Gold Fields as heretofore, pending Legislative enactment upon the subject.

“That the Secretary to the Gold Fields Department be apprised that he is to act under instructions from the Provincial Government, as hitherto, failing which, he will be required to relinquish the offices at present occupied by him, in which case the Department is to be henceforth amalgamated with that of the Provincial Secretary, the clerical duties of the Secretary to the Gold Fields Department to be performed by Mr. Willis and the clerks under him.

“That any officer on the Gold Fields who fails to act under the direction of the Provincial Secretary be forthwith discharged, and that an intimation be conveyed to all officers of the Department who elect to serve the Provincial Government, that whatever the final result of the present action of the General Government, the Provincial Government will take measures to secure them at least 12 months pay.”

(12.)

Superintendent's Office,
Otago, 24th April, 1867.

SIR,—As chief Executive Officer in this Province, and as an integral part of the Provincial Legislature, I deem it my duty to represent to you as the independent representative of Imperial interests in New Zealand, the recent action of the Colonial Executive at Wellington in relation to this Province—action which I cannot but regard with the utmost alarm, as being calculated, if persisted in, to lead to a revolution in this part of Her Majesty's dominions. Indeed, I am warranted in saying that so strong is the feeling which has been excited among all classes of Her Majesty's subjects throughout the Province, that but for my own personal influence to the contrary, steps would ere now have been taken which in all probability would have forcibly severed the tie which now binds us to the Colony.

The circumstances which have led to this state of things are as follow :—

Under the Gold Fields Act of the Colony certain Executive functions are vested in His Excellency the Governor, the intention being that they were to be delegated to the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the respective Provinces within which Gold Fields might have been proclaimed. Accordingly these powers have hitherto been delegated to the Superintendent of this Province, and by him exercised with the advice and consent of his responsible advisers, as provided by the “Executive Council Ordinance, 1862.” These responsible advisers consist of six members of the Provincial Council, who must needs possess the confidence of that Body.

The Superintendent, you are probably aware, is elected by the whole body of the people for four years, and the Provincial Council, comprising 38 members, is elected by the various districts throughout the Province; the proportion of those who represent Gold Fields districts may be stated at one-sixth of the whole.

In the month of January last the Superintendent and Provincial Council of Otago were dissolved under a proclamation by His Excellency Sir George Grey, and a new Superintendent and Provincial Council have been elected. I may state that this election has elicited a greater interest on the part of the people of this Province, in their political rights and privileges, than has been exhibited at any previous election in this country, and that the newly elected Superintendent and Council are in reality the exponents of the vigorous and intelligent will of the people, elected expressly to make laws for the peace, order, and good Government of the Province, and to administer its affairs in terms of the powers conferred by the Constitution Act.

The first act of His Excellency's advisers at Wellington has been to withhold the delegated powers under the Gold Fields Act from the Superintendent of the Province, which means in point of fact, the Superintendent and the Provincial Council, inasmuch as the former is restrained from acting on his own responsibility, and must do so with the advice and consent of the latter.

Instead of the administration of the Gold Fields being conferred upon the Provincial Government, as heretofore, it has been placed in the hands of a General Government Agent, who is neither appointed by, nor responsible to the people.

As the proclaimed Gold Fields of Otago comprise about two-thirds of the whole area of the Province, and their interests are ramified and mixed up with every interest in the Province, it is manifest that the practical effect of this step, on the part of His Excellency's advisers, will be to cripple and destroy the Provincial Legislature, and to land the Province in inextricable confusion. As it is, the Provincial authorities have determined to resist the encroachment. The result of the policy sought to be enforced by his Excellency's advisers will, if persisted in, be to drive the people to separate themselves from the rest of the Colony; a result which, I feel assured, would never be forced upon them were the Imperial authorities consulted, and which, personally I should greatly deplore.

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In the interests of the Empire, as well as of this small but true and loyal portion thereof, I venture to solicit your good offices with the Imperial authorities, to the intent that they may be pleased to issue such instructions to His Excellency the Governor, as may induce him to comply with what he cannot but know to be the almost unanimous desire of the people of this Province, and thereby to maintain the integrity of the Colony upon the best of all foundations, namely, the allegiance of a free and independent people.

Major-General Chute, Auckland.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JAMES MACANDREW,
Superintendent.

(13.)

Province of Otago. New Zealand.

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 27th April, 1867.

Sir—Referring to my letter addressed to you under date as per margin (20th April), I have now the honor to state that, before being called upon to relinquish the materiel of a department which has been created by the Province at considerable expense to itself, it seems reasonable that before giving up possession of its property, some arrangement should be made by which the Province should be re-imbursed for its outlay.

You will no doubt readily perceive that the Executive Government would not be warranted in disposing of the property of the Province without the sanction of the Provincial Council, the more especially seeing that in all probability the Provincial Government, if it is to carry on as heretofore its legitimate functions, may itself require the use of the property referred to.

Considerable doubts exist among my responsible advisers as to the power of the General Government to appoint an agent, and until satisfied that such a power exists, they are unanimous in advising me not to part with the property of the Province.

I may also observe, that waiving for the present its personal aspect, the question is one that does not concern myself individually so much as it concerns the Provincial Legislature.

Although the delegated powers have hitherto been nominally conferred upon the Superintendent, they have been, and must necessarily be, exercised by the Provincial Executive, in terms of the Executive Council Ordinance, 1862.

It must be obvious, therefore, that the action of His Excellency's advisers in withholding these powers from the Superintendent and Provincial Council, who have just been elected by the people for the express purpose *in cer alia* of exercising such powers, is a decided blow against local self government, and opposed to the genius of the Constitution Act. It must be evident, moreover, to those who know the extent to which the administration of the Gold Fields, and the various interests connected with them are interwoven and incorporated with the general administration of the Province, that to attempt to separate them will be to produce confusion worse confounded.

It will be not only detrimental to the efficiency of the public service, but will involve a double expenditure which is altogether unnecessary.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JAMES MACANDREW,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Superintendent.

(14.)

COPY OF TELEGRAM TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Saturday, 27th April, 1867.

The Imperial Legislature recognises the Provinces and Superintendents as distinct entities, and I feel in a case of emergency, that it is my duty to address your Excellency direct, and to ask you to exercise the powers you possess of acting independently of your advisers in case of need.

I convey to you my conviction that serious disturbances and much mischief will ensue, if the Colonial Government persists in forcing Mr. Bradshaw on the Gold Miners.

I have to advise that Mr. Bradshaw be immediately recalled, and the Proclamation intimated to me to-day, be rescinded, and matters be allowed to continue precisely as they were before Mr. Bradshaw's appointment, and since my election. Let them continue so, till the Assembly meets. No inconvenience was occasioned. If you are not willing to consent to this, I respectfully beg your Excellency will exercise the undoubted power you possess in a case of emergency, of calling the Assembly together immediately.

I know the temper of the people well, and so humbly assure your Excellency, that this is a serious emergency. May I request your Excellency to confer with Dr. Featherstone, who is a Superintendent, and who will, I think, advise your Excellency, that in a case of serious emergency, the Superintendents have a right to look to you for aid.

I have felt it necessary to write to the General Commanding—copy of which will be sent to you next mail.

I feel assured that if the action of your advisers be persisted in, the tie which binds this Province to the rest of the Colony, must inevitably be severed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

(15.)

COPY OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Wellington, April 29th, 1867.

To His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

The Governor desires me to say that he has received your message, and that it is under the consideration of Ministers.

(Signed)

FRED. THATCHER,

Private Secretary.

(16.)

COPY OF TELEGRAM FORWARDED TO THE GOLD FIELDS OFFICERS, DATED 27TH APRIL, 1867.

“All Gold Fields Officers who elect to continue in the Provincial Government Service, the Provincial Council will guarantee their present salaries for 12 months.”

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

(17.)

Superintendent's Office,

Dunedin, 29th April, 1867.

CIRCULAR No. 72.

Referring to the instructions conveyed in Circular No. 71, of the 22nd instant, you are hereby directed in future to address all correspondence relating to the duties of your office as Warden, to the Provincial Secretary, instead of to the Secretary to the Gold Fields Department as heretofore.

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

(18.)

MINUTE OF THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The Treasurer considers it advisable to place upon record the account of his trip to the Goldfields, in case any question concerning it should in future arise. Accompanied by Mr. Mollison and Mr. Hughes, the Treasurer arrived at Tuapeka on Thursday evening, the 25th April, at about half-past six o'clock. He was immediately informed that Major Croker and Mr. Thompson had yielded to the solicitations of Mr. Pyke and Mr. Bradshaw, and had joined the General Government service. He sent for Mr. Mackay, who at once told him that if he lost all he possessed he would adhere to the Province. Mr. Brown, M.P.C., informed the Treasurer, that Mr. Pyke, disregarding the instructions he had received from the Provincial Government, had insisted on acting at Lawrence in reference to the consideration of applications for agricultural Leases. Mr. Brown declined to sit with him, and the miners' delegates declined to recognise him; but Mr. Pyke determined to sit, had the applications called over before him, and assumed the power of granting each application. This was the account of the proceedings given to the Treasurer. He was also informed that Mr. Pyke and Mr. Bradshaw claimed, on behalf of the General Government, all the property belonging to the Provincial Government on the Gold Fields. A consultation took place between the Treasurer and Messrs. Mollison, Hughes and Brown, and it was decided that nothing short of taking possession would protect the Provincial property. It is necessary to state here, that although, for convenience sake, the Treasurer describes the action taken as his own, that in all that he did he was assisted and advised by Mr. Mollison, his colleague in the Executive, and by Messrs. Brown and Hughes. Mr. Hay, M.P.C., also readily lent his aid.

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The Treasurer sent for Mr. Inspector Morton, and told him he intended taking possession of the Provincial property, and that, in accordance with instructions in town, the Police were to take charge of it. Mr. Morton had not received any instructions, but consented to act on the responsibility of the Treasurer, and continued to render most zealous and efficient aid. He suggested that putting locks on the doors would be the readiest means of taking possession. Locks were put on, and the Police were instructed not to allow any one ingress. The same evening Mr. Pyke and Mr. Thompson were reported to have sought admission, but were refused. In the morning Major Croker, assisted by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Pyke, attempted to gain admission. The Treasurer was sent for. Major Croker endeavoured to frighten the Police by threats, as did Mr. Pyke. The Treasurer at once told these gentlemen that it was of no use attempting anything of the kind—that the buildings belonged to the Provincial Government, and that they could have out any papers belonging to the Magistrates. The Treasurer further ordered Major Croker, Mr. Pyke, and Mr. Thompson down to town immediately, in the name of the Provincial Government, when they said they were not in the employment of the Provincial Government. Major Croker said he had never been in the employment of the Provincial Government; and Mr. Pyke, besides saying the same, claimed to have authority to act as Warden over all the Gold Fields. Major Croker instructed Mr. Thompson to break open the door, which this gentleman prepared to do, but was restrained, as he was also in an attempt to get in by the window. Major Croker and Mr. Pyke finally gave their words of honor not to take anything but Magistrates' property, and thereupon were allowed to go into the building to select it.

Mr. Bradshaw, it may be mentioned, appeared upon the scene, but seemed to have very little inclination to act. Mr. Pyke appeared to be the leader or commander-in-chief.

Shortly afterwards, the Treasurer was given to understand that Mr. Pyke could be secured to the Provincial Government, if a promise to retain him in his position would be made. The Treasurer discussed the matter over with the other gentlemen already mentioned, and determined to do nothing towards securing Mr. Pyke. Several arguments on either side had to be considered. On the one hand, as a matter of expediency, no doubt the Provincial Government, by securing Mr. Pyke, could restrain him from doing much mischief. He appeared to assume to possess absolute power, even to the granting away large tracts of country in the shape of agricultural leases; also to act as Warden and Magistrate. Apart from the dispute between the two Governments, the Treasurer felt that it was in the highest degree unadvisable that Mr. Pyke should be invested with large powers. He was aware that the Executive had only been able to retain him in his office by carefully watching his department and giving limited heed to his advice. In short, the Treasurer knew that for some time the Executive had been much dissatisfied with the administration of his department, and during the coming Session of Council contemplated making a material change. It seemed most unfortunate that there should be a possibility of Mr. Pyke possessing larger powers than previously, and therefore desirable to make even a sacrifice for the purpose of restraining him. On the other hand, it would have been infinitely mischievous to the whole service to have overlooked Mr. Pyke's conduct to the Provincial Government. Whatever doubt there might be in other cases, there could be no doubt that Mr. Pyke had for years been in the employment of the Provincial Government, and had received the utmost consideration. His appointment as Warden was a mere accident, arising out of the Hindon rush. In the whole service there was no officer from whom the Provincial Government was entitled to look for more consideration and gratitude than from Mr. Pyke, and yet he had left it at the first inducement. The Treasurer and the other gentlemen came to the conclusion that even expediency did not warrant the Provincial Government in receiving Mr. Pyke back again, and that no overtures should be made to him.

A little later in the day, a similar scene was enacted at Waitahuna to that at Tuapeka. Major Croker and Mr. Pyke again attempted to gain admission to the Provincial Government buildings, and again were refused; the same offer being made to give up Magistrates' property, but in this case not taken advantage of.

The Treasurer then informed the miners, who had assembled in large numbers, that instead of Mr. Pyke, Mr. Mollison and Mr. Hughes had been appointed, in conjunction with Mr. Brown, to consider the policy of granting the leases applied for. He also explained that a misapprehension existed as to the nature of the hearing. Neither Mr. Pyke, nor any one else, could grant the applications, as had been pretended to be done the previous day. All that could be done, was to hear the applications and objections, and to report upon them, and this Messrs. Brown, Hughes, and Mollison would do. These gentlemen proceeded to hold the inquiry, and will, doubtless, duly report the result.

At the request of the miners, the Treasurer, both at Waitahuna and Tuapeka, explained to large meetings, the actual position of affairs, and in both cases, the Provincial Government was enthusiastically supported, and an intense objection expressed to the control of the Goldfields being left to the General Government.

The Treasurer authorised Messrs. Brown and Hughes to go round the Goldfields, and where necessary, to take possession of Provincial Government property; also, to make arrangements with such officers as were disposed to continue true to the Government which had supported them for years, and to which they owed the positions they occupied. Mr. Mollison and the Treasurer returned to town to-day.

The Treasurer ventures to recommend to His Honor to telegraph without delay to His Excellency the Governor, asking him either to interfere and reinstate matters as they were previously to Mr. Bradshaw's appointment, until the meeting of the Assembly, or to call the Assembly together immediately. The emergency fully warrants it. It would be mischievous in the extreme to allow Mr. Pyke to continue to exercise virtually irresponsible powers, to be endorsed by Mr. Bradshaw, who appears to do whatever Mr. Pyke desires. The Gold Fields Act, in fact, does not make constitutional provision for any other delegation than to the Superintendent. If it be granted to the latter, the 55th clause of the Gold Fields Act provides that the Provincial Council be associated with him, and thus the moneys expended be constitutionally voted. But if the delegation be not to the Superintendent, the moneys would have to be spent without voting, either by Assembly or Council, a course the Assembly could not contemplate. Again, there are so many Provincial interests mixed up with the Gold Fields, that were a separate control possible, which the Treasurer

Treasurer doubts, it would have to be provided for by a most elaborate Act. Without adequate provisions being made by Act, the Treasurer cannot advise that the Province should relinquish control over Provincial interests on the Gold Fields.

(Signed) J. VOGEL,

Provincial Treasurer.

Provincial Treasurer's Office,

Dunedin, 27th April, 1867.

CORRESPONDENCE, &c., BETWEEN HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(TRANSMITTED IN MESSAGE NO. 4, MAY 8.)

(1.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 15th April, 1867.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 27th March, I have now the honor to enclose for your Honor's information copies of reports, dated respectively the 14th and 18th ult., and of their enclosures, from the Auditor of Public Accounts, relative to certain transactions connected with the public funds in the Province of Otago, which took place in 1860, when you were Superintendent of that Province.

After a consideration of the facts disclosed in these reports Ministers are unable to advise that the powers of the Governor under the "Gold Fields Act, 1866," should be delegated to you. The administration of the Gold Fields in the Province of Otago will consequently remain with His Excellency.

I have, &c.,

E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor J. Macandrew, Esq.,

Superintendent, Otago.

(2.)

Superintendent's Office,
Otago, 29th April, 1867.

SIR,—I have received your letter of date as per margin (15th April, 1867), together with report from Auditor General respecting certain irregularities in the public accounts which occurred during my former tenure of office in 1860.

In reply I have to state that while I do not deny that the particular informality to which reference is made did occur, the assumption of the Auditor-General as to the nature of the transaction is gratuitous and unfounded—totally at variance with the facts of the case, and the explanation conveyed in my private note to him of date as per margin (15th March, 1867.)

I would only further remark that whatever may be the personal estimation in which I am held by His Excellency's present advisers, there is no public man in New Zealand to whom I will yield in integrity of character—there is none who has to a greater extent sacrificed himself and perhaps been sacrificed to the interests of this Province—or who possesses to a greater extent the confidence of the large majority of his fellow citizens—circumstances which go far to counteract the bad opinion of His Excellency's advisers.

I have, &c.,

JAMES MACANDREW.

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

Wellington.

(3.)

Dunedin, 14th March, 1867.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that I had an interview with the Superintendent on the 12th instant.

His Honor informed me that he had received no communication from the General Government respecting the object of my mission.

I then handed to His Honor the Colonial Secretary's letter addressed to me as Auditor of Public Accounts, and he informed me that nothing new had been discovered since I concluded my first enquiries.

I explained that the "Defalcation" for which a vote of the Provincial Council had been taken, was entirely new to me; and I requested his permission to obtain the inspection of such public documents as were necessary for the investigation of the facts connected with that transaction.

His Honor at once assented to my request, and pointed out to me the locality of one of the offices. He also undertook to give me immediately an explanatory memorandum on the points more particularly alluded to in the Colonial Secretary's letter of instructions.

The next day Mr. Vogel, the Provincial Treasurer, sought an interview with me, and expressed his surprise that information had been obtained from the Treasury without his permission, and that the clerk who had given it would probably be dismissed from the service.

I explained that I had obtained permission from the highest Executive officer of the Province to inspect the public accounts, and that hitherto I had not been in official communication with the Provincial Treasury, having so far confined my enquiries to the Audit Office.

I enclose the Provincial Treasurer's communication, dated the 14th instant, with my reply thereto.

At the Audit Office I obtained the only information that the public accounts will afford. I examined no officer of the Government, and confined my investigation to the inspection of the accounts, and to copying entries from public documents in the Audit Office.

I have transmitted to the Superintendent a copy of the letter of instructions, but I gather from the tone of the Provincial Treasurer's communication that it is not intended to admit that I am in official communication with the Provincial authorities.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES KNIGHT,
Auditor of Public Accounts.

The Hon. E. W. Stafford.

(4.)

Provincial Treasury, Dunedin,
14th March, 1867.

SIR,—I cannot admit that your explanation of the circumstances under which you obtained access to the Treasury books is satisfactory.

You say that you only placed yourself in official communication with the Provincial Auditor, but strictly speaking, it does not seem to me you were in official communication with any one, since the Provincial Government have not received from the General Government any letter accrediting you, and in virtue of your own office it does not seem to me you are entitled to enter into official communication with Provincial Governments.

In respect to the authority you say you received from the Superintendent, His Honor tells me that he took it for granted your knowledge of official etiquette would lead you to communicate with the head of the department.

It does not seem to me you have any right to instruct or censure the Provincial Auditor, whose duties are strictly defined by Act of the Assembly, and who is in no way subject to your directions.

Equally I cannot understand by what right you placed yourself in communication with the Provincial Banker, and sought to elicit information from that gentleman. If you desired information you should have sought it from the Provincial Government.

I need scarcely add that the Provincial Government are always willing to supply the General Government with information, as Messrs. Woodward, Spence, and Gisborne, who were lately here, can attest.

I shall ask the Superintendent to communicate a copy of this letter to the Colonial Secretary.

I have, &c.,

JULIUS VOGEL,
Provincial Treasurer.

Dr. Knight,

Auditor General.

(5.)

Dunedin, 14th March, 1867.

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this morning.

You appear clearly to understand that on my personal application to the Superintendent, His Honor gave me permission to obtain from the Provincial offices any information I required respecting the public accounts of the Province

Province. In applying to the Provincial Auditor for certain vouchers, I was in communication with the head of a department, and so far I did not disappoint the reasonable expectations of the Superintendent, to which you allude.

In reference to your remarks on my having placed myself in communication with the Bank of New Zealand, where the accounts of both the General and Provincial Governments are kept, I may state in explanation that the Sub-Treasurer and Receiver of Land Revenue continues to pay public moneys to the credit of the Provincial Treasurer at the bank, instead of paying them to the credit of the Provincial Account, thereby defeating the provisions of the Provincial Audit Act, 1866, and placing the Provincial revenues under the sole control of the Provincial Treasurer. By the course adopted, the Sub-Treasurer was rendering himself liable to a penalty of £500.

I was about, therefore, to request the Sub-Treasurer to make his payments into the "Provincial Account," when I learned on the occasion you refer to, that there was no such account at the bank, and moreover, that the gold fields revenues were paid by the several receivers into a Provincial "Public Account," instead of into the "Public Account" of the Colony."

As the same name for accounts of different Governments was objectionable, and led to mistakes, I requested the bank to furnish me with a list of the public accounts, in order that I might bring the matter under the notice of the Provincial authorities, and I took the earliest opportunity of calling the attention of the Superintendent to the necessity of the Audit Act being conformed to, with the view that the officers of the General Government might be instructed where public moneys due to the Provincial Treasurer might legally be paid.

I gather from your remarks that you cannot understand by what right I thus placed myself in communication with the Provincial banker.

I have to request that you will bring this letter under the consideration of His Honor the Superintendent, and that you will append to it my note marked "private," to which your communication is virtually a reply.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES KNIGHT.

Auditor of Public Accounts.

The Provincial Treasurer.

MEMO.—I have no copy of the "Private Note," but the following is very nearly the purport of it:—

My dear Sir—It has occurred to me since I saw you this morning, that you are under the impression that I have shown a want of courtesy to you in the matter of Mr. Macandrew's defalcation. I should be sorry that you should remain under this impression, if it exists. I may state in explanation that, after obtaining the Superintendent's permission to inspect documents in the Provincial offices, I went to the Auditor, and requested him to show me certain vouchers. These it appears, were obtained from your department. At Wellington, the whole of the Treasury vouchers are deposited in the Audit office. I mention this to show you that naturally I went to the Audit office here, and not to the Treasury, for the information I required, and that I was not in official communication with the Provincial Treasury at all.

Believe me, &c.,

CHAS. KNIGHT.

(6.)

Dunedin, 18th March, 1867.

Sir,—I reported on the 14th inst., that in accordance with the instructions given to me as Auditor of Public Accounts with reference to the Inquiry made under the Commission issued in the year 1861, I had commenced the examination of the accounts of the Province with regard to the item "Defalcations of James Macandrew, Esq."

On the 6th inst., I received the letter of His Honor the Superintendent, dated 15th instant., in reply to my application as Commissioner, for free access to vouchers and accounts of the Provincial Treasury necessary for the purposes of the present enquiry. His Honor states that the enquiry in question was instituted at the instigation of the Provincial Council of Otago, and unless that body desires its resumption, the Provincial Government must decline any interference on the part of the General Government with the accounts of the Province.

I stated in reply that, in accordance with the views of the Provincial Government, I had at once closed my enquiries into the public accounts of the Province.

I have now the honor to report that I have examined the Provincial accounts with regard to the item "Defalcations by James Macandrew, Esq., £1012 14s. 5d.," which appears in the Appropriation Ordinance of the Province of Otago for the year 1861, and find from the account current of Messrs. James Crawford and Auld, agents in Scotland for the Provincial Government of Otago, that on the 8th of June 1860, they paid Messrs. P. Henderson and Co., the half-passage money for 158½ adult emigrants by the ship *Henrietta*, amounting to £1188 15s. That on the twenty-eighth September, 1860, as appears by the cash book of the Provincial Treasurer, the remaining moiety of the passage money was paid at the Provincial Treasury to Andrew Cumming, master of the ship "*Henrietta*," for the half passage of 151 adults, amounting to £1132 19s. The account current of the Oriental Bank Corporation shows that the sum of £1132 10s. was paid on the 28th September, 1860, by Cheque "1417." The voucher on which the claim was paid, and which would have the Superintendent's warrant on it, was not found in its place among the records of the Provincial Accounts, but as

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the accounts had been duly audited, there is no reason to suppose that anything irregular occurred in the payment of the claim. The Oriental Bank, where the cheque was paid, has sometime since removed its branch from Dunedin, and I am unable to obtain an inspection of the cheque. The discrepancy between the number of adult emigrants paid for in Scotland, and the number paid for in Otago, is accounted for by deaths on board during the passage.

These payments entirely discharged the claims of the "Henrietta" on account of immigration.

I find, however, on inspection of the account current of Messrs. Crawford and Auld, for the period included between the 31st December, 1860, and the 31st March, 1861, that on the 18th of February, 1861, the agents retired the Superintendent's Bill for £1012 14s. 5d, dated 24th of October, 1860, at 30 days' sight, in favor of Messrs. E. P. and C. R. Rayner, Sunderland, and purporting to be the second moiety for the passage money of immigrants by the ship "Henrietta." The retired Bill was not found among the documents belonging to Messrs. Crawford and Auld's accounts, nor among the vouchers of the Provincial accounts.

It thus appears that twenty-six days after the final payment in the Colony of the claims of the "Henrietta," the Superintendent draws bills, purporting to be on account of the "Henrietta," in favor of parties who had no claims on the Provincial Treasury.

There is then no question that the revenues of the Province have been twice charged with the second moiety of the passage money of the "Henrietta," and it is equally clear that some party has secured a pecuniary advantage of £1012 14s. 5d. at the expense of the Provincial Treasury.

The question arises, how did it happen? If the bills were *bona fide* drawn on account of the "Henrietta," they were not made payable to the owners of that vessel. There seems only one answer.

The money was not due to them. The pretence that they were drawn on account of the "Henrietta" was the expedient under which possession of public moneys was wrongfully obtained.

The next points for investigation would have been to trace the retired bills and vouchers, to determine whether the Provincial Treasury was informed of the making of these bills, or whether they were drawn secretly, or whether the agents were advised of their issue by any letter recorded in the Superintendent's office; all important points, when judging of the intent of the party who made the bills.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES KNIGHT,

Commissioner.

Hon. E. W. Stafford,

Wellington.

(No. V.)

REPORT TO HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT AS CHAIRMAN
GENERAL ROAD BOARD, FROM CLERK TO BOARD.

General Road Board office, May 1st, 1867.

Chairman General Road Board.

Sir—Pursuant to instructions, I have the honor to report having visited the undermentioned Road Districts, for the purpose of explaining to the various Local Boards their several duties, and generally to assist them in carrying out same under the Otago Roads Ordinance, 1865; also inspecting the books necessary to be kept, rendering advice, &c., &c.

The Districts visited are—North East Valley, Pine Hill, Harlington, Sawyers' Bay, Deborah Bay, Heyward, Puerakanui, Blueskin, Beaconsfield, Merton, Clevedon, Hawksbury Bush, Cranbourne, Mountroyal, Goodwood, Bushey, Chalfont, Hampden, Chalgrove, Chelsea, Teneraki, and Awamoa. These are all situate on the northern sea board.

The Districts of Landon, Papakio, Pukeuri, Weymouth, Lambton, Totara, Lambourne, Enfield, and Incholme have also been proclaimed, but as the land is mostly occupied in them by large holders, Local Boards have not been formed; there are, however, intentions to form Boards at the next general election in two or three cases, and also applications for the creation of three new Districts in the Awamoka Survey District.

In each of the Districts visited I have held meetings and instructed the officers and members of the Boards in their duties, giving, where I considered necessary, detail in writing.

I have adopted an uniform system of keeping the accounts, making it of the most simple nature possible, and in those Districts provided with books, commencing the same for them.

In the matter of accounts I in most instances found a great want of knowledge, and an almost entire ignorance as to the Roads Ordinance. I however trust the explanations offered, suggestions made, and means taken to assist Local Boards in their various duties will be found, on the next inspection, to have worked beneficially.

General satisfaction is expressed at the liberal subsidy offered by the Government to Districts in the making of their District Roads.

Districts not having as yet availed themselves of the Government subsidy purpose doing so if a sum for the subsidising of Local Boards be placed on the Estimates by the Provincial Council at its present session.

The Local Boards generally express the most sanguine hopes as to the beneficial results ultimately to arise from the establishment of Road Districts, and I think I may say from experience that the course adopted is the best and the most economical mode by which the making of the District Roads can be secured.

I beg to suggest, for the proper carrying out of works contemplated by Districts, that in all cases where professional assistance is applied for, such application should be granted; also that the many roads now appearing as "indicated tracks" be permanently fixed, surveyed, and recorded. This work is very necessary as improvements are being rapidly made; it may also save much litigation and future claims for compensation.

Deborah Bay, Sawyers' Bay, Heyward, and Puerakanui Districts consist of nearly all bush, the settlers numerous and comparatively poor. In the two latter Districts nothing beyond narrow bush tracks are to be found, the settlers having, for many years, to endure the greatest hardships from want of roads.

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There is a Main District Road laid down on the Maps, one chain wide, leading from Blueskin to Port Chalmers; this road intersects several District Roads, and until it is cut and made, the Settlers in the last-named Districts must remain as they are. There was a Memorial presented to the Provincial Council at its last session, praying the Government to take the making of this Road in hand. Upon this, the Districts through which it passes, were asked if they would contribute one-third towards the expense; each expressed its inability to do so. It is in contemplation to present another petition at the present session of Council relative to the same matter.

The road in question, if made, would not only be of the utmost benefit to the present settlers in the districts of Puerakanui, Heyward, Harlington, and Deborah Bay, but would open up a considerable area of unsold land, and also establish a much more direct communication between the Port and Main North Road at Blueskin, making the distance between these two places between six and seven miles, instead of nearly fourteen miles as at present, to be gone over. Much good is expected to arise to the Port from the opening up of this road.

I beg to suggest the General Board recommend to the Government the formation of this road, and I think, also, it should be declared a main line of road.

The Pine Hill Road District is composed almost entirely of bush. The Local Board has received £373 11s. 6d. by way of rates and Government Subsidy, during the current year. The following works have been done, viz.—65 chains, 18 ft. wide of road, cut, formed, and prepared to receive metal. Several stone Culverts have been put down (one of these forty feet long), 65 chains of road, one chain wide; and 103 chains of road, half chain wide, have all but been cleared from timber, thus opening up a considerable number of sold sections, many in occupation. The whole has been well executed.

The Local Board having so far improved their District, are about to petition the Government to continue the metalling of the Main District Road, so far as the new formation will allow. I consider their application for the metalling should have the support of the General Board.

The Books and Accounts of this District are in excellent order.

In the Goodwood District there has been surveyed a road one chain wide, through Mr. John Jones's Goodwood property. This road was not shown on that gentleman's crown grant, and has, pending negotiations, been closed, to the great inconvenience of settlers, long in the habit of using it for most purposes. It is highly important to a very large district, that this road should be thrown open to the public. On it is situate the church, and is the route to Dunedin and Hawksbury.

In the Bushey District (Shag Valley) I inspected the road made by Mr. D. Hutcheson, over seven miles in length, from the Lime Kiln at the Horse Range, to the Harbor and Coal Mine, at Coal Point, Moeraki.

The Harbor built by Mr. Hutcheson is two hundred and fifty yards long, thirty yards wide, with jetty of masonry. The depth of water at entrance, is, I am informed from five to six fathoms at high tide; the depth of water at jetty side is nine feet, and were the jetty extended some twenty-five yards, a depth of sixteen feet at low tide, would be obtained. This work, Mr. Hutcheson states, could be done for about £50; there is, however, to make the Harbor permanently serviceable, some 80 feet, by 40 feet of rock to be removed.

The area of coal is said to extend for miles beyond the Coal Reserve on either side. Time precluded me from proving this by personal examination; I can, however, rely upon the evidence gathered, as near as possible, approaching fact.

There are two seams of coal, one 3ft. 9in. in thickness, the other 8 ft. in thickness.

The drive to the present working is ninety yards in length.

The Lime Kiln is situate on the Horse Range, about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the Main Road, and in the midst of mountains of limestone. The Kiln is capable of holding three thousand bushels of limestone. Were the Harbor improved to enable vessels to come alongside the jetty, a considerable export trade could be done, not only in lime, but coal and agricultural produce, to the great improvement of the whole district. This matter is deserving the earnest attention of the Government.

I beg to suggest that the road as made by Mr. Hutcheson, from the Main North Road to the Coal Point, about $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles, should be declared "Main Road" as it is much used by up-country settlers, and for its maintenance would draw heavily on the limited resources of the district.

The district of Bushey is in the first year of its existence; has levied one rate upon which the Government subsidy is to be paid, and are taking active steps to the improvement of the District Roads.

I have also visited the Municipalities of West Hawksbury and Oamaru, in both of which much work has and is being done. From information gathered, the inhabitants are sanguine of great good to arise from the declaration of these places into Municipalities, since which, trade has improved, and, generally speaking, satisfaction established.

I subjoin a Report given me by J. McL. Orbell, Esq., Mayor of West Hawksbury. A like Report was promised me by J. C. Gilchrist, Esq., Mayor of Oamaru, but has not yet come to hand.

Mr. Orbell's Report runs as follows:—"The Corporation of West Hawksbury has now been in existence some eight months, during which time many important works tending towards the improvement of the town have been undertaken and successfully carried out by the Town Council.

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“ Amongst these I may particularise the formation of Beach street to the Main North Road, which, when metalled, a work now being prosecuted, will prove of immense convenience to the inhabitants generally.

“ Other operations have been also entered into and completed, that have been considered necessary for the preservation of the public health.

“ Taken as evidence, the improvement which has already been made by the Corporation in the aspect of the Town, and the efforts contemplated by them, the establishment of Municipalities cannot but have a beneficial effect upon the well-being of inland towns generally, if judiciously managed.

“ It is necessary, however, to state that without liberal subsidies by the Provincial Government, much of the permanent good resulting from the establishment of Municipalities, would be considerably lessened, as in small and sparsely populated Towns, similar to West Hawksbury, the carrying out of the extensive improvements would of necessity be a work of time, consequent on the small income derivable from rates proper.”

“ I have the honor to be, &c.”

Besides the Road Districts enumerated on the first page of this Report, I have visited Wakari, Kaikorai, Caversham, Corstorphine and Green Island, which, together with those districts not yet visited on the Otago Peninsula and on the southern seaboard to Port Molyneux, the Taieries, Tokomairiro and Popotunoa, will form subject for future report ; also the Municipalities of Milton and Lawrence.

I purpose taking the Peninsula districts on and after the 8th inst., the others during the month.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JAMES DOUGHTY,

Clerk General Road Board.

(VI.)

DOCUMENTS FROM THE PROVINCIAL AUDITOR.

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Speaker, May 15.)

Audit Office, Dunedin, March 11, 1867.

Sir—The Provincial Auditor is required by Section 3 of Appropriation Ordinance to lay before the Council :—

1. A Statement of Transfers from one Vote to another.
2. A Statement of the Expenditure under the head of Unforeseen Contingencies.

By the Audit Act he is required to give :—

3. A Statement of Unauthorised Expenditure.
4. Balance Sheet of Assets and Liabilities.
5. Table of Funded Debt.

The Statement of Transfers has been given along with the Treasurer's Statement. Many of the votes having been exceeded, the Statement had to be given as the Auditor's justification for having passed the accounts.

A detailed Statement of Expenditure under the head of Unforeseen Contingencies has also been given in the Schedule of Transfers. The whole of the expenditure under this head is embodied in the Treasurer's Statement, the Government having adopted the suggestion contained in my letter to the Council at its last Session, namely, instead of charging any expenditure to Unforeseen Contingencies, transferring, as necessity required, sums of money from that head to other votes or new headings. By the plan now adopted the printed statement laid before the Council is better arranged, for by the former plan the expenditure under any head was frequently not complete without having recourse to some indeterminate vote, and this necessity was apt to be overlooked when a Return was called for. There are two other indeterminate votes which I should like to see treated in the same manner, "Works not provided for" and "School Buildings." If, for example, a Member of Council wished to know the expenditure on the School Buildings at any place, he could not obtain the amount from the printed statements in his possession, but would have to apply to the Treasurer for that information which he ought to be able at any time to ascertain for himself.

A Statement of Unauthorised Expenditure has been laid before the Council.

I now enclose Balance Sheet of Assets and Liabilities and Table of the Funded Debt.

Statements 1, 2, 3, are submitted to the Council as an analysis of the information contained in the Treasurer's Balance Sheet.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant,

A. LIVINGSTON,

Provincial Auditor.

The Speaker of the Provincial Council.

TABLE

TABLE SHEWING THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO, MARCH 31, 1867.

AUTHORITY.	AMOUNT AUTHORISED TO BE BORROWED.	AMOUNT OF DEBENTURES IN CIRCULATION.	RATE OF INTEREST PER CENT.	RATE OF SINKING FUND PER CENT.	DEBENTURES WHEN REDEEMABLE.	UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF AMOUNT RAISED.	SINKING FUND.	
							How Invested.	Amount Accrued.
Otago Loan Ordinance, 1856	£ 35,000	£ 10,300	10	3	Dec. 31, 1868	—	£3500 in Otago Harbor Loan 1525 in Public Buildings Loan The rest in Gen. Gov. Debentures	£ s. d.
Otago Loan Ordinance, 1861-2	50,000	50,000	8	3	* July 1, 1874	—		4721 11
Otago Harbor Loan Ordinance, 1862... ..	50,000	42,850	not over 10	3	Nov. 1, 1874	25 1 4		3000 0 0
Otago Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000	500,000	6	1	July 1, 1898	—		13,775 0 0
Otago Public Buildings Ordinance, 1862	50,000	50,000	8	3	Oct. 1, 1875	—		1500 0 0
	685,000	658,150						22,996 11 0
							Interest..	968 5 10
								£23,964 16 10

*£7000 one year earlier.

A. LIVINGSTON, *Provincial Auditor.*BALANCE SHEET OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO,
MARCH 31, 1867.

ASSETS :	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Unauthorized Expenditure for which future legal provision is to be made				1,000	0	0
Advance to Officers for the Public Service				2,431	3	7
Dunedin Cemetery Loan				100	0	0
Port Chalmers do.				100	0	0
Harbor Endowment				20,258	5	1
Home Agents				3,609	13	3
Sinking Fund—Loan, 1861-2	4,721	11	0			
Do. Harbor Loan, 1862	3,000	0	0			
Do. Loan, 1862	13,775	0	0			
Do. Public Buildings Loan, 1862	1,500	0	0			
Do. Interest,	968	5	10			
				23,964	16	10
Bank of New Zealand, London	23,310	19	0			
Do. Dunedin	44,201	18	0			
				67,512	17	0
Balance at Debit of Province				542,929	15	4
				661,906	11	1
LIABILITIES :						
Amount of outstanding Claims				5,979	19	0
Debentures—Loan, 1856	10,300	0	0			
Do. do. 1861-2	50,000	0	0			
Do. Harbor do., 1862	42,850	0	0			
Do. Loan, 1862	500,000	0	0			
Do. Public Buildings do., 1862	50,000	0	0			
				643,150	0	0
Deposits on Contracts and Surveys				12,776	12	1
				661,906	11	1

A. LIVINGSTON,
Provincial Auditor.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT No. 1.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1867.

RECEIPTS.								£	s.	d.
Ordinary Revenue ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126,710	18	10
Harbor Endowment ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	705	7	6
Deposit Accounts ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,516	8	8
Loans Negotiated ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35,275	0	0
Home Agents	1,164	11	9
Suspense Accounts	19,351	17	3
Due by Bank, September 30, 1866	41,496	4	9
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								226,220	8	9
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EXPENDITURE.								£	s.	d.
Payments from Ordinary Revenue	151,697	7	5
Provincial Buildings	3,920	0	2
Do.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	3	19	1
Advances to Heads of Departments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	872	12	1
Discount on Sales of Debentures	2,213	13	0
Bank of New Zealand, London	23,310	19	0		
Do. Dunedin	44,201	18	0		
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								67,512	17	0
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								226,220	8	9
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STATEMENT, No. 2.

DEBENTURE TRANSACTIONS.

LOANS.				Debentures Outstanding Sept. 30, 1866.		Sold Sept. 30, 1866 to March 31, 1867.		Redeemed Sept. 30, 1866, to March 31, 1867.		Unredeemed March 31, 1867.	
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Loan,	1856	...	...	10,300	0 0	...	...	...	...	10,300	0 0
„	1861-2	...	...	50,000	0 0	...	...	...	...	50,000	0 0
„ Harbor,	1862	...	...	22,400	0 0	20,450	0 0	...	...	42,850	0 0
„	1862	...	...	487,400	0 0	12,600	0 0	...	...	500,000	0 0
„ Public Buildings,	1862	...	...	47,775	0 0	2,225	0 0	...	...	50,000	0 0
				617,875	0 0	35,275	0 0			653,150	0 0

Debentures Unsold—Harbor Loan, £7,150.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT No. 3.

SINKING FUND.

LOANS.					Amount, Sept. 30, 1866.	Added Sept. 30, 1866, to March 31, 1867.	Amount March 31, 1867.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Loan,	1856	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	1861-2	...	...	...	4,721 11 0	...	4,721 11 0
" Harbor,	1862	...	...	...	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0	3,000 0 0
"	1862	...	...	...	13,775 0 0	...	13,775 0 0
" Public Buildings,	1862	...	...	...	...	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
					19,996 0 0	3,000 0 0	22,996 11 0
Interest	...	...	...	...	...	...	968 5 10
							23,964 16 10

A. LIVINGSTON,
Provincial Auditor.

(No. VII.)

MESSAGE No. 5.

The Superintendent transmits herewith copies of two letters addressed by him to the Otago Dock Trustees, in which are embodied propositions for guaranteeing the payment of principal and interest in respect of a certain sum towards the construction of a Dry Dock.

Should the Provincial Council concur in the proposal to guarantee the payment of principal and interest in five years, the Superintendent will at once confirm the same; in which case tenders for the construction of the Dock will be called for at once.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

14th May, 1867.

LETTERS ENCLOSED.

(1)

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 11th May, 1867.

SIR,—With reference to our personal interview yesterday, I have now to state that the Government will guarantee the payment of interest in respect of the Dry Dock, upon a sum not to exceed Fifty Thousand Pounds, at a rate not to exceed 8 per cent. per annum, and also, to guarantee repayment of principal at the rate of Five Thousand Pounds per annum from the present time. Provided that such proposal will meet with the concurrence of the Provincial Council, of which there is little doubt.

From what I can learn there are several Contractors who will undertake the work upon some such terms as the foregoing.

The Dock itself, the Dues, and the Reclaimed Land, with the above collateral guarantee, appear to me to constitute a first-class security, and I would strongly recommend that no time should be lost in advertising for tenders. I may state that one Contractor here has given me to understand, that he is prepared to tender and take payment in Debentures to the extent of Twenty Thousand Pounds.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

R. B. Martin, Esq., Chairman, Otago Dock Trust.

(2)

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 14th May, 1865.

SIR,—With reference to the interview between the Deputation from the Dock Trust and the Executive Government this day, I have now the honor to state, that in the event of their obtaining the concurrence of the Provincial Council, the Government are prepared to alter the terms embodied in my letter to you of date as per margin, (11th May, 1867.) to the extent of making the guarantee Ten Thousand Pounds per annum, instead of Five Thousand Pounds.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES MACANDREW,

Superintendent.

R. B. Martin, Esq., Chairman Otago Dock Trust.

(No. VIII.)

TRUE COPY OF SECTION I. OF THE REPORT BY THE HARBOR MASTER UPON THE STATE OF THE PILOT SERVICE, FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1867.

[PRINTED BY ORDER OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HARBOR DEPARTMENT.]

The Pilot Service.—The Pilot Staff is to be reduced from six to five Pilots, Mr. Pilot Bain according to a decision of the Pilot Board having to retire on the 16th June next. Against this decision and the principle upon which it was founded, I recorded my disapproval. The majority of the members held that in case of a reduction of the Staff the pilot last entering the service should be the first to retire, while in my opinion the least efficient pilot should have been selected for being discharged, and had this view been adopted, Mr. Bain's services would certainly have been retained. The reduced Staff is quite adequate to the efficient performance of the duties, and since the pilotage has again been made compulsory, the revenue derivable from pilotage dues will meet the whole expenditure of the establishment, and thus relieve the Government from the expense (£630 per annum) of the maintenance of a boat's crew at the Heads. I also anticipate that a reduction in the rates of pilotage dues can also shortly be made and still leave the service remunerative.

No. IX.

APPLICATIONS FOR MINING LEASES, &c.

RETURN shewing the number of Applications for Mining and other Leases, applied for to the late Secretary to the Gold Fields Department, in his capacity as Warden for Hindon, the amount and deposit on each application, and the date upon which each deposit was paid into the Provincial Treasury.

(Laid on Table by Mr. Duncan, May 21).

No.	NAME OF APPLICANT.	DATE OF APPLICATION.	AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT.			DATE WHEN PAID INTO TREASURY.
			£	s.	d.	
1	Hindon Quartz Mining Company: Messrs. Ware, Langmuir, Ward, Chapman, and Roberts	Dec. 15, 1863	20	0	0	1864.
2	Provincial Quartz Mining Company: Messrs. Creeth and Ward	Feb. 20, 1865	20	0	0	August 19, 1865.
3	United Jack Quartz Mining Company: Messrs. Denning, Stephenson, Francis, Butler, and Bathgate	April 4, 1865	20	0	0	Feb. 23, 1866.
4	Commercial Quartz Mining Company: Messrs. Langmuir, Fuller, Murphy, and Creeth	July 15, 1865	20	0	0	Feb. 23, 1866.
5	Black Hill Quartz Mining Company: Messrs. Ware, Langmuir, Fuller, and Murphy	Nov. 14, 1865	20	0	0	March 2, 1866.
6	Taieri Quartz Mining Company: Messrs. Murray and Abel...	Nov. 27, 1865	20	0	0	March 2, 1866.
7	Deep Dell Quartz Mining Company: Messrs. Fuller and Brooks	Dec. 23, 1865	20	0	0	June 15, 1866.
8	C. M. Ware and John Gladwish, Quartz Mining Lease adjoining United Jack, No. 3	July 11, 1866	20	0	0	Deposit for United Mullocky Compy. received Sept. 29, 1866; but it is not known if it is the same.

No Agricultural Leases were applied for.

ALEX. WILLIS,
Under Secretary.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

SESSION XXIII., 1867.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

(Made May 16, and laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, May 20.)

THE TREASURER: Sir—Before moving that this House do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, I will adopt the usual course of making some explanations to the House in regard to the financial position of the Province, during the last financial period, and also as to the policy proposed by the Government with reference to the period on which we have just entered. At the risk of making my statement somewhat dry, I shall confine myself, as far as possible, to bare facts, leaving it to honorable members, in the course of discussion, to elicit any particulars which they may desire, and which I may have failed to furnish. Honorable members who were in the House when I made my last Statement, will be aware that one of the principal points to which I said I should turn my attention, was the endeavor to make the Balance Sheet more easily comprehensible than it was in its former state, owing to the very complicated condition into which the Loans had fallen. I especially referred to the manner in which the accounts had been kept, by which it was made to appear that there were balances in favor of some of the Loans, and by which, also, there was an open Account kept to which discounts were charged. I think that Honorable members who have compared the Balance Sheet now on the table with one of a former period, will see that it is much more easily understandable. Ten lines, each representing a balance, have been struck out, and two lines have been added. One of those added, is the item, "Sinking Fund." I think it is quite right that in stating the Loan liabilities of the Province, there should also be stated, on the other side, the amount of Sinking Fund that has accrued towards the redemption of those liabilities. The other added item, is "Suspense Account, Roads and Works, 1867," so that the new amounts for works placed to Suspense Account may appear under a head separate from those of the previous financial period. The lines struck out of the Balance Sheet mostly refer to Loans; and with one exception, the Government have now removed from the Balance Sheet all those complicated items which honorable members had so much difficulty in understanding. The Loans now stand in this position: They are all negotiated, with the exception of the Harbor Loan, of which £7150 of debentures remain unsold, whilst there is due from that loan to revenue a sum of £7,124 8s 8d. In other words, when the remaining debentures are sold, the two accounts will be squared. An appropriation may, perhaps, be necessary for the few pounds of difference; and then, all these complicated Loan Accounts will be ended, except that—and it will not do for the Council to forget the fact—the liabilities entailed by the Loans upon the Province will still remain. Supposing the £7,150 of Harbor Loan debentures to have been sold, the Loan account will stand thus:—Of the Loan of 1856, £10,300 is still outstanding, and it falls due in December, next year. When I was asked the other day the amount of this Loan outstanding, I said I believed it was £35,000, but that was a mistake: the amount is £10,300. On the Loan of 1861-2—commonly known as "The Generally-Useful Loan"—there is due £50,000; the Loan of 1862, £500,000; the Harbor Loan (when the £7150 has been negotiated), £50,000; the Public Works Loan, £50,000. These sums shew a total indebtedness on account of Loans, of £660,300. Against that, a Sinking Fund has accrued, amounting to £23,964; so that, supposing still the £7150 of debentures to have been sold, the Loan liabilities of the Province may be stated at £636,336. I will now proceed to consider how we stood at the end of the last financial period, on the 31st March; and my object will be, not to enter into the mysteries of the different accounts, but to show the House the exact amount that was available for use at that date. There was a balance at the Bank, to the credit of the Province, on the 31st March, of £44,201 18s.; there were advances to the Heads of Departments—which will come in for appropriation this year—of £2431 3s. 7d.; there was an advance to the Home Agent, of £3609 13s. 3d.; and there were the unsold Harbor Loan debentures for £7150; making a total to the credit of the Province of £57,392 14s. 10d. On the *contra* side, there was due on Deposit Accounts, £12,776 12s. 1d. Honorable members well know that deposits are made with the Government by applicants for leases, by contractors for public works, &c.; and the amount of these was £12,776 12s. 1d. Then there were three Suspense Accounts. First, there was the old account, dating very far back, and comprehending a large number of items, the total being £4979 19s.; and, second, there were the items passed to Suspense Account at the end of the last financial period, for Roads and Works, 1866, amounting to £18,891 10s. 6d. When I made my last Financial Statement, that total was about £37,000; and honorable members will understand that so much has been spent on account of specified works, as to reduce the total to £18,891 10s. 6d. The third Suspense Account was that for works which had been contracted for, or as to which there was otherwise liability incurred, on the 31st March, its total being £38,606 2s. 8d. These amounts, taken together, show a total of £75,254 4s. 3d.; and, deducting the amount of the available assets at the end of March, there was a deficiency of £17,861 9s. 5d. with which to commence this financial year, supposing the £12,776 of Deposit Accounts to have been provided for, and the £62,477 of Suspense Accounts to have been provided for and paid. In making my last Statement, I said that I did not think it advisable to pass to Suspense Accounts, sums which would not come in for early expenditure; and as to the Suspense Account for this year, I have to say that it is mostly composed of sums of that character, due on contracts or for contract liabilities incurred. It will be remembered that the Government came into office only four months before the expiration of the last financial period; and that it was thus hardly possible for them to do more with respect to many of the works ordered, than to get the contracts accepted before the financial period expired. I now lay on the table the detailed statement—asked for by the honorable member for The Lakes—of the items passed to Suspense Account on the 31st March; and also a statement of the items of the account remaining over from the previous financial period. I will now turn to the Revenue and Expenditure for the six months ending March 31st. The revenue amounted to £126,710 18s. 10d., whilst the expenditure was £151,697 7s. 5d., showing an excess of expenditure amounting to £24,986 8s. 7d. That expenditure was charged against revenue; but there was also expenditure which was charged against the remains of some of the Loans—£3920 0s. 2d., for Provincial Buildings, against the Loan of 1861-2; and £3 19s. 1d. against the Public Buildings Loan. There is another item of expenditure—£18,000

for interest of loans—which honorable members will not see stated as expenditure in the Balance Sheet, because it there stands as “Advance made to Bank of New Zealand, London.” The amount was sent Home before I took office; and it was necessarily sent, because the account as to interest had not been received out. It appears, consequently, from the Balance Sheet, as if the Bank owed the Province £23,000; but honorable members must not suppose that to be the case. The £23,000 includes the £18,000, which the Bank had to disburse on the 1st January; and £5000, out of which, when old accounts, of which we have not the detailed particulars, have been made up, there will be, most probably, a very small sum due to the Province. Adding this £18,000, which is properly expenditure, to the deficiency already stated, the deficiency on the last half-year will be seen to be, in all, £46,910. That deficiency was made up for in this way:—There was available at the end of the last financial period (I explained the items at the time), about £27,000 in respect of debentures unsold; and there has been an increase of about £1500 during the six months, on Deposit Account: the two making £28,500. I have already explained that we commenced the half-year with a deficiency of £17,861 9s. 5d.; and if that sum is added to the £28,500 just explained, it will be seen how we supply the deficiency of £46,000 odd during the last financial period of six months. It was always understood that the £27,000 of debentures was to be used in aid of revenue: during the previous year, there was a sum of nearly £60,000 so taken in aid of revenue. As to the deficiency in the last financial period, I must also explain that about £20,000, the proceeds of the sales of land in Hundreds, which took place late in March, could not be included in the half-year, as it properly should have been. Purchasers had the option of paying a 10 per cent. deposit, and the balance at the end of a month; so that the £20,000 was necessarily turned over to the next month, and during April, including the £20,000, we received £27,000 from land sales. In speaking of a “deficiency” as I have done, I have been actuated by a desire to put the facts before the House in their plainest aspect; but it is hardly right, perhaps, that when an excess of expenditure is made to appear solely by the provision beforehand for works to be done, it should be attributed to a deficiency during the period in which that provision was made. It is convenient, and it is plain speaking, to speak of a “deficiency,” and, therefore, I have used the expression. The estimated revenue for the six months ending the 31st March, was £151,975, whilst the amount received was £126,710 18s. 10d., showing a deficiency in estimate of something like £25,000. That amount was principally made up by the very large deficiency in the receipt under the head Crown Lands—£60,000 being estimated, and only £39,407 received, showing a deficiency of £20,593; about the same amount, as I have explained, which should have come into account in March, being turned over to the April account. Amongst other notable deficiencies, I should mention that under Miners’ Rights, Licenses, &c., £7500 being estimated, while only £3530 was received; the deficiency being £3970. Customs Revenue was £1000 in excess of the estimate; on Gold Export Duty, there was a deficiency of £1500; for Licenses, £10,683 was actually received, against £7000 estimated. The other items do not call for specific mention. The estimate of revenue was made by us under circumstances of great difficulty; but it will be seen that, but for a portion of the Land Revenue not coming to be included in March, our estimate was very closely approached by what was actually received. As to Expenditure for the six months, the amount included in the Appropriation Bill was £200,089; and as the amount expended was £151,697, votes amounting to £48,459 have lapsed. On a previous occasion I expressed myself in strong terms against unnecessarily allowing votes to lapse. I said, and I say, that the Government is bound to show as much attention to a vote of the Council affirming that a sum shall be spent, as it is to a vote negating the proposal to spend a sum. I think that when I have given a short explanation, the House will not complain of our not expending the £48,000. Of that sum, £30,770 was included under the heads Departmental and Miscellaneous. Those are mostly items that are non-productive in their nature; and if honorable members were disposed to look for evidence of retrenchment or saving on the part of the Government, they would naturally look under those two heads. What the House would have a right to complain of, would be the Government’s unnecessarily defeating votes for public works. Deducting the £30,770—which I should say includes the item for interest on loans not passed to account, to which I have already referred—the remaining £18,000 of lapsed votes or saving, was for roads and works. It may be thought, therefore, that the Government must have neglected many of the roads and works which the Council directed should be carried out. But such is not the case. Only two of the votes for roads have lapsed, and they were inconsiderable votes—Eweburn to Manuherikia, £100; and Lawrence to Gabriels, £25. A vote of £350 for Inch Clutha appears to have lapsed, but it was provided for out of the sum appropriated for Supplemented Roads. Another item for the Port Chalmers Road has been by mistake not passed to Suspense Account; but the work ordered to be done is very nearly completed. I think, therefore we may claim that we have faithfully carried out the wishes of the Council as to roads. The lapsed works are—Quarantine Buildings; Powder Magazine; Quarantine Barrack; Crane at Oamaru; and “Spit, Waikouaiti, £150,” the meaning of which vote we could not discover. Those are the only works that were voted and have not been undertaken or provided for. The remainder of the £18,000 is represented by savings on the estimated cost of works, and by a sum of £2500 under the head, Harbor Reclamation, a head which simply represents the value of the work of prisoners. We may, I think, then, on the whole, claim that we have faithfully provided for the Public Works which we were directed by the Council to carry out. I now come to the Estimates for the current year. I have already explained how it comes that I state that we start the year with a deficiency of £17,000; but I do not think that that deficiency need trouble us much. I believe that £5000 will be ultimately returned to revenue, through all the sums provided for in the Suspense Account not being needed; and out of the £12,000 of Deposit Accounts, there will be a considerable sum, the return of which will never be claimed. The Deposit Account, I may add, generally keeps up to about £12,000. The Estimated Revenue for the year ending March 31st, 1868, is £351,250—an amount which, after carefully considering the various items, I believe we may fairly consider will be realised. Customs Revenue is put down at £90,000. Last month, the amount was £9000; but I have taken an estimate of £7500 a month only. I do not consider that estimate too high, supposing that the present excessive Tariff charges are continued; but I do hope to see those charges very much lightened, and I do also hope to see a larger proportion of the Customs Revenue than three-eighths given to the Province. The item of £180,000 from Crown Lands appears large; but I think it is an amount upon which we may reasonably calculate. I have explained how we came to begin with £27,000 for April. I think that we are likely to obtain £35,000 from Pastoral Tenants, in October, under the new Regulations. The Government consider that it is advisable to sell a great number of the reserves which, in some way or other, have been proclaimed. It seems, almost, as if, in past times, it had only been necessary for people to go to the Government and say, “Reserve this land,” or “Reserve that,” and there had been a proclamation issued immediately. It is a fact, that there is an enormous extent of land included in reserves, and that, in a great number of cases, it is most difficult to conceive why those reserves should have been proclaimed. Thistles are growing over a great number of those reserves; and interest on the value of the land is being lost. With the very high interest prevailing, the loss represented by interest for five or six years, on the value of these locked-up lands, comes to represent a considerable sum. I will not refer to Bush Reserves, as to which the honorable member for Matau (Mr. Mosley), is interesting himself; because the Government recognise that the mode of dealing with those reserves should be decided by the

House. But, apart from Bush Reserves, there are a great many which the Government think can, and should, be turned into money. I think there is no doubt that a great deal of the unsold land in Hundreds that have been proclaimed more than seven years, can yet be sold. Thanks to the honorable member for the Taieri (Mr. Reid), who so strongly objected to our employing a professional auctioneer at the late sales, I think that the Province lost £12,000 to £14,000, if not more, for the advantage of a few of those who wished to bid for particular portions of the lands. But we have had constant applications to again put up the unsold portions; and we think that it may be very advantageously done. The Government propose to use, to a reasonable extent, the power given by runholders, in coming under the new Regulations, to sell runs, or portion of runs, under the 83rd Section of the Land Act. I believe that the honorable member for Matau has put a resolution on the paper to-day, to the effect that no lands shall be sold unless they have been previously declared into Hundreds. He is, perhaps, not aware of how the Land Act is framed, and how, over a great part of the country, there is great difficulty in getting Hundreds. This point will have to be considered by the House; and, no doubt, the decision come to will materially affect the Land Revenue. It must be understood, that the power which the Government has secured by no means precludes the Council from proclaiming Hundreds under the Act, when the necessity for that course arises; but if the Government are not shut out by a decision of the House, from selling land on runs, as it is needed for settlement, their doing so will no doubt contribute a large amount to the Land Revenue. On the whole, the Government believe that £180,000 is rather an under than an over statement of the revenue likely to accrue, during the year, from Crown Lands, supposing there is no objection to the adoption of the policy which the Government have shaped out. "Sale of Government Buildings and Land, £3,500," appears a rather large amount; but it is contemplated to sell some of the reclaimed ground, and some of the land which has been used for Government Buildings in this neighborhood. If the House desires to express an opinion upon that point, the Government will be glad to accept it; if not, and if a favorable opportunity arises, the Government will use its discretion as to putting into the market some of the land I have now mentioned. Honorable members will no doubt observe—and perhaps some will observe with surprise—that the Estimates have been prepared under the conviction that the management of the Goldfields, and the control of their revenues, will revert to the Province. As far as I can discern things, I am not prepared to consider the possibility of any other contingency. I am not prepared to consider it as a possibility, that the Assembly will refuse to give us back the management and control of the Goldfields. The difficulties which arise, from the way in which things are now being carried on, are so great, that I cannot conceive that there will be any hesitation on the part of the Assembly, to reversing what the General Government has done. I do not know that it is at all out of place for me to say here—and because of the large interest which I know honorable members take in the subject, I shall venture to say—that the Provincial Government are strongly supported in the course they have taken, by a very able legal opinion which they have this afternoon received. It is within the knowledge of many honorable members, that we sought professional assistance from the first. I now hold in my hand the opinion of a lawyer whose opinion is hardly to be considered as second in value to that of any member of the profession in the Colony—whose opinion, I am sure, will be received with the utmost respect by all who know him—I mean Mr George Cook. I shall lay the document on the table of the House; but there is one clause of the opinion which I should like now to read, because I think it will convince the House that the remarks which the Government have made, and the resolutions brought down to the House, have not been in any way too strong for the occasion. We hear a great deal from those who desire to curry favor with the General Government, about the illegality of the course taken by the Provincial Government; but I believe that, when mature consideration is given, and informed judgment is brought to bear, by those who are altogether removed from local excitement, it will be agreed that anything like unconstitutional or illegal proceedings have been confined entirely to the side of the General Government. This is the clause of Mr Cook's opinion, which I desire to read to the House:—

That so far as the Goldfields Act has the effect of depriving the Provincial Government of the right to govern over any portion of the Province of Otago, or is otherwise antagonistic to Provincial Government, it is contrary to the provisions and spirit of those portions of the Constitution Act which have reference to Provincial institutions, and is therefore illegal. Were it otherwise, Provincial Governments, which form one of the grand features of the Constitution Act, would be annihilated, for the whole of New Zealand might be proclaimed Goldfields, and thereby brought under the control of the General Government, which might, by means of corrupt and incapable agents, govern the country in the most oppressive manner.

I have made this opinion of Mr. Cook's an episode in my Statement; but I think I am justified in so doing, when I come down to the House to say, "Calmly and firmly act as though none of the steps taken recently as to the Goldfields by the General Government had been taken. Assume that, of right, the management of the Goldfields belongs to the Province, and that Goldfields revenue is part of the revenue of the Province: and act upon that assumption." The appropriations which the Government now propose to the House are certainly based upon the assumption that the Province will soon resume its control of the Goldfields management. I omitted, I find, to refer to the Wakatipu runs, when speaking of the deficiency in the land revenue for the last financial period, as compared with what was estimated. The stoppage of the sale of those runs was an element disturbing the calculations of the Government, for from £10,000 to £15,000 was expected to accrue from that sale. I am at a loss to discover any reason, in policy or fairness—or in any thing else, except in arbitrary caprice—why we were prevented from selling those runs. The sale would have done the whole community in the neighborhood a great deal of good; and I believe that we shall yet carry the point. Against the estimated revenue of £351,250, for the twelve months, the estimated expenditure is £346,756 13s.; and I assume, judging from previous experience, that the Supplementary Estimates will amount to £10,000 or £15,000 more. Thus, the estimated expenditure, as it will appear in the Appropriation Bill, will no doubt be in excess of the estimated revenue. But, however carefully Estimates may be framed, it is always found that the actual expenditure does not reach that which was estimated. Even supposing that every specified work is undertaken, there is sure to be a saving forced upon the Government—and, be assured, in the present case, it will not be unwillingly forced. On the contrary, the Estimates have been framed very much on the principle adopted with former ones; and it is the intention of the Government to economise wherever it is possible to do so. Although I have assumed that there will be an indicated expenditure of £346,000, I think we may suppose that the actual expenditure will not represent more than £310,000, so that, with a very liberal expenditure on public works, we may still keep within our revenue. It was part of the policy I indicated last session, that the revenue should have repaid to it a very considerable portion of the money advanced for Harbor improvements. The House has advanced in the direction of that policy this session, and has consented to a large loan liability being incurred. In anticipation of that loan, there are some few items of expenditure suggested as appropriations against it. There may be a difference of opinion as to what should be the amount of the loan; but that a large loan will be allowed to this wealthy Province I do not doubt, and I should think there cannot be any doubt. If the loan is not secured, it is suggested that these few items shall be charged against revenue: not that I hope that the year's revenue would be able to bear them all, and the expenditure of most of them would have to be held over. As to Immigration, we propose to appropriate £15,000 against revenue, at all events, and £35,000 more is suggested, in case the loan is secured. If we get a

loan of the amount which the House has declared it desires, it will undoubtedly be a duty, in future sessions, to devote still a large additional sum to Immigration purposes. I repeat that I hope, whilst the Customs Tariff is reduced, we shall succeed in securing more than three-eighths of the Customs Revenue. I wish to be moderate; but I say that we ought, when the Assembly meets, at once to get—and I hope that the representatives of the other Provinces will combine with us to get—at the very least, four-eighths of the Customs Revenue, and four-eighths of the Stamp Duties for Provincial purposes. I believe that the General Government may, if it acts wisely, adopt this course, with great benefit to the Colony as well as to the several Provinces. The moment the Provinces secure a definite proportion of those two revenues, the General Government may rightly take a security over those revenues, for the several Provincial loans; and it may then negotiate one large loan for paying off those of the Provinces, and also those of the General Government. Such a one loan for New Zealand, I take leave to think, would hold, in the estimation of capitalists, as high a place as that held by any colonial loan. New Zealand loans are reduced in value, because they are so played off one against another, that capitalists have the utmost difficulty in discovering what is the security upon which they will have to depend. We are often told to remember that we form but a part of the Colony. I never do forget the fact; and I should be very sorry to allow my Provincial instincts to carry me so far as to cause me to forget duties to the Colony. But this operation of consolidating the whole of the loans—which I say can be effected as soon as the Provinces have secured to them a fixed proportion of the revenues—will result in an immense, and an immediate, profit to the Colony, and it would add immensely to the Colony's credit, in the case of further loans. The Estimates very little, if at all, represent the Departmental Reforms which the Government have in contemplation. It has been simply impossible to consider those things in the Estimates. The Government have not had an opportunity, as yet, of considering how the removal into the new building will operate, in enabling reductions; but the Government do entertain very strongly the opinion that the Departmental work can be done more cheaply than it is being done. That is not to be effected by reducing salaries—for I think it is the falsest kind of economy to under-pay the Civil servants: the true policy is to pay every officer the full value of his services, and to have as few officers as possible. It is contemplated that the departments and offices of the Provincial Treasurer and the Provincial Secretary shall be amalgamated, and placed under one political head; and that there shall be another political head for the departments of Public Works and the Goldfields, including the Land and Survey Departments. I think that this arrangement will be found to work better, and to be more economical, than the arrangements hitherto have been. I think, too, that when it devolves upon us—as it will devolve—to remodel the Goldfields Department—a duty from which this Government and its predecessors have been shut out by obstacles presented by persons who somehow obtained a strong foothold in the department, and whom it has been most difficult to get rid of—then, the opportunity will be open to the Government of rewarding some very useful servants now in the Government employment, by dispensing with their services in town and removing them to the Goldfields. Of this, I have no doubt, that in remodeling the Goldfields Department the great object of the Government will be to give to the Goldfields an altogether different administration to that which they have hitherto possessed. It will be part of the policy of the Government to encourage what has hitherto been systematically discouraged—the growth of local government on the Goldfields. For some reason which I cannot understand, the formation of Mining Boards has been discouraged, although I believe that they have been of infinite use in Victoria. I believe that with a very much less Departmental expenditure, a very much larger amount of convenience, accommodation, and good government may be afforded to the Goldfields community. Certainly, whenever the task of remodeling the department comes to be undertaken, the aim of the Government will be, to help forward to the very utmost the prosecution of an industry which is so exceedingly important to the Province. From the present position of things respecting the Goldfields, the Government has been compelled to state the whole of the salaries in one lump sum. I hope the House will have confidence in the discretion of the Government as to spending the money; for the vote is in its present shape solely because of the difficulties resulting from the action of the General Government, and not from any desire to withhold from the Council, what is recognised as its legitimate right, the power of controlling the minutest details of the expenditure of the whole of the Departments of the Public Service. There is a large amount on the Estimates for subsidising Country Municipalities and District Road Boards, and for subsidising, also, what are known as supplemented roads. I believe that when we adopted, last session, the plan of giving £2 to £1 for roads, it was considered by many honorable members to be a very rash proceeding; but I believe, also, that most of those honorable members have lived to think otherwise. No doubt, cases may be quoted, in which money so given has not been well expended; but I am sure that, in the great majority of cases, the money has been most profitably used. As a rule, I believe we have obtained double value for the money given by the Government, as compared with what has hitherto been spent. I believe that when money is thus obtained, as a complement to rates raised in the district, there is the utmost desire to expend it economically, and for the greatest possible benefit to the district. I would say to the Council, “Do nothing whatever to discourage this experiment—if experiment it is still to be called—which, so far as we can see, gives us, for every £1 contributed, £2 additional, in actual value in the public works of the Province.” I think that we should, if necessary, make a great sacrifice to keep up these subsidies. They answer doubly a good purpose: they not only secure public works which would not otherwise be undertaken, but they draw the residents in the respective districts more closely together, and educate them in self-government. Even if the maintenance, and the extension, of the subsidies should indirectly lead to our increasing our Loan liabilities, we shall do no injustice to posterity thereby; for whilst we hand to posterity a consequent debt, we hand down also double the means for repaying that debt. I have shown, I hope, and I think, that the financial position of the Province is very favorable. I came down to the House determined to make my Statement, in every respect, as severe as possible against myself. I could very easily have represented the accounts to you in a different manner; and I could have avoided talking about a deficiency at all. I could have regarded the provision made for works now being carried out as so much surplus towards the year's expenditure. But I have very ill succeeded in my explanations, if I leave upon the minds of honorable members any other impression than that the financial position of the Province is highly favorable. If we receive that amount of assistance which we have a right to count upon at the hands of the General Government—but I will not talk of assistance; if we are allowed a fair use of the revenues raised within our own boundaries, then we are justified in entering, on a large scale, upon the prosecution of public works, and any other legitimate and necessary Colonising duties. I thank the House for the attention it has given to me. There are necessarily difficulties attending the making of such a Statement. It must be dry in its many details; and in the present instance, I have had but little time to prepare it. If, upon some points, I have not been clear, I trust that honorable members will excuse me, but will not fail to ask me for explanations. I move, Sir, that you do leave the chair, in order that the House may go into Committee of Supply.

J. VOGEL.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

From October 1st, 1866, to March 31st, 1867.

	BALANCES.		TRANSACTIONS.		BALANCES.	
	SEPTEMBER 30, 1866.		OCT. 1, 1866, to MARCH 31, 1867.		MARCH 31ST, 1867.	
	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
REVENUE.—Cr.—By Balance, Sept. 30, 1866, Advances on Loan Account	.....	£56,580 4 0	...	...	...	£56,580 4 0
" " " Receipts from October 1st, 1866, to March 31, 1867	.....	.....	...	£126,710 18 10	...	126,710 18 10
" Dr.—To Amount appropriated, Discount on Sales of Debentures, <i>vide</i> Statement, No. 5, ... ..	.....	.....	£19,517 3 3	...	£19,517 3 3	...
" " " Amount transferred, Second Loan to Town Boards Dunedin and Port Chalmers ... ..	.....	.....	5,000 0 0	...	5,000 0 0	...
" " " Expenditure from Oct. 1st, 1866, to March 31st, 1867	.....	.....	151,697 7 5	...	151,697 7 5	...
BALANCE carried down ... ..	.....	.....	...	...	7,076 12 2	...
					183,291 2 10	183,291 2 10
REVENUE.—Cr.—By Balance brought down ... ..	.....	.....	...	...	...	7,076 12 2
DEBENTURES—LOAN, 1856 ... ..	.....	10,300 0 0	...	...	...	10,300 0 0
" " 1861—2 ... ..	.....	50,000 0 0	...	...	...	50,000 0 0
" " 1862 ... ..	.....	487,400 0 0	...	12,600 0 0	...	500,000 0 0
" " Harbor ... ..	.....	22,400 0 0	...	20,450 0 0	...	42,850 0 0
" " Public Buildings ... ..	.....	47,775 0 0	...	2,225 0 0	...	50,000 0 0
LOAN TRANSACTIONS—Public Buildings	£2,221 0 11	.....	3 19 1	2,225 0 0	...	...
" Harbor	27,574 8 8	.....	...	20,450 0 0	7,124 8 8	...
" 1862 ... ..	.....	64,897 14 9	77,497 14 9	12,600 0 0	...	...
" 1861—2 ... ..	.....	3,920 0 2	3,920 0 2	...	...	...
DUNEDIN TOWN BOARD, LOAN	4,500 0 0	.....	...	4,500 0 0	...	...
" " Second Loan	35,000 0 0	.....	...	35,000 0 0	...	...
" " Loan on Cemetery Account	100 0 0	.....	...	...	100 0 0	...
PORT CHALMERS TOWN BOARD, LOAN	500 0 0	.....	...	500 0 0	...	...
" " Second Loan	5,000 0 0	.....	...	5,000 0 0	...	...
" " Loan on Cemetery Account	100 0 0	.....	...	...	100 0 0	...
HARBOR LOAN ENDOWMENT	20,963 12 7	.....	...	705 7 6	20,258 5 1	...
ADVANCES TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS	1,558 11 6	.....	14,353 16 4	13,481 4 3	2,431 3 7	...
DISCOUNT ON SALES OF DEBENTURES	94,801 5 0	.....	2,213 13 0	97,014 18 0	...	...
HOME AGENTS	4,774 5 0	.....	...	1,164 11 9	3,609 13 3	...
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS ... ..	.....	11,260 3 5	4,785 19 10	6,302 8 6	...	12,776 12 1
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT (Miscellaneous) ... ..	.....	6,570 8 0	3,875 14 6	2,285 5 6	...	4,979 19 0
" " Roads and Works, 1866 ... ..	.....	37,882 12 2	18,991 1 8	...	...	18,891 10 6
" " " " 1867 ... ..	.....	.....	...	38,606 2 8	...	38,606 2 8
" " Home Agents	3,021 14 1	.....	7 9 0	1,334 14 3	1,694 8 10	...
LOAN LIABILITIES, exclusive of Loan 1856	597,375 0 0	.....	35,275 0 0	23,964 16 10	608,685 3 2	...
SINKING FUND ACCRUED ... ..	.....	.....	23,964 16 10	...	23,964 16 10	...
ASSETS by Debts due to the Province ... ..	.....	40,000 0 0	40,000 0 0	...	...	...
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, London ... ..	.....	5,075 8 0	28,386 7 0	...	23,310 19 0	...
" Dunedin	31,571 12 9	.....	172,549 16 11	159,919 11 8	44,201 18 0	...
BANK OF OTAGO, Dunedin	15,000 0 0	.....	...	15,000 0 0	...	...
	844,061 10 6	844,061 10 6	602,039 19 9	602,039 19 9	735,480 16 5	735,480 16 5

The Treasury, Dunedin, May 3rd, 1867.

JULIUS VOGEL, Provincial Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

RECEIVED AT THE TREASURY FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1867.

HEADS OF REVENUE.							
				£	s. D.	£	s. D.
Customs .....	.....	.....	.....			43,052	13 10
Gold Export Duty .....	.....	.....	.....			8,490	16 9
Crown Lands .....	.....	.....	.....	39,407	5 11		
Miners Rights and Licenses .....	.....	.....	.....	3,530	13 9		
Mining and Agricultural Leases .....	.....	.....	.....	298	10 10		
						43,236	10 6
Jetty Dues .....	.....	.....	.....			2,056	19 5
Sheep Assessment .....	.....	.....	.....			2,830	6 5
Dog Tax .....	.....	.....	.....			298	10 0
LICENSES.							
General .....	.....	.....	.....	7,199	0 0		
General Night .....	.....	.....	.....	632	15 0		
Pawnbroker's .....	.....	.....	.....	20	0 0		
Billiard .....	.....	.....	.....	102	0 0		
Bagatelle .....	.....	.....	.....	11	7 6		
Temporary .....	.....	.....	.....	84	0 0		
Wholesale .....	.....	.....	.....	708	10 0		
Bottle .....	.....	.....	.....	977	0 0		
Auctioneers' .....	.....	.....	.....	700	0 0		
Carriage .....	.....	.....	.....	45	0 0		
Theatre .....	.....	.....	.....	50	0 0		
Hawkers' .....	.....	.....	.....	47	0 0		
Brewers' .....	.....	.....	.....	33	15 0		
Lightermen's .....	.....	.....	.....	31	10 0		
Watermen's .....	.....	.....	.....	42	0 0	10,683	17 6
						250	17 6
Rents, Ground and other .....	.....	.....	.....			1,760	12 6
Immigration Repayments .....	.....	.....	.....	
EDUCATION.							
School Books .....	.....	.....	.....	231	1 5		
School Fees .....	.....	.....	.....	477	10 0	708	11 5
HOSPITALS.							
Hospital Repayments .....	.....	.....	.....	111	0 10		
Lunatic Asylum do. .....	.....	.....	.....	98	19 6	210	0 4
GAOLS.							
Maintenance of Debtors .....	.....	.....	.....	23	19 6		
Prison Labour .....	.....	.....	.....	3,399	7 5	3,423	6 11
						4,837	2 11
Tolls on Roads and Bridges .....	.....	.....	.....			43	16 7
Lithographic Maps .....	.....	.....	.....			130	13 9
Incidental Receipts .....	.....	.....	.....			328	18 6
Do. do. on Gold Fields .....	.....	.....	.....			177	0 3
Telegraphic Messages .....	.....	.....	.....			15	15 0
Pilots' Exemption Fees .....	.....	.....	.....			1,970	12 6
General Government Refunds .....	.....	.....	.....			885	7 3
Interest .....	.....	.....	.....	
Transferred from Suspense Account to Revenue, Surplus of Vote for Sinking Fund, 1864 .....	.....	.....	.....			1,318	9 0
						126,710	18 10

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

FROM

GENERAL REVENUE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE HALF YEAR,

From October 1, 1866, to March 31, 1867.

	APPROPRIATED.			EXPENDED.			CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	From	To.	£	s.	d.	
SUPERINTENDENT.												
Superintendent	450	0	0	450	0	0						
Secretary to Superintendent	175	0	0	175	0	0						
—	625	0	0	625	0	0						
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.												
Provincial Secretary, and Secretary for Public Works	300	0	0	300	0	0						
Provincial Treasurer	300	0	0	300	0	0						
„ Solicitor	300	0	0	300	0	0						
Non-official Members	150	0	0	150	0	0						
—	1,050	0	0	1,050	0	0						
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.												
Speaker	100	0	0	55	7	6						
Chairman of Committees	50	0	0	27	13	9						
Clerk and Librarian... ..	175	0	0	175	0	0						
Sergeant-at-Arms	10	0	0	8	6	8						
Council Accommodation & Expenses of Select Committees	200	0	0	99	17	10						
Expenses of Country Members	1,000	0	0	918	3	0	2					
Printing and Stationery	500	0	0	359	15	5						
Incidental Expenses and Clerical Assistance —	80	0	0	113	13	10		2				
—												
AUDITORS DEPARTMENT.												
Auditor	225	0	0	112	10	0						
Deputy Auditor	45	0	0	22	10	0						
Travelling Expenses and Auditing Accounts	100	0	0									
	2,485	0	0	1,892	18	0				592	2	0

	APPROPRIATED.			EXPENDED.			CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	From	To	
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.									
Under Secretary	249	10	0	249	10	0			
Clerk... ..	120	0	0	120	0	0			
"	100	0	0	100	0	0			
Printing and Stationery	25	0	0	16	2	7			
Clerical Assistance	12	10	0	5	15	0			
Incidental Expenses	25	0	0						
	532	0	0	491	7	7			40 12 5
SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.									
Clerk	120	0	0	120	0	0			
Incidental Expenses... ..	100	0	0	57	10	7			
	220	0	0	177	10	7			42 9 5
CROWN LANDS.									
Chief Commissioner	300	0	0	300	0	0			
" Clerk	175	0	0	175	0	0			
Clerks	220	0	0	220	0	0			
" to Receiver of Land Revenue	250	0	0	250	0	0			
" Crown Grant... ..	375	0	0	375	0	0			
Non-official members of Waste Land Board	10	0	0	3	0	0			
Rangers of Bush Reserves	50	0	0	60	0	0		22	
Refunds on Land	750	0	0	287	0	6			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	125	0	0	119	8	2			
Incidental Expenses... ..	50	0	0				22		
Printing for Receiver of Land Revenue	50	0	0	11	5	2			
Incidental Expenses for do	25	0	0	47	4	10			
Engrossing Crown Grants	150	0	0	7	12	0			
	2,530	0	0	1,855	10	8			674 9 4
SURVEY DEPARTMENT.									
Chief Surveyor	300	0	0	300	0	0			
Geodesical do	225	0	0	225	0	0			
District Surveyors	525	0	0	350	0	0			
Assistant do... ..	280	0	0	280	0	0			
Sub-Assistant do	345	0	0	345	0	0			
Chief Draughtsman... ..	200	0	0	200	0	0			
Assistant do... ..	725	0	0	700	3	7			
Lithographic do	150	0	0	150	0	0			
Lithographic Printer	125	0	0	125	0	0			
Apprentice do	26	0	0	26	0	0			
Labourers' Wages	1,730	0	0	1,457	9	0	4		
Allowance in Lieu of Rations	1,168	0	0	939	6	0	5		
Equipment of Survey Parties	350	0	0	474	7	9		4, 5, 6, 7	
Travelling Expenses... ..	150	0	0	60	15	6	7		
Lithographic Materials	75	0	0	3	5	0			
Incidental Expenses... ..	75	0	0	89	0	6			1
Outstanding Accounts	150	0	0	9	0	0	1, 3, 6		
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	75	0	0	91	5	8			3
Instruments and Repairs	200	0	0	18	9	0			
	6,874	0	0	5,844	2	0			1,029 18 0

	APPROPRIATED.			EXPENDED.			CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	From	To	£	s.	d.	
MINING SURVEY.												
Mining Surveyors	787	10	0	731	1	4						
Assistant ditto	420	0	0	420	0	0						
Draughtsmen	650	0	0	611	13	9						
Laborers' Wages	1,250	0	0	984	15	0						
Allowance in lieu of Rations	712	0	0	616	12	0						
Equipment of Survey Parties	1,000	0	0	1,056	17	1						
Travelling Expenses... ..	450	0	0	166	2	0						
Incidental Expenses... ..	75	0	0	52	12	9						
Printing, Advertising, Stationery and Instruments	180	0	0	172	2	2						
	5,524	10	0	4,811	16	1				712	13	11
POLICE.												
Commissioner	300	0	0	300	0	0						
Clerk and Accountant	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Inspector	175	0	0	175	0	0						
Sub-Inspectors	300	0	0	300	0	0						
Sergeants, Constables, &c., &c.	7,097	19	0	6,972	9	10						
Gold Fields' Allowance	40	0	0	36	6	6						
Travelling Expenses... ..	137	13	4	106	0	11	16	16				
Transport of Prisoners	50	0	0	68	10	6						
Saddlery and Repairs	25	0	0	11	5	6						
Stores and Furniture	30	0	0	26	13	6						
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	90	0	0	94	15	6						
Transport of Stores	25	0	0	7	12	0						
Compensation for loss of Clothing and Medical Expenses	15	0	0	8	17	6						
Fuel and light	350	0	0	344	9	2						
Special Detective service	10	0	0				17					
Rewards	10	0	0	4	0	0						
Police Paddocks	50	0	0	8	0	0	18	18				
Temporary Accommodation... ..	20	0	0	8	15	8						
Prisoners' Rations	25	0	0	14	0	8						
Incidental Expenses... ..	30	0	0	16	14	8						
Forage	300	0	0	275	19	1						
Arms and Accoutrements	15	0	0	7	19	6						
Shoeing and Farriery	70	0	0	61	16	1						
Telegraphic Messages	45	0	0	23	15	9						
	9,360	12	4	9,023	2	4				339	10	0
ESCORT SERVICE.												
Sub-Inspector	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Sergeants, Constables, and Drivers	1,037	8	0	1,022	18	6						
Gold Fields Allowance	190	0	0	166	12	0						
Travelling Expenses... ..	140	0	0	103	9	0						
Forage	550	0	0	545	8	0						
Shoeing and Farriery	160	0	0	113	13	6						
Saddlery and Repairs	50	0	0	25	8	6						
Stores and Furniture	20	0	0	20	0	0						
Fuel and Light	40	0	0	20	0	0						
Vehicles and Repairs	50	0	0	35	13	6						
	2,387	8	0	2,203	3	0				184	5	0
HARBOR DEPARTMENT												
Harbor Master	250	0	0	250	0	0						
Assistant do	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Clerk	116	13	4	100	0	0						
Apprentice Pilot	66	13	4	66	13	4						
Master and Crew of Launch	555	0	0	555	0	0						
Signal Masters	450	0	0	225	0	0						
Jetty Light Keepers... ..	15	0	0	15	0	0						
Carried forward	1,603	6	8	1,361	13	4						

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HARBOR DEPART.—(Continued)	1,603	6	8	1,361	13	4							
Beach Masters	75	0	0	60	0	0							
Pilot Schooner	75	0	0	20	1	1	9, 10						
Boats	50	0	0	21	4	8							
Signal and Flagstaves	25	0	0	28	10	10		10					
Buoys and Beacons	50	0	0	57	0	0		9					
Fuel and Light	25	0	0	15	3	3							
Travelling Expenses... ..	30	0	0	27	9	0							
Stationery	25	0	0	1	17	2							
Incidentals	15	0	0	6	8	1							
	1,973	6	8	1,599	7	5				373	19	3	
GAOL DEPARTMENT.													
Gaoler	200	0	0	200	0	0							
Matron	30	0	0	30	0	0							
Clerk and Storekeeper	150	0	0	150	0	0							
Chief Warder	150	0	0	150	0	0							
Warders	1,738	2	0	1,709	19	0							
Female Warder	45	10	0	45	10	0							
Rations	810	0	0	632	7	2							
Stores and Furniture	75	0	0	99	3	5		13	15				
Library	5	0	0										
Fuel and Light	175	0	0	89	7	1							
Medicines and Medical Comforts	75	0	0	60	3	7							
Tools and Materials	700	0	0	317	15	1	13	15					
Clothes and Bedding	150	0	0	139	14	7							
Printing and Stationery	12	10	0	10	2	4							
Relief to Destitute Prisoners dis- charged	15	0	0	14	17	6							
Incidental Expenses	75	0	0	15	14	0							
	4,406	2	0	3,664	13	9					741	8	3
DISTRICT GAOLS.													
Gaolers	810	0	0	810	0	0							
Rations and Stores	500	0	0	356	16	8							
	1,310	0	0	1,166	16	8					143	3	4
GOLD FIELDS DEPARTMENT.													
Secretary	300	0	0	300	0	0							
Clerk	120	0	0	133	4	5		39					
Wardens and Sub Wardens	2,325	0	0	2,370	16	8		38					
Registrars and Receivers	1,400	0	0	1,429	3	4							
Bailiffs	360	0	0	360	0	0							
Acting Clerks of Court	75	0	0	50	0	0							
Fuel and Light	70	0	0	28	0	0							
Office Furniture	50	0	0										
Travelling Expenses	75	0	0	103	9	6		14, 35					
Printing and Stationery	50	0	0	78	5	7		8					
Carriage of Stores	50	0	0	5	11	6	8						
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	17	10	0	14						
	4,925	0	0	4,876	1	0					48	19	0
GOLD RECEIVER.													
Chief Gold Receiver	25	0	0	25	0	0							
Contingencies	50	0	0	50	0	0							
	75	0	0	75	0	0							

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TREASURY.												
Sub-Treasurer	225	0	0	225	0	0						
Clerk to Provincial Treasurer	175	0	0	175	0	0						
Cashier	140	0	0	140	0	0						
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	100	0	0	59	3	6						
Incidentals	12	10	0	4	18	6						
—	652	10	0	604	2	0				48	8	0
COLLECTOR OF JETTY DUES.												
Collectors	350	0	0	288	19	9						
Incidental Expenses... ..	50	0	0	14	16	11						
—	400	0	0	303	16	8				96	3	4
SHEEP INSPECTORS' DEPARTMENT.												
Chief Inspector	300	0	0	300	0	0						
Clerk and Registrar of Brands	120	0	0	120	0	0						
Sub-Inspectors	1,050	0	0	1,050	0	0						
Incidental Expenses... ..	25	0	0	4	1	10						
Horse Allowance	225	0	0	225	0	0						
—	1,720	0	0	1,699	1	10				20	18	2
IMMIGRATION.												
Immigration Agent	175	0	0	175	0	0						
Clerk	100	0	0	100	0	0						
Matron	50	0	0	50	0	0						
Travelling Expenses	30	0	0	20	15	0						
Fuel and Light	25	0	0	6	7	6						
Rations	75	0	0	24	11	1						
Printing, Advertising, &c.	20	0	0	3	18	0						
Incidentals				10	8	9		28				
—	475	0	0	391	0	4				83	19	8
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.												
Secretary and Inspector	225	0	0	225	0	0						
Clerk	40	0	0	40	0	0						
Teachers' Salaries	3,250	0	0	2,992	13	6						
Travelling Expenses	55	0	0	61	7	0			19			
Expenses of Pupil Teachers	75	0	0	76	17	6			24			
Public Libraries	400	0	0	...								
Rents, Insurance, &c.	400	0	0	385	2	0	24					
Purchase of Sites	25	0	0	50	0	0			23			
Fees for Orphan and Destitute Children	50	0	0	29	17	10	19					
Free Schools	200	0	0	194	19	4						
Printing and Stationery	12	10	0	12	1	11						
Incidental Expenses	25	0	0	...			23					
HIGH SCHOOL.												
Rector	275	0	0	275	0	0						
Masters	700	0	0	700	0	0						
Janitor	40	0	0	40	0	0						
Rent Allowance to Two Masters	75	0	0	75	0	0						
Prizes	25	0	0	24	6	6						
Portion of Mr. Campbell's Library	40	0	0	40	0	0						
Printing, Fuel, and Light, &c.	50	0	0	10	0	6						
—	5,962	10	0	5,232	6	1				730	3	11

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HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.											
Provincial Surgeon	250	0	0	250	0	0					
Resident do,	150	0	0	150	0	0					
Assistant and Dispenser	75	0	0	75	0	0					
Storekeeper	100	0	0	100	0	0					
Matron	35	0	0	35	0	0					
Midwife	30	0	0	30	0	0					
Male Attendants	415	0	0	406	13	4					
Female do.	200	0	0	190	18	3					
Rations	1400	0	0	1160	3	11	11,12				
Stores and Furniture	250	0	0	276	13	0		12			
Fuel and Light	250	0	0	195	3	11					
Instruments	20	0	0								
Medicines and Medical Comforts	350	0	0	279	9	9					
Bedding and Clothing	250	0	0	230	10	5					
Printing and Stationery	15	0	0	12	12	11					
Incidental Expenses	150	0	0	177	18	2		11			
	3,940	0	0	3,570	3	8					369 16 4
LUNATIC ASYLUM											
Surgeon	50	0	0	50	0	0					
House Steward	125	0	0	125	0	0					
Matron	50	0	0	50	0	0					
Male Attendants	300	0	0	248	7	8					
Female do.	120	0	0	107	10	0					
Rations	800	0	0	647	15	8					
Stores and Furniture	100	0	0	75	15	2					
Fuel and Light	125	0	0	77	12	6					
Medicines and Medical Comforts	125	0	0	109	5	6					
Bedding and Clothing	100	0	0	96	17	5					
Printing and Stationery	7	10	0	4	3	0					
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	5	5	8					
	1,952	10	0	1,597	12	7					354 17 5
STOREKEEPER'S DEPARTMENT.											
Storekeeper	300	0	0	300	0	0					
Incidental Expenses	75	0	0	122	11	11		29			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	20	0	0	38	18	5		30			
	395	0	0	461	10	4					
TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS.											
Inspectors of Weights and Measures	68	15	0	50	0	0					
Messengers	190	0	0	190	0	0					
Cattle Inspector, Port Chalmers	75	0	0	75	0	0					
Cleaning and Repairing Clock	30	0	0	9	10	0					
Keeper of Quarantine Hospital	25	0	0	25	0	0					
	388	15	0	349	10	0					39 5 0
LOANS.											
Interest on Loan, 1856	1,115	0	0	230	0	0					
Do 1861-2	2,000	0	0	524	0	0					
Do 1862	15,000	0	0								
Do Harbor Loan	900	0	0	712	8	4					
Do on Public Buildings Loan	1,920	0	0	334	6	9					
Sinking Fund—Harbor Loan	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0					
Do Public Buildings Loan	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0					
Interest, Exchange, and Commission	765	0	0	721	14	5					
	24,700	0	0	5,522	9	6					19,177 10 6

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STEAM SERVICE.					
Dunedin to Clutha Ferry	1,200 0 0	1,200 0 0			
Steam Tug, Port Otago	500 0 0	500 0 0			
—	1,700 0 0	1,700 0 0			
IMMIGRATION.					
Expenses of Home Agency	2,500 0 0	1,756 7 6			
Immigration... ..	2,200 0 0	2,027 16 6			
Do. Agent	250 0 0				
—	4,950 0 0	3,784 4 0			4,165 16 0
GRANTS IN AID.					
Grants-in-Aid to the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition that a statement of transactions, and account of receipts and expenditure be furnished quarterly to the Government, and that a sum, equal to one-third of the grant, be raised by private subscription; and further, that the Secretary, or some other officer of such Institution, shall, before the last day of each quarter, make a Return, verified by his solemn declaration before a Justice of the Peace, to the Treasurer, of the number of persons received during the year preceding, the number of officials and servants, and the vital statistics of such Institution, together with such other and further information as the Superintendent by rules and regulations from time to time may direct:—					
Clyde Hospital	600 0 0	600 0 0			
Lawrence do... ..	500 0 0	500 0 0			
Wakatipu	500 0 0	488 12 0			
Grants-in-Aid on condition that a statement of transactions, and account of receipt and expenditure be furnished quarterly to the Government:—					
Benevolent Institution, Maintenance	500 0 0	500 0 0			
Do. Building Fund	50 0 0	50 0 0			
—	2,150 0 0	2,138 12 0			11 8 0
MUNICIPALITIES.					
Municipalities	3,000 0 0	2,838 2 0			161 18 0
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Volunteers	500 0 0	489 17 2			
Burial of Paupers	100 0 0	41 13 6			
Expenses of Returning Officers ...	800 0 0	181 5 6			
Advertising	250 0 0	45 10 6			
Printing	125 0 0	95 17 10			
Printing "Gazette" and "Advertising Sheet"	250 0 0	273 19 9		31, 33	
Carried forward	2,025 0 0	1,128 4 3			

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MISCELLANEOUS— <i>Continued</i> ...	2,025	0	0	1,128	4	3						
Rent of Site, Cape Saunders Light-house ...	10	0	0	10	0	0						
Prospecting ...	500	0	0	...								
Law Expenses Railway Bill ...	1,800	0	0	1,722	1	6						
Worthington's Deficiency ...	600	0	0	268	0	4						
Standard Weights and Measures ...	50	0	0	...								
Master of Dredge ...	60	0	0	66	11	6		36				
Insurance on Government Buildings	250	0	0	90	15	0						
Fuel and Light ...	150	0	0	26	5	0						
Stationery ...	100	0	0	30	7	0						
Collecting Dog Tax ...	150	0	0	88	11	3						
Compensation for Deviation of Roads and Purchase of Lands and Runs ...	2,500	0	0	1,720	14	3						
Meteorological Observer and Instruments ...	35	0	0	25	0	0						
General Contingencies ...	350	0	0	336	11	9						
Unforeseen Contingencies ...	2,000	0	0	...			26 to 43			5	8	6
Fire Brigade ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
Visit of His Excellency the Governor	500	0	0	1,384	0	4		41				
Acclimatisation Society ...	250	0	0	250	0	0						
Storeage of Gunpowder ...	100	0	0	61	2	0						
Premiums on Guarantee Policies ...	150	0	0	71	10	0						
Board of Health ...	100	0	0	90	6	0						
Advance to Dock Trust ...	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0						
Eradication of Thistles ...	500	0	0	408	10	3						
Expenses of Land Sales, exclusive of Professional Auctioneers ...	750	0	0	75	1	3						
Relief to Orphan and Destitute Children ...	250	0	0	250	0	0						
Refund of Land Tax ...	181	8	0	51	13	0						
Relief to Destitute ...	250	0	0	457	3	11		34, 40, 43				
Compensation to D. Hutcheson ...	1,700	0	0	1,700	0	0						
Gratuity to Mr. Brown, late Ferryman at Waitangi ...	50	0	0	50	0	0						
Astronomical Clock ...	100	0	0	...			25					
Time Ball ...	10	0	0	54	6	2		25				
Quarantine Rations, &c. ...	500	0	0	424	5	6						
Arbitrations and Actions ...	500	0	0	9	9	0						
Pilot Board ...	100	0	0	150	0	0		37				
Loan to North Dunedin Cemetery ...	400	0	0	...								
Compensation re Lonnie's Contract	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0						
Lawrence Hospital ...	300	0	0	300	0	0						
Purchase of Park House, &c. ...	750	0	0	750	0	0						
Stamps ...	250	0	0	29	5	4						
Law Expenses, Wardens, Waiholā ...	...			20	0	0		42			
Public Vaccinators ...	...			92	16	6		27			
Compensation to Williamson ...	...			50	0	0		26			
Do. A. Thompson ...	...			50	0	0		32			
Special Home Agent ...	...			1,000	0	0					
	20,321	8	0	15,392	11	1				4,928	16	11
ROADS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT.												
Chief Engineer ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
District Engineers ...	400	0	0	400	0	0						
Assistant do. ...	325	0	0	319	7	1						
Inspector ...	125	0	0	125	0	0						
Inspector of Works ...	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Draughtsman's Apprentice ...	25	0	0	6	16	11						
Accountant ...	25	0	0	12	10	0						
Horse Allowance ...	75	0	0	75	0	0						
Travelling Expenses ...	300	0	0	269	5	6						
Printing, Advertising and Stationery	25	0	0	8	16	6	21					
Incidentals ...	12	10	0	14	15	3		21				
	1,562	10	0	1,481	11	3				80	18	9

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TELEGRAPHS.												
Inspector	125	0	0	125	0	0						
Lineman and Occasional Operator ...	87	10	0	87	10	0						
Operators	112	10	0	50	0	0						
Travelling Expenses	52	10	0	27	10	6						
House Rent	19	10	0	19	10	0						
Erecting Poles and Stationery ...	20	0	0	1	10	8	20					
Incidental Expenses	15	0	0	24	0	5		20				
	432	0	0	335	1	7				96	18	5
GENERAL ROAD BOARD.												
Clerk	120	0	0	120	0	0						
Surveyor and Draughtsman	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Do. do.	140	0	0	140	0	0						
Laborers' Wages, Allowance in lieu of Rations, &c.	150	0	0	74	4	11						
Printing, Advertising, & Stationery	30	0	0	23	2	6						
Incidental Expenses	45	0	0	18	11	0						
Road Board—Rent of Offices				37	10	0		52				
	635	0	0	563	8	5				71	11	7
ROADS.												
Dunedin to Waikouati	3,431	8	9	3,431	2	3						
Waikouaiti to Palmerston	2,349	11	0	2,349	11	0						
Palmerston to Oamaru	1,315	11	6	1,311	1	6						
Oamaru to Waitaki	100	0	0	23	17	0						
Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge ...	6,200	0	0	6,021	10	1						
East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro ...	2,677	6	6	2,677	6	6						
Tokomairiro to Clutha	2,023	2	6	1,143	9	11						
Clutha to Matura	2,405	0	0	1,918	15	2						
Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge ...	878	13	0	819	18	3						
West Taieri Bridge to Rock and Pillar	541	5	0	454	10	6						
Rock and Pillar to Dunstan	150	0	0	5	0	0						
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	2,316	4	0	1,613	15	11						
Tuapeka to Teviot	1,669	6	7	1,594	5	3						
Teviot to Dunstan	600	0	0	13	9	0						
Dunstan to Cromwell	300	0	0	94	17	6						
Cromwell to Queenstown	4,000	0	0	3,999	8	0						
Oamaru to Lindis	650	4	0	589	13	6						
Lindis to Wanaka	700	0	0	197	17	0						
Palmerston to Eweburn	1,827	16	6	1,827	16	6						
Eweburn to Manuherikia	100	0	0									
North Trunk through Port Chalmers	554	13	6	553	15	6						
Northern Trunk to Moeraki	169	15	6	153	4	0						
Cromwell to Wanaka	100	0	0	57	8	8						
Dunedin to Portobello	851	15	3	827	15	3						
Southern Trunk to Molyneux	664	6	6	631	14	7						
Dunedin to North Taieri	254	16	6	244	7	3						
North East Valley to Pine Hill ...	50	17	3	50	14	0						
Lawrence to Weatherstones	50	0	0	21	7	0						
Do. to Gabriels	25	0	0									
Main Road through Oamaru	1,166	7	1	1,128	5	1						
Do. „ Dunedin	1,235	17	6	1,189	10	4						
Lee's Stream to Waipori	125	4	0	125	1	6						
Waihemo to M'Rae's	200	0	0	200	0	0						
Northern Trunk to Waikouaiti ...	500	0	0	500	0	0						
Main Road through Hampden	500	0	0	495	14	4						
Roads on Goldfields	1,500	0	0	705	8	4						
Nevis Road	300	0	0	39	11	8						
Beaumont to Tapanui <i>via</i> Moa Flat	500	0	0	500	0	0						
Waihola to Taieri Beach	500	0	0	500	0	0						
Carried forward	43,484	2	5	38,011	2	4						

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ROADS—Continued									
Inch Clutha Road	43,484	2	5	38,011	2	4			
Wairema Main South Road	350	0	0						
Road between Albert Town and	200	0	0	200	0	0			
Cardrona	100	0	0	100	0	0			
Main Road through Port Chalmers	250	0	0						
Supplemented Roads, £2 for £1	7,000	0	0	7,000	0	0			
	51,384	2	5	45,311	2	4			6,073 0 1
BRIDGES.									
Upper Shotover	150	0	0	150	0	0			
Pleasant Stream	500	0	0	500	0	0		45, 47	
Silver Stream	50	0	0	67	9	10			
Tokomairiro South Branch	500	0	0	500	0	0			
East Taieri	60	0	0	0	12	6			
West Taieri	50	0	0						
Waikouaiti	30	0	0						
Waitahuna	20	0	0						
Kawarau	620	0	0	568	0	6			
Glenoamaru	200	0	0	200	0	0			
Waipori Bridge, Main Tokomairiro									
Road	350	0	0	350	0	0			
Waitaki, on account of	200	0	0	200	0	0			
Taieri Junction	250	0	0	250	0	0			
Bridge over Shotover	200	0	0	200	0	0			
	3,180	0	0	2,986	2	10			193 17 2
JETTIES.									
Queenstown	144	7	5	158	7	5		51	
Port Molyneux	226	18	7	154	8	9			
Oamaru	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0			
Port Chalmers	435	0	0	385	5	4			
Dunedin	500	0	0	46	4	6			
	2,306	6	0	1,744	6	0			562 0 0
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.									
Lunatic Asylum	500	0	0	499	17	0			
Hospital	500	0	0	176	14	0			
Central Police Station	100	0	0	14	0	9			
District Police Stations	900	0	0	900	0	0			
Immigration Barracks	100	0	0	11	17	5			
Quarantine Buildings	200	0	0						
Powder Magazine	600	0	0						
Court House, Dunedin	350	0	0	224	5	2			
Gaol, Dunedin	200	0	0	185	14	6			
Repairs to Buildings	50	0	0	3	1	0			
Provincial Buildings... .. .	1,000	0	0	1,031	0	0		54	
Purchase of Port Chalmers Tele-									
graph	350	0	0	488	2	4		44	
Works not provided for	700	0	0	413	14	5			
Harbor Reclamation... .. .	5,700	0	0	3,257	1	9			
Clutha Ferry	300	0	0	70	0	0			
Repairing Ferry (Balclutha)	70	0	0	208	8	11		48	
Draining West Taieri Plain... .. .	250	0	0	250	0	0			
Moorings, Moeraki	50	0	0						
Do, Clutha	50	0	0						
Do, Oamaru... .. .	100	0	0	58	2	1			
Quarantine Barracks... .. .	500	0	0						
District Court Houses	250	0	0	250	0	0			
Carried forward	12,820	0	0	8,041	19	4			

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.	CONSECUTIVE NO. IN TRANSFER SCHEDULE.		LAPSED.
			From	To	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
WORKS, &c.—Continued	12,820 0 0	8,041 19 4			
District Gaols	450 0 0	393 15 0		46	
Gold Fields Buildings	300 0 0	365 7 6			
Dredging Harbor	3,000 0 0	924 7 2			
New Tolls	700 0 0	411 7 8			
Crane, Oamaru	250 0 0				
School Buildings	1,850 0 0	1,850 0 0			
Approaches to Nevis and Arrow Ferries	500 0 0	153 1 10			
Spit, Waikouaiti	150 0 0				
Fencing Cemeteries	500 0 0	500 0 0			
Jetty Sheds	1,000 0 0	539 19 8			
Weigh Bridge, Port Chalmers	70 0 0				
Kerbing in front of High School ..	64 7 0	64 7 0			
Clearing Obstructions, Taieri River...	100 0 0	100 0 0			
Telegraph, Queenstown	600 0 0	600 0 0			
Waitaki Ferry	250 0 0	250 0 0			
Unforeseen Contingencies	1,000 0 0		44 to 54		353 16 5
Strengthening Swinging Dolphin ...		39 18 8		49	
Public Baths		100 0 0		50	
	23,604 7 0	14,334 3 10			9,270 3 2

STATEMENT, No. 2.

EXPENDITURE UNDER OTAGO LOAN ORDINANCE, 1862.

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
	£ s. D.	£ s. D.
Discount on Sales	77,497 14 9	77,497 14 9

STATEMENT, No. 3.

EXPENDITURE UNDER OTAGO LOAN ORDINANCE, 1861-2.

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
	£ s. D.	£ s. D.
Provincial Government Buildings	3,920 0 2	3,920 0 2

STATEMENT, No. 4.

EXPENDITURE UNDER PUBLIC BUILDINGS LOAN ORDINANCE, 1862.

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
	£ s. D.	£ s. D.
Provincial Government Buildings	3 19 1	3 19 1

STATEMENT, No. 5.

EXPENDITURE FROM REVENUE AS PER APPROPRIATION ACT, No. 1.

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
	£ s. D.	£ s. D.
Discount on Sales of Debentures	19,517 3 3	19,517 3 3

STATEMENT, No. 6.
UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE.

								EXPENDED.		
Special Home Agent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£	s.	D.
								1000	0	0

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

HEADINGS.	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.			AMOUNT EXPENDED.			AMOUNT LAPSED.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Superintendent	625	0	0	625	0	0			
Executive Council	1,050	0	0	1,050	0	0			
Provincial Council	2,485	0	0	1,892	18	0	592	2	0
Provincial Secretary	532	0	0	491	7	7	40	12	5
Provincial Solicitor	220	0	0	177	10	7	42	9	5
Crown Lands	2,530	0	0	1,855	10	8	674	9	4
Survey	6,874	0	0	5,844	2	0	1,029	18	0
" Mining	5,524	10	0	4,811	16	1	712	13	11
Police	9,360	12	4	9,023	2	4	337	10	0
Escort	2,387	8	0	2,203	3	0	184	5	0
Harbor	1,973	6	8	1,599	7	5	373	19	3
Gaol, Dunedin	4,406	2	0	3,664	13	9	741	8	3
District Gaols	1,310	0	0	1,166	16	8	143	3	4
Gold Fields and Gold Receiver	5,000	0	0	4,951	1	0	48	19	0
Treasury	652	10	0	604	2	0	48	8	0
Collecting Jetty Dues	400	0	0	303	16	8	96	3	4
Sheep Inspector	1,720	0	0	1,699	1	10	20	18	2
Immigration	475	0	0	391	0	4	83	19	8
Education	5,962	10	0	5,232	6	1	730	3	11
Hospital	3,940	0	0	3,570	3	8	369	16	4
Lunatic Asylum	1,952	10	0	1,597	12	7	354	17	5
Storekeeper	395	0	0	461	10	4			
Miscellaneous, Treasurer	20,710	3	0	15,742	1	1	4,967	1	11
Loans	24,700	0	0	5,522	9	6	19,177	10	6
Steam Service	1,700	0	0	1,700	0	0			
Immigration	4,950	0	0	3,784	4	0	4,165	10	0
Grants in Aid	2,150	0	0	2,138	12	0	11	8	0
Municipalities	3,000	0	0	2,838	2	0	161	18	0
Road Office	1,562	10	0	1,481	11	3	80	18	9
Telegraphs	432	0	0	335	1	7	96	18	5
Road Board, General	635	0	0	563	8	5	71	11	7
Roads	51,384	2	5	45,311	2	4	6,073	0	1
Bridges	3,180	0	0	2,986	2	10	193	17	2
Jetties	2,306	6	0	1,744	6	0	562	0	9
Works and Buildings	23,604	7	0	14,334	3	10	9,270	3	2
	200,089	17	5	151,697	7	5	48,459	0	4
Less Excess Storekeeper's Department							66	10	4
							48,392	10	0

JULIUS VOGEL,

Provincial Treasurer.

Treasury, Dunedin, May 3, 1867.

I certify that I have examined the above statement of the Provincial Treasurer for the half-year ended March 31, 1867, and find it correct as an Account and Balance Sheet of Transactions for that period, that the Expenditure shown therein has been properly classified, and the Unauthorised Expenditure separately shown.

A. LIVINGSTON,

Provincial Auditor.

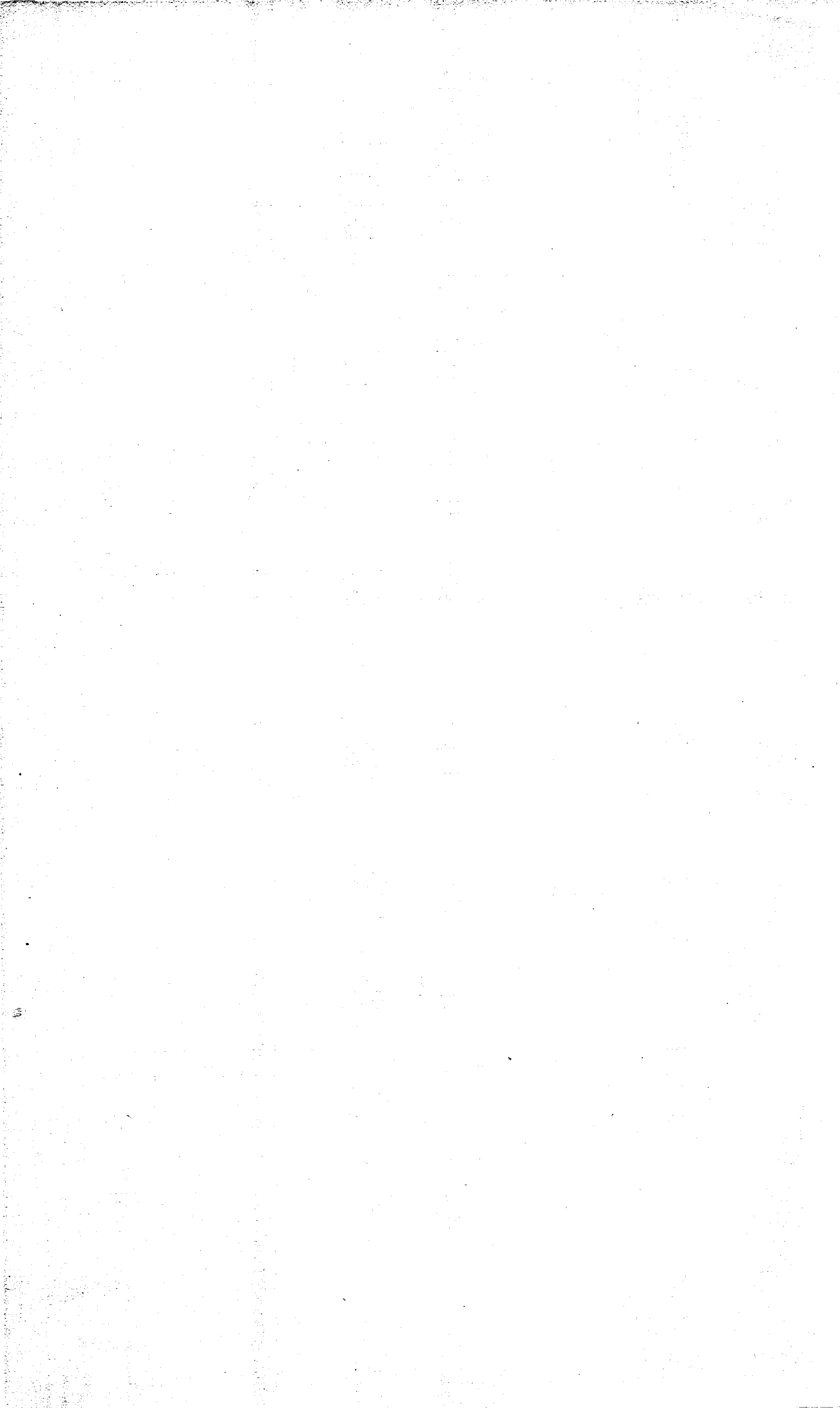
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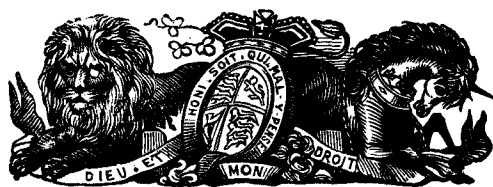
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CONSECUTIVE NO.	AUTHORITY.	VOTE TRANSFERRED.		AMOUNT.
		FROM	TO	
1	6925	Survey, Outstanding Accounts	Survey Incidental Expenses	£ s.
2	6949	Prov. Council, Expenses of Country Members	Provincial Council, Incidental	50 0 0
3	6925	Survey, Outstanding Accounts	Survey, Stationery	50 0 0
4	6950	Do. Laborers' Wages	Do. Equipment	150 0 0
5	6950	Do. Rations	Do. Do.	150 0 0
6	6960	Do. Outstanding Accounts	Do. Do.	41 0 0
7	"	Do. Travelling Expenses	Do. Do.	50 0 0
8	6992	Gold Fields, Carriage of Stores	Gold Fields, Printing, &c.	25 0 0
9	6994	Harbor, Pilot Schooner	Harbor, Buoys and Beacons	7 0 0
10	"	Do. do.	Do., Signals and Flagstuffs	1 14 6
11	7045	Hospital Rations	Hospital, Incidental	30 0 0
12	"	Do. do.	Do. Stores	25 0 0
13	6858	Gaol, Tools and Materials	Gaol, Stores and Furniture	35 0 0
14	7141	Goldfields, Incidental	Gold Fields, Travelling Expenses	25 0 0
15	7140	Gaol, Tools and Materials	Gaol, Stores and Furniture	10 0 0
16	7219	Police, Travelling Expenses	Police, Transport of Prisoners	20 0 0
17	"	Do. Special Detective Service	Do. Printing, &c.	5 0 0
18	"	Do. Paddocks	Do. Rewards	19 0 0
19	7220	Education, Fees for Orphan Children	Education, Travelling Expenses	16 7 0
20	7230	Telegraph, Erecting Poles and Stationery	Telegraph, Incidental	12 0 0
21	7229	Public Works, Stationery	Public Works, Incidental	5 0 0
22	7227	Crown Lands, Incidental	Crown Lands, Rangers of Bush Reserves	10 0 0
23	6987	Education, Incidental	Education, Purchase of Sites	25 0 0
24	7301	Do. Rents, &c.	Do. Pupil Teachers	1 17 6
25	7332	Astronomical Clock	Time Ball	44 6 2
26	6777	Unforeseen Contingencies, Treasurer	Compensation to A. Williamson	50 0 0
27	"	Do.	Public Vaccinators	100 0 0
28	6856	Do.	Immigration, Incidental	20 0 0
29	6893	Do.	Storekeeper, Incidental	75 0 0
30	"	Do.	Do. Printing, &c.	25 0 0
31	6925	Do.	Printing "Gazette"	200 0 0
32	6948	Do.	Compensation to Andrew Thompson	50 0 0
33	6993	Do.	Printing "Gazette"	200 0 0
34	7139	Do.	Relief to Destitute	125 0 0
35	7106	Do.	Gold Fields, Travelling Expenses	17 10 0
36	7046	Do.	Master of Dredge	6 11 6
37	7228	Do.	Pilot Board	50 0 0
38	7226	Do.	Gold Fields, Wardens	45 16 8
39	"	Do.	Do. Clerks	13 4 5
40	7252	Do.	Relief to Destitute	75 0 0
41	7368	Do.	Visit of His Excellency	914 5 0
42	7428	Do.	Wardens Waiholā Hundred	20 0 0
43	"	Do.	Relief to Destitute	7 3 11
44	6571	Unforeseen Contingencies, Public Works	Port Chalmers Telegraph	138 2 4
45	6572	Do.	Silver Stream Bridge	29 3 0
46	6860	Do.	Gold Fields, Buildings	71 7 6
47	6572	Do.	Silver Stream Bridge	17 9 10
48	6991	Do.	Repairing Clutha Ferry	138 8 11
49	7066	Do.	Strengthening Swinging Dolphin	39 18 8
50	7300	Do.	Public Baths	100 0 0
51	7428	Do.	Queenstown Jetty	14 0 0
52	6467	Do.	Road Board, Rent of Office	37 10 0
53	"	Do.	Gold Fields, Registrars	29 3 4
54	"	Do.	Provincial Buildings	31 0 0

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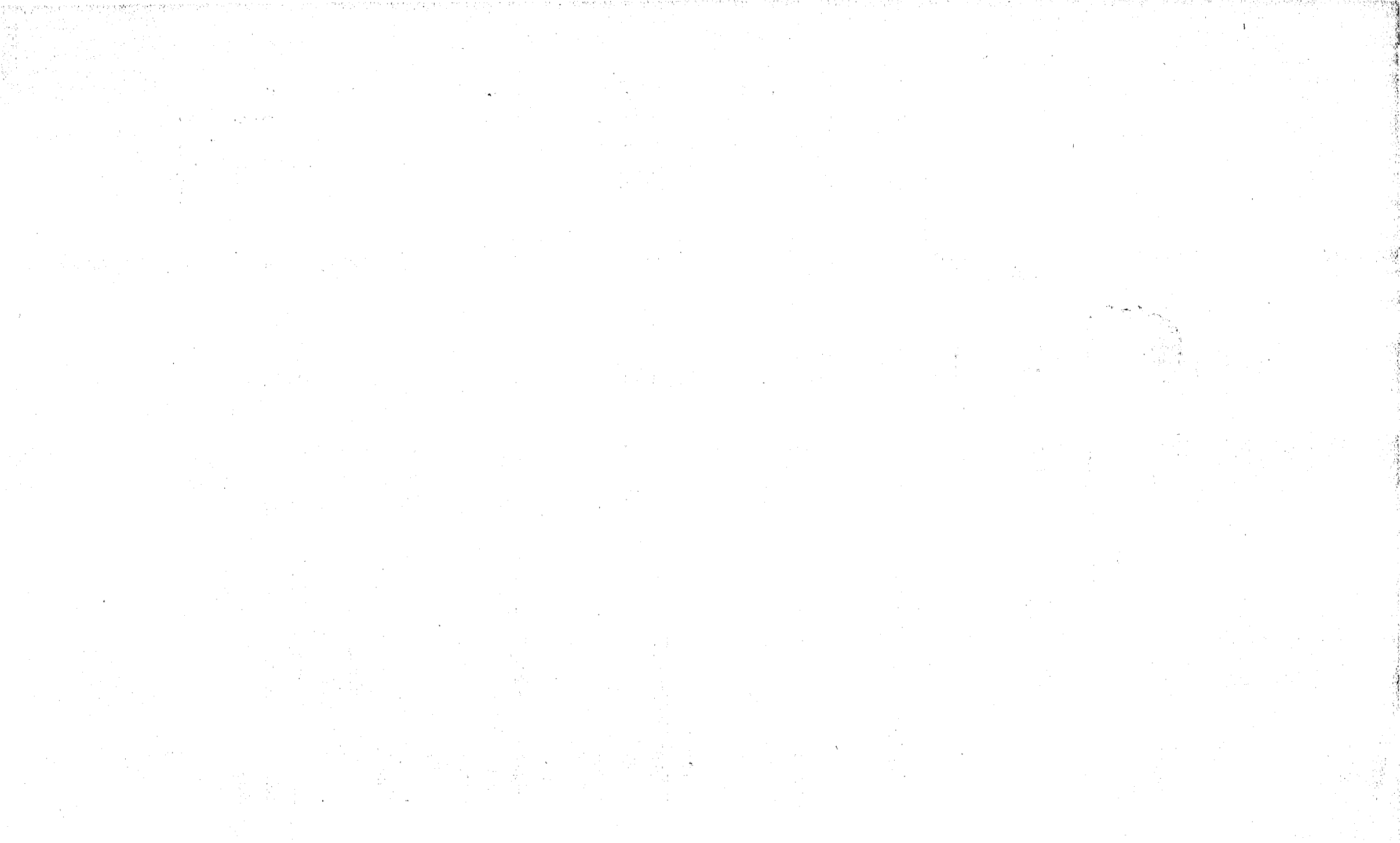




COUNCIL PAPER.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO, FROM 1ST APRIL, 1867, TO 31ST MARCH, 1868.

Customs	...	...	...	90,000	0	0
Crown Lands	...	...	...	180,000	0	0
Gold Export Duty	...	...	...	17,000	0	0
Miners' Rights and Licenses	...	...	...	8,000	0	0
Jetty Dues	...	...	...	4,500	0	0
Tolls on Roads	...	...	...	12,000	0	0
Sheep Assessment	...	...	...	3,000	0	0
Dox Tax	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
Licenses	...	...	...	11,000	0	0
School Fees and Books	...	...	...	2,000	0	0
Repayments—Hospital and Asylum	...	..	...	500	0	0
Gaol—Maintenance of Debtors	...	...	...	50	0	0
Gaol—Prison Labor	...	...	..	3,500	0	0
Lithographic Maps	..	...	..	100	0	0
Repayment by General Government—Gold Fields Officers	...	...	...	4,000	0	0
Immigration—Passage Money	...	...	...	6,000	0	0
Rents—Ground and other	...	...	..	500	0	0
Incidental Receipts	...	...	...	400	0	0
Incidental Receipts on Gold Fields	...	...	...	1,700	0	0
Telegraphic Messages	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
Sale of Government Buildings and Land	...	...	...	3,500	0	0
				351,250	0	0



PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.

DETAIL OF THE SUMS PROPOSED TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THE
DEPARTMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF OTAGO
HEREINAFTER STATED.

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION SIX MONTHS.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION TWELVE MONTHS.			TOTALS.
				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.		
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
I. SUPERINTENDENT.							
1	1	Superintendent	450 0 0	900 0 0			
1	1	Secretary to ditto, and Storekeeper ...	175 0 0	350 0 0		1,250 0 0	
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II. EXECUTIVE.							
1	1	Provincial Secretary	300 0 0	600 0 0			
1	1	Ditto Treasurer	300 0 0	600 0 0			
1	1	Ditto Solicitor	300 0 0	600 0 0			
2	3	Non-official Members	150 0 0	450 0 0		2,250 0 0	
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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.							
1	1	Speaker	100 0 0	200 0 0			
1	1	Chairman of Committees	50 0 0	100 0 0			
1	1	Clerk and Librarian	175 0 0	350 0 0			
1	1	Assistant Clerk		175 0 0			
1	1	Serjeant at Arms	10 0 0	20 0 0		845 0 0	
		Expenses of Country Members ...	1,000 0 0		1,000 0 0		
		Council Accommodation, and Expenses of Select Committees	200 0 0		150 0 0		
		Printing and Stationery	500 0 0		650 0 0		
		Incidental Expenses	80 0 0		25 0 0		
1	1	Messenger		100 0 0		1,925 0 0	
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III. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.							
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.							
1	1	Under Secretary	249 10 0	500 0 0			
1	1	Chief Clerk	120 0 0	280 0 0			
1	1	Clerk	100 0 0	240 0 0			
1	1	Clerk		75 0 0		1,095 0 0	
		Printing and Stationery	25 0 0		50 0 0		
		Clerical Assistance	12 10 0		25 0 0		
		Incidental Expenses	25 0 0		50 0 0	125 0 0	
PROVINCIAL SOLICITOR.							
1	1	Clerk	120 0 0	265 0 0		265 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses and Clerical As- sistance	100 0 0		200 0 0	200 0 0	
Carry forward			4,542 0 0	5,805 0 0	2,150 0 0	7,955 0 0	

		NAME OF OFFICER ON SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION, SIX MONTHS.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION, TWELVE MONTHS.						TOTALS.		
				SALARIES.			CONTINGENCIES.					
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
		Brought forward	4,542 0 0	5,805 0 0	2,150 0 0			7,955 0 0				
III.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY DEPARTMENT—Continued.												
CROWN LANDS.												
1	1	Chief Commissioner	300 0 0	600 0 0								
1	1	Do. Clerk	175 0 0	350 0 0								
1	1	Clerk	120 0 0	240 0 0								
1	1	Do.	100 0 0	200 0 0								
1	1	Do. to Receiver of Land Revenue ...	150 0 0									
1	1	Assistant do.	100 0 0	200 0 0								
1	1	Clerk for Crown Grants	120 0 0	240 0 0								
2	2	Assistant do.	200 0 0	400 0 0								
1	1	Do. Youth	55 0 0	110 0 0				2,340 0 0				
Non-Official Members of WasteLand Board												
			10 0 0			25 0 0						
		Rangers of Bush Reserves	50 0 0			100 0 0						
		Refunds on Land	750 0 0			1,000 0 0						
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	125 0 0			500 0 0						
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0			100 0 0						
		Printing for Receiver of Land Revenue	50 0 0			50 0 0						
		Travelling Expenses				100 0 0						
		Engrossing Crown Grants	150 0 0			150 0 0		2,025 0 0				
SURVEY DEPARTMENT												
1	1	Chief Surveyor	300 0 0	600 0 0								
1	1	Geodesical do.	225 0 0	450 0 0								
7	5	District and Mining do., £350 p annum	700 0 0	1,750 0 0								
			525 0 0									
1		District Surveyor, 3 months	87 10 0									
5	7	Assistant do., £280 do....	700 0 0	1,960 0 0								
3	3	Sub do. do. £230 do....	345 0 0	690 0 0								
1	1	Chief Draughtsman	200 0 0	400 0 0								
1	1	Assistant do.	150 0 0	300 0 0								
1	1	Assistant do.	137 10 0	275 0 0								
6	6	Do. do. £250 do....	750 0 0	1,500 0 0								
2	1	Do. do. £225 do....	225 0 0	225 0 0								
		Do. do.		200 0 0								
1	1	Do. do.	87 10 0	100 0 0								
1	1	Apprentice do.	25 0 0	50 0 0								
1	1	Lithographic do.	150 0 0	300 0 0								
1	1	Do. Printer	125 0 0	250 0 0								
1	1	Apprentice do.	26 0 0	52 0 0				9,102 0 0				
		Laborers' Wages... ..	2,980 0 0			5,960 0 0						
		Allowance in lieu of Rations	1,880 0 0			3,760 0 0						
		Equipment of Survey Parties... ..	1,350 0 0			1,400 0 0						
		Travelling Expenses	600 0 0			750 0 0						
		Lithographic Materials	75 0 0			150 0 0						
		Incidentals	150 0 0			300 0 0						
		Outstanding Accounts	150 0 0			150 0 0						
		Printing and Stationery	115 0 0			250 0 0						
		Instruments and Repairs	340 0 0			340 0 0		13,060 0 0				
POLICE.												
1	1	Commissioner	300 0 0	600 0 0								
1	1	Clerk and Accountant	150 0 0	300 0 0								
1	1	Inspector	175 0 0	350 0 0								
2	2	Sub-Inspectors	300 0 0	600 0 0								
1	1	Mounted Sergeant (per diem) (12s. 6d.)	113 15 0	228 15 0								
7	5	Do. do. (11s. 6d.)	732 11 0	1,052 5 0								
9	9	Do. Constables (10s. 6d.)	859 19 0	1,729 7 0								
2	3	Do. do. (9s. 6d.)	172 18 0	521 11 0								
		Carry forward	22,249 13 0	22,628 18 0	17,235 0 0			34,482 0 0				

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION, SIX MONTHS.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION, TWELVE MONTHS.		TOTALS.
				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward	22,249 13 0	22,628 18 0	17,235 0 0	34,482 0 0
		III.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT— <i>Continued.</i>				
		POLICE— <i>Continued.</i>				
3	1	Foot Sergeants (12s.)	327 12 0	219 12 0		
9	9	Do. do. (11s.)	900 18 0	1,811 14 0		
28	24	Foot Constables (10s. 0d.)	2,548 0 0	4,392 0 0		
6	10	Do. do. (9s.)	491 8 0	1,647 0 0		
1	1	Quarter-Master Sergeant (12s.)	109 4 0	219 12 0		
1	1	Water Police do. (12s.)	109 4 0	219 12 0		
3	2	Do. Constables (10s.)	273 0 0	366 0 0		
2	2	Detectives 1st Class (12s.)	218 8 0	439 4 0		
1	1	Do. 2nd Class (11s.)	100 2 0	201 6 0		
1	1	Do. 3rd Class (10s.)	91 0 0	183 0 0		
4	3	Female Cooks and Searchers ...	50 0 0	75 0 0		15,155 18 0
		Goldfields Allowance ...	40 0 0		20 0 0	
		Travelling Expenses ...	137 13 4		200 0 0	
		Transport of Prisoners ...	50 0 0		150 0 0	
		Saddlery and Repairs... ..	25 0 0		30 0 0	
		Stores and Furniture ...	30 0 0		50 0 0	
		Printing, Stationery, &c. ...	90 0 0		180 0 0	
		Transport of Stores ...	25 0 0		40 0 0	
		Compensation for Loss of Clothing and Medical Expenses ...	15 0 0		30 0 0	
		Fuel and Light ...	350 0 0		600 0 0	
		Special Detective Service ...	10 0 0		20 0 0	
		Rewards ...	10 0 0		20 0 0	
		Police Paddocks ...	50 0 0		80 0 0	
		Temporary Accommodation ...	20 0 0		20 0 0	
		Prisoners' Rations ...	25 0 0		30 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses ...	30 0 0		50 0 0	
		Forage... ..	300 0 0		500 0 0	
		Arms, Accoutrements, &c. ...	15 0 0		25 0 0	
		Shoing and Farriery... ..	70 0 0		120 0 0	
		Telegraphic Messages... ..	45 0 0		70 0 0	
		Compensation to Discharged Officers..			308 1 0	2543 1 0
		ESCORT.				
1	1	Sub-Inspector... ..	150 0 0	300 0 0		
1	1	Mounted Sergeant, at 12s. 6d. per diem	113 15 0	228 15 0		
2	1	Do. Constable, at 10s. 6d. ...	191 2 0	192 3 0		
1		Escort Driver, at 11s. ...	100 2 0			
1		Foot Constable, at 10s. ...	91 0 0			
		TUAPEKA BRANCH.				
1	1	Escort Driver, at 10s. ...	91 0 0	183 0 0		
1	1	Mounted Constable, at 10s. 6d. ...	95 11 0	192 3 0		
		MOUNT IDA BRANCH.				
1		Foot Constable, at 10s. ...	91 0 0			
1		Do., at 9s. ...	81 18 0			
		MAORI POINT BRANCH.				
1	1	Mounted Constable, at 10s. 6d. ...	86 9 0	192 3 0		
		DUNEDIN BRANCH.				
1		Mounted Constable, at 10s. 6d. ...	95 11 0			1288 4 0
		Gold Fields Allowance ...	190 0 0		150 0 0	
		Travelling Expenses ...	140 0 0		100 0 0	
		Forage ...	550 0 0		300 0 0	
		Carry forward	30,873 10 4	33,691 2 0	20,328 1 0	53,469 3

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION, SIX MONTHS.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION, TWELVE MONTHS.		TOTALS.
				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward	30,873 10 4	33,691 2 0	20,328 1 0	53,469 3 0
III—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT—Continued.						
POLICE (DUNEDIN BRANCH)—Cont'd						
		Shoing and Farriery... ..	160 0 0		100 0 0	
		Saddlery and Repairs... ..	50 0 0		50 0 0	
		Vehicles and Repairs	50 0 0		20 0 0	
		Stores and Furniture	20 0 0		20 0 0	
		Fuel and Light	40 0 0		60 0 0	
		Hoyt's Contract			800 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses			50 0 0	
		Compensation to Discharged Officers...			190 13 6	1840 13 6
HARBOR DEPARTMENT.						
1	1	Harbor Master	250 0 0	500 0 0		
1	1	Assistant do.	150 0 0	300 0 0		
1	1	Clerk	116 13 4			
1	1	Apprentice Pilot	66 13 4	150 0 0		
1	1	Master of Launch	120 0 0	240 0 0		
2	2	Crew of do.	120 0 0	240 0 0		
3	3	Signal Masters	450 0 0	450 0 0		
1	1	Jetty Light-keeper	15 0 0	30 0 0		
1	1	Beach Master	75 0 0	250 0 0		
5		Crew of Pilot Boat	315 0 0			2160 0 0
		Pilot Schooner	75 0 0			
		Boats	50 0 0		50 0 0	
		Signals and Flagstaves	25 0 0		50 0 0	
		Buoys and Beacons	50 0 0		75 0 0	
		Fuel and Light	25 0 0		30 0 0	
		Travelling Expenses	30 0 0		60 0 0	
		Printing and Stationery	25 0 0		25 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses	15 0 0		20 0 0	
		Oamaru Boating Expenses			120 0 0	
		Ways for Life-boat			150 0 0	580 0 0
GAOL.						
1	1	Gaoler... ..	200 0 0	400 0 0		
1	1	Do., nine months		300 0 0		
1	1	Matron	30 0 0	60 0 0		
1	1	Do., nine months		45 10 0		
1	1	Clerk and Storekeeper	150 0 0	300 0 0		
1	1	Chief Warder... ..	150 0 0	300 0 0		
2	2	Sergeant Warders, at 12s. per day	218 8 0	439 4 0		
1	1	Sergeant Warder, at 11s.	100 2 0	201 6 0		
12	10	Warders, at 10s.	1092 0 0	1830 0 0		
4	6	Do., at 9s.	327 12 0	988 4 0		
1	1	Female do., at 5s.	45 10 0	91 10 0		4955 14 0
		Rations	810 0 0		1,500 0 0	
		Stores and Furniture	75 0 0		200 0 0	
		Library	5 0 0		15 0 0	
		Fuel and Light	175 0 0		400 0 0	
		Medicines and Medical Comforts	75 0 0		150 0 0	
		Tools and Materials for the employment of Prisoners	700 0 0		1,600 0 0	
		Carry forward	37,320 9 0	40,806 16 0	26,068 14 6	63,005 10 6

	NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION, SIX MONTHS.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION, TWELVE MONTHS.		TOTALS.
			SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
	Brought forward	£ 37,320 s. 9 d. 0	£ 40,806 s. 16 d. 0	£ 26,063 s. 14 d. 6	£ 63,005 s. 10 d. 6
	III.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT— <i>Continued</i>				
	GAOL— <i>Continued.</i>				
	Clothes and Bedding	150 0 0		350 0 0	
	Printing and Stationery	12 10 0		30 0 0	
	Relief to destitute Prisoners discharged	15 0 0		40 0 0	
	Incidental Expenses	75 0 0		120 0 0	4,405 0 0
	DISTRICT GAOLS.				
9	Gaolers (at £180)	810 0 0	1,620 0 0		1,620 0 0
9	Rations, Stores, &c.,	500 0 0		800 0 0	800 0 0
	GOLD FIELDS.				
	Provincial Management of Gold Fields	4,925 0 0	9,000 0 0		9,000 0 0
	Carry forward	43,807 19 0	51,426 16 0	27,403 14 6	78,830 10 6

Total Provincial Secretary carried to Total Provincial Treasurer £78,830 10 6

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION, SIX MONTHS.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION, TWELVE MONTHS.		TOTALS.
				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward				
		IV. PROVINCIAL TREASURER.				
1	1	Sub-Treasurer	225 0 0	450 0 0		
1	1	Clerk to Treasurer	175 0 0	350 0 0		
1	1	Cashier	140 0 0	280 0 0		
		Junior Clerk		60 0 0		1,140 0 0
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	100 0 0		200 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses	12 10 0		50 0 0	250 0 0
		COLLECTION OF JETTY DUES.				
1	1	Collector	120 0 0	240 0 0		
2	2	Sub-Collectors	165 0 0	330 0 0		
1	1	Watchman	65 0 0	130 0 0		700 0 0
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		120 0 0	120 0 0
		SHEEP INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.				
1	1	Chief Inspector	300 0 0	600 0 0		
1	1	Clerk and Registrar of Brands	120 0 0	240 0 0		
7	7	Sub-Inspectors	1,050 0 0	2,100 0 0		2,940 0 0
		Horse Allowance	225 0 0		450 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses	25 0 0		50 0 0	500 0 0
		IMMIGRATION.				
1	1	Immigration Agent	175 0 0	350 0 0		
1	1	Clerk	100 0 0	200 0 0		
1	1	Matron	50 0 0	100 0 0		650 0 0
		Travelling Expenses	30 0 0		60 0 0	
		Fuel and Light	25 0 0		50 0 0	
		Rations	75 0 0		150 0 0	
		Printing, Advertising and Stationery	20 0 0		40 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses			60 0 0	360 0 0
		QUARANTINE.				
		Board of Health	100 0 0		100 0 0	
		Rations	500 0 0		400 0 0	500 0 0
		EDUCATION.				
1	1	Secretary and Inspector	225 0 0	500 0 0		
1	1	Clerk	40 0 0	90 0 0		590 0 0
		DISTRICT SCHOOLS.				
16	17	Teachers in Dunedin Schools... ..	567 10 0	1,185 0 0		
31	37	Do at £100	1,550 0 0	3,700 0 0		
24	21	Do at £75	900 0 0	1,575 0 0		
		Salaries Unforeseen	232 10 0	450 0 0		6,910 0 0
		Travelling Expenses	55 0 0		110 0 0	
		Expenses of Pupil Teachers	75 0 0		150 0 0	
		Public Libraries	400 0 0		425 0 0	
		Rents, Insurance, Repairs, &c.	400 0 0		800 0 0	
		Purchase of Sites	25 0 0		100 0 0	
		Fees for Orphan and Destitute Children	50 0 0		100 0 0	
		Free Schools	200 0 0		450 0 0	
		Carry forward	8,567 10 0	12,930 0 0	3,865 0 0	14,660 0 0

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				SALARIES.			CONTINGENCIES.					
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
		Brought forward	8567 10 0	12,930 0 0	3865 0 0	14,660 0 0						
		IV. PROVINCIAL TREASURER— <i>Continued.</i>										
		DISTRICT SCHOOLS— <i>Continued.</i>										
		Schoolmaster's Library			30 0 0							
		School Maps and Appliances... ..			125 0 0							
		School Books			7 9 0							
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	12 10 0		25 0 0							
		Incidental Expenses	25 0 0		50 0 0			2,372 9 0				
		HIGH SCHOOL.										
1	1	Rector... ..	275 0 0	550 0 0								
2	2	Masters at £450	450 0 0	900 0 0								
1	1	Master... ..	150 0 0	300 0 0								
1	1	Do	100 0 0	200 0 0								
1	1	Janitor	40 0 0	80 0 0				2,030 0 0				
		Rent Allowance to two Masters ...	75 0 0		150 0 0							
		Prizes	25 0 0		35 0 0							
		Printing, Fuel, Repairs, &c.	50 0 0		115 0 0			300 0 0				
		HOSPITAL.										
1	1	Provincial Surgeon	250 0 0	500 0 0								
1	1	Resident do	150 0 0	300 0 0								
1	1	Assistant and Dispenser	75 0 0	150 0 0								
1	1	Storekeeper	100 0 0	200 0 0								
1	1	Matron	35 0 0	70 0 0								
1	1	Midwife	30 0 0	60 0 0								
1	1	Laundress	30 0 0	60 0 0								
1	1	Assistant do	25 0 0	50 0 0								
3	3	Male Attendants £100	150 0 0	300 0 0								
6	6	do do £80	240 0 0	480 0 0								
1	1	Assistant do £50	25 0 0	50 0 0								
5	5	Female do £40	125 0 0	250 0 0								
1	1	Do do £40	20 0 0	40 0 0								
		Rations	1,400 0 0		2,800 0 0			2,510 0 0				
		Stores and Furniture... ..	250 0 0		300 0 0							
		Fuel and Light	250 0 0		500 0 0							
		Instruments	20 0 0		40 0 0							
		Medicines and Medical Comforts ...	350 0 0		700 0 0							
		Bedding and Clothing	250 0 0		300 0 0							
		Stationery	15 0 0		25 0 0							
		Incidental Expenses	150 0 0		300 0 0			4,965 0 0				
		LUNATIC ASYLUM.										
1	1	Surgeon	50 0 0	100 0 0								
1	1	Superintendent	125 0 0	300 0 0								
1	1	Matron	50 0 0	100 0 0								
5	6	Male Attendants	250 0 0	600 0 0								
3	3	Female do	75 0 0	150 0 0								
1	1	Laundress	25 0 0	50 0 0								
1	1	Kitchen Maid... ..	20 0 0	45 0 0				1,345 0 0				
		Rations	800 0 0		1,750 0 0							
		Stores and Furniture... ..	100 0 0		250 0 0							
		Fuel and Light	125 0 0		250 0 0							
		Medicines and Medical Comforts ...	125 0 0		260 0 0							
		Bedding and Clothing	100 0 0		250 0 0							
		Printing and Stationery	7 10 0		10 0 0							
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		100 0 0			2,870 0 0				
		Carry forward	15,612 10 0	18,815 0 0	12,237 9 0	31,052 9 0						

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			SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	15,612 10 0	18,815 0 0	12,237 9 0	31,052 9 0
	IV- PROVINCIAL TREASURER— <i>Continued.</i>				
	MISCELLANEOUS.				
2	1 Inspector of Weights, on Account ...	68 15 0	300 0 0		
1	1 Cattle Inspector, Port Chalmers ...	75 0 0			
	Cleaning and Repairing Clocks ...	30 0 0		50 0 0	50 0 0
3	3 Messengers, 2 at £160, and 1 at £140	190 0 0	460 0 0		760 0 0
	Carry forward	15,976 5 0	19,575 0 0	12,287 9 0	31,862 9 0

Total Superintendent, Provincial Council, Provincial Secretary	£78,830 10 6
Total Provincial Treasurer	31,862 9 0
	<u>£110,692 19 6</u>

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			SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES				
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
V. SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.									
ROADS AND WORKS.									
1	1	Chief Engineer	100 0 0	600 0 0					
4	4	District Engineers	750 0 0	1,500 0 0					
1	2	Surveying Inspectors	125 0 0	500 0 0					
1	1	Inspector of Works	150 0 0	300 0 0					
1	1	Accountant	25 0 0	250 0 0					
1	1	Draughtsman's Apprentice	25 0 0	50 0 0			3,200 0 0		
		Horse Allowance	75 0 0		200 0 0				
		Travelling Expenses	300 0 0		750 0 0				
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	25 0 0		50 0 0				
		Incidentals	12 10 0		30 0 0		1,030 0 0		
TELEGRAPHS.									
		Inspector	125 0 0	300 0 0					
1	1	Lineman and Operator	87 10 0	175 0 0					
1	1	Operator, Lawrence	37 10 0	50 0 0					
1	1	Operator, Clyde	25 0 0	50 0 0					
1	1	Operator, Queenstown		150 0 0			725 0 0		
		Travelling Expenses and Horse Feed	52 10 0						
		House Rent	19 10 0		100 0 0				
		New Poles, and assistance in erecting			39 0 0				
		Printing and Stationery	20 0 0		24 0 0				
		Fuel and Light			20 0 0				
		Incidental Expenses	15 0 0		15 0 0				
					20 0 0		218 0 0		
GENERAL ROAD BOARD.									
1	1	Clerk	120 0 0	300 0 0					
1	1	Surveyor and Draughtsman	150 0 0	300 0 0					
1	1	Surveyor	140 0 0	280 0 0			880 0 0		
		Laborers' Wages, Allowance in lieu of Rations, and Equipment of Field Parties	150 0 0		300 0 0				
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	30 0 0		60 0 0				
		Incidental Expenses	45 0 0		60 0 0				
		Travelling Expenses			100 0 0		520 0 0		
		Carry forward	2,579 10 0	4,755 0 0	1,768 0 0		6,573 0 0		

Brought forward from total Provincial Treasurer	£110,692 19 6
Total Secretary for Public Works	6,573 0 0
	£117,265 19 6

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
PROVINCIAL TREASURER GENERAL.			
LOANS.			
Interest on Loan, 1856	1,115 0 0	2,000 0 0	
Interest on Loan, 1861-2	2,000 0 0	4,000 0 0	
Interest on Loan, 1862	15,000 0 0	30,000 0 0	
Interest on Harbor Loan	900 0 0	4,000 0 0	
Interest on Public Buildings	1,920 0 0	4,000 0 0	
Sinking Fund, Public Buildings	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0	
Sinking Fund, Harbor Loan	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0	
Sinking Fund, Loan, 1862		5,000 0 0	
Sinking Fund, Loan, 1861-2		1,500 0 0	
Interest, Exchange, and Commission	765 0 0	1,000 0 0	54,500 0 0
STEAM SERVICE.			
Dunedin to Clutha Ferry	1,200 0 0	1,200 0 0	
Steam Tug, Port Otago	500 0 0	1,000 0 0	2,200 0 0
HOME AGENCY.			
Expenses of Home Agency	2,500 0 0	2,000 0 0	2,000 0 0
IMMIGRATION.			
Immigration	2,200 0 0	15,000 0 0	15,000 0 0
Immigration Agent	250 0 0		
GRANTS IN AID.			
<p>Grants-in-Aid to the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition that a statement of transactions, and account of receipts and expenditure be furnished quarterly to the Government, and that a sum equal to one-third of the grant, be raised by private subscription; and further, that the Secretary, or some other officer of such Institution, shall, before the last day of each quarter, make a Return, verified by his solemn declaration before a Justice of the Peace, to the Treasurer, of the number of persons received during the year preceding, the number of officials and servants, and the vital statistics of such Institution, together with such other and further information as the Superintendent by rules and regulations from time to time may direct:—</p>			
Clyde Hospital	600 0 0	1,500 0 0	
Lawrence do.	500 0 0	2,300 0 0	
Wakatipu	500 0 0	1,000 0 0	4,800 0 0
<p>Grants-in-Aid on condition that a statement of transactions, and account of receipt and expenditure be furnished quarterly to the Government:—</p>			
Municipalities—District Road Boards and Supplemented Roads		20,000 0 0	20,000 0 0
Benevolent Institution	500 0 0	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
Carry forward			
	34,450 0 0	100,000 0 0	100,900 0 0

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	34,450	0	0	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS.									
Volunteers	500	0	0	1,000	0	0			
Burial of Paupers	100	0	0	120	0	0			
Expenses of Returning Officers ...	800	0	0	150	0	0			
Advertising	250	0	0	300	0	0			
Printing	125	0	0	250	0	0			
Do <i>Gazette</i>	250	0	0	600	0	0			
Rent of Site, Cape Saunders Light-house	10	0	0	20	0	0			
Prospecting	500	0	0	2,000	0	0			
Worthington's Deficiency	600	0	0	331	19	8			
Standard Weights and Measures ...	50	0	0	50	0	0			
Insurance on Government Buildings ...	250	0	0	300	0	0			
Fuel and Light	150	0	0	250	0	0			
Stationery	100	0	0	100	0	0			
Dog Tax—Collecting... ..	150	0	0	250	0	0			
Compensation for Deviation of Roads Purchase of Land and Runs and Agricultural Land Blocks	2,500	0	0	6,000	0	0			
Meteorological Observer and Instruments	35	0	0	60	0	0			
General Contingencies	350	0	0	1,000	0	0			
Unforeseen do	2,000	0	0	4,000	0	0			
Fire Brigade	100	0	0	100	0	0			
Premiums on Guarantee Policies ...	150	0	0	150	0	0			
Refund of Land Fund	131	8	0	79	15	0			
Relief of Orphans and Destitute Children	250	0	0	500	0	0			
Relief to Destitute	250	0	0	600	0	0			
Astronomical Clock	100	0	0	50	0	0			
Loan to North Dunedin Cemetery ...	400	0	0	450	0	0			
Purchase of Park House	750	0	0	1,100	0	0			
Stamps	250	0	0	150	0	0			
Eradication of Thistles	500	0	0	600	0	0			
Snow Poles				250	0	0			
Acclimatisation Society	250	0	0	500	0	0			
Compensation to Mr. Wilkie, contingent on Sale of Wakatip Runs'...				2,000	0	0			
Purchase of Mr Harris's Land									
Fencing Cemeteries				800	0	0			
Auctioneers' Expenses				1,000	0	0			
Introduction of Salmon and Trout ...				1,000	0	0			
Railway, Preliminary Expenses				3,000	0	0			
Botanical Gardens				200	0	0			
Cultivation of Flax				100	0	0			
Prizes to Pastoral, Agricultural, and Horticultural Societies				600	0	0			
Encouragement of Manufactures				2,000	0	0			
Pilot Board	100	0	0	50	0	0	32,061	14	8
Carry forward	46,401	8	0	132,061	14	8	132,061	14	8

Brought forward from total Secretary Public Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	£117,265	19	6
Provincial Treasurer—General	...	...	...	...	...	...	132,061	14	8
							<u>249,327</u>	14	2

NAME OF WORK.	MAINTENANCE AND LIABILITIES.			WORK ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.			ON ACCOUNT OF NEW WORKS.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ROADS.												
MAIN NORTH ROAD.												
Dunedin to Waikouaiti	2,500	0	0							2,500	0	0
Waikouaiti to Palmerston	1,000	0	0				2,000	0	0	3,000	0	0
Palmerston to Oamaru	500	0	0	300	0	0				800	0	0
Oamaru to Waitaki	155	0	0							155	0	0
MAIN SOUTH ROAD.												
Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge	3,000	0	0	1,000	0	0				4,000	0	0
East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro	2,000	0	0	100	0	0				2,100	0	0
Tokomairiro to Clutha	1,000	0	0	2,000	0	0	1000	0	0	4,000	0	0
Clutha to Mataura	600	0	0	400	0	0				1,000	0	0
CENTRAL INTERIOR.												
Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge	1,000	0	0							1,000	0	0
West Taieri Bridge to Rock and Pillar	500	0	0							500	0	0
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	1,164	4	0	2,322	10	0	5,000	0	0	8,486	14	0
Tuapeka to Teviot	800	0	0							800	0	0
Rock and Pillar to Dunstan	200	0	0							200	0	0
Teviot to Dunstan	100	0	0							100	0	0
Dunstan to Cromwell	100	0	0							100	0	0
Cromwell to Queenstown	1,700	0	0							1,700	0	0
Teviot to Alexandra, along banks of Clutha							3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0
NORTHERN INTERIOR.												
Oamaru to Lindis	389	11	0	100	0	0	500	0	0	989	11	0
Lindis Road				450	0	0				450	0	0
Palmerston to Eweburn	782	10	0	1,650	0	0	1,000	0	0	3,432	10	0
Lindis to Wanaka	700	0	0							700	0	0
Eweburn to Manuherikia	200	0	0							200	0	0
MAIN BRANCH ROADS.												
Northern Trunk to Port Chalmers	189	4	0							189	4	0
" " to Moeraki	159	11	0				464	15	0	624	6	0
" " to Oamaru Port	100	0	0							100	0	0
" " to Portobello	301	14	6	240	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,541	14	6
Southern Trunk to Molyneux	348	17	0				500	0	0	848	17	0
Dunedin to North Taieri	120	4	0				500	0	0	620	4	0
Pine Hill Road	344	8	0				1,000	0	0	1,344	8	0
Lawrence to Wetherstone	50	0	0							50	0	0
" to Gabriels	55	0	0							55	0	0
Cromwell to Wanaka	130	0	0							130	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS.												
Main Road through Dunedin	950	0	0							950	0	0
" " " Oamaru							700	0	0	700	0	0
Lee Stream to Waipori	360	12	0				600	0	0	960	12	0
Northern Trunk to Waikouaiti	37	15	0							37	15	0
Albertown to Cardrona	20	0	0							20	0	0
Roads on Goldfields	3,000	0	0							3,000	0	0
Hill's Creek to Dunstan Creek	100	0	0							100	0	0
Gentle Annie to Arrow	100	0	0							100	0	0
Arrow to Frankton	50	0	0							50	0	0
Queenstown to Maori Point and Skippers...	500	0	0							500	0	0
Arrow to Twelve-Mile	50	0	0							50	0	0
Nokomai to Mataura	50	0	0							50	0	0
Dunstan to Nevis	300	0	0							300	0	0
Cromwell to Nevis				1,000	0	0				1,000	0	0
Clutha Mouth by Main Trunk to Warepa...				500	0	0				500	0	0
Main Road, Port Molyneux				100	0	0				100	0	0
Inch Clutha							200	0	0	200	0	0
Main Branch Glenoamaru to Catlin's River							200	0	0	200	0	0
West Coast Stock Track, <i>via</i> Haast River, <i>viz.</i>												
—From foot to head of Lake Wanaka							500	0	0	500	0	0
—From head of Lake Wanaka to West Coast							2,500	0	0	2,500	0	0
West Taieri Church to Bush	200	0	0							200	0	0
	25,908	10	6	10,362	10	0	20,464	15	0	56,735	15	6

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	25,908	10	6	10,362	10	0	20,464	15	0	56,735	15	6
ROADS—Continued.												
Waihola to Taieri Beach							500	0	0	500	0	0
Port Chalmers to Blueskin							1000	0	0	1,000	0	0
Waitahuna to Main Line							400	0	0	400	0	0
Tuapeka to Switzer's							2,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
Approaches to Nevis and Arrow Ferries				350	0	0				350	0	0
Waipora to Main Trunk Road							500	0	0	500	0	0
West Taieri Bush to Waipori							500	0	0	500	0	0
Otaiki to Kuri Bush							300	0	0	300	0	0
Tapanui to Waipahi							300	0	0	300	0	0
Waikouaiti to Beach							600	0	0	600	0	0
Peninsula Beach Road							700	0	0	700	0	0
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.												
Lunatic Asylum							500	0	0	500	0	0
Hospital				500	0	0				500	0	0
Central Police Station				100	0	0				100	0	0
District Police Stations				600	0	0				600	0	0
Immigration Barracks							250	0	0	250	0	0
Gaol, Dunedin							50	0	0	50	0	0
Repairs to Buildings				50	0	0				50	0	0
Provincial Buildings				2,000	0	0				2,000	0	0
Harbor Reclamation							3,500	0	0	3,500	0	0
Quarantine Buildings							1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0
District Court Houses	464	0	0				1,000	0	0	1,464	0	0
District Gaols							1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0
Goldfields' Buildings	250	0	0							250	0	0
Survey Offices, Queenstown and Clyde							280	0	0	280	0	0
Court House, Dunedin	150	0	0							150	0	0
Dredging Harbor, and fitting up Dredge... ..							5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0
School Buildings	288	15	0	5,931	5	0				6,220	0	0
Works not provided for				750	0	0				750	0	0
Unforeseen Contingencies				3,000	0	0				3,000	0	0
Powder Magazine							600	0	0	600	0	0
Repairs to Balclutha Ferry	200	0	0							200	0	0
Telegraph Offices, Queenstown, Alexandra and Cromwell	300	0	0							300	0	0
Moorings—												
Moeraki	50	0	0							50	0	0
Clutha	50	0	0							50	0	0
Oamaru	300	0	0							300	0	0
BRIDGES.												
East Taieri... ..	100	0	0							100	0	0
West Taieri	100	0	0							100	0	0
Waikouaiti... ..	30	0	0							30	0	0
Waitahuna	20	0	0							20	0	0
Waipori	20	0	0							20	0	0
Waipahi	20	0	0							20	0	0
Tokomairiro	20	0	0							20	0	0
Kawarau	50	0	0							50	0	0
Shotover, above Maori Point, on Skipper's Road							1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
Carry forward	28,321	5	6	23,643	15	0	41,944	15	0	93,909	15	6

NAME OF WORK.	MAINTENANCE AND LIABILITIES.			WORK ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.			ON ACCOUNT OF NEW WORKS.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	28,321	5	6	23,643	15	0	41,944	15	0	93,909	15	6
ROADS.—Continued.												
Pleasant River				19	3	4				19	3	4
Main South Road, Tokomairiro Toll Bar... ..				500	0	0				500	0	0
Waitati							350	0	0	350	0	0
Mokarita							300	0	0	300	0	0
JETTIES.												
Dunedin (4)	800	0	0							800	0	0
Port Chalmers	50	0	0							50	0	0
Oamaru	500	0	0							500	0	0
Waikouaiti							1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0
	29,671	5	6	24,162	18	4	43,594	15	0	97,428	18	10

Brought forward from Provincial Treasurer—General... ..	249,327	14	2
Total Roads and Works	97,428	18	10
	<u>346,756</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>

Out of Revenue or out of Loan if authorised by the Assembly:—

	£	s.	d.
Immigration	35,000	0	0
Breakwater, Oamaru	20,000	0	0
Doek	50,000	0	0
Bridge, Waitaki	25,000	0	0
Do. Otepopo	5,000	0	0
Do. Shotover	5,000	0	0
	<u>140,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (No. 1).

(Transmitted with Message No. 13, May 23.)

SALARIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provincial Secretary and Treasurer	200	0	0			
Secretary for Land and Works	200	0	0	400	0	0
Music Master	400	0	0	400	0	0
Telegraphic Operators—						
Alexandra, Cromwell, and Teviot	300	0	0			
Cattle Inspector, Port Chalmers	150	0	0			
Keeper of Quarantine Hospital	50	0	0	500	0	0
GRANT IN AID.						
Oamaru Hospital	750	0	0	750	0	0
ROADS.						
Cromwell to Queenstown (Kirby's Contract)	3000	0	0			
Do.	1200	0	0			
Main Road through Port Chalmers	280	0	0			
Dunstan to Cromwell	200	0	0			
Do. to Nevis	200	0	0			
Port Chalmers to Heads	500	0	0			
Tuapeka to Smith's Bush	200	0	0			
Do. to Switzer's	1000	0	0			
East Taieri Bridge to Beach	150	0	0			
Waiwera to Nokomai	500	0	0			
Main Trunk Road to Waihemo	1000	0	0			
Hyde to Kyeburn	500	0	0			
Naseby to Eden Creek	1000	0	0			
Macrae's to Hyde	500	0	0			
Clutha to Mataura	1000	0	0			
Wetherstones to Blue Spur	250	0	0	11480	0	0
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.						
Weighing Machine	50	0	0			
Snow Poles and Shelter Sheds	250	0	0			
Shag Harbor	300	0	0			
Waitaki Ferry (Half cost of Boats)	100	0	0			
Do. Maintenance	75	0	0			
Telegraph Office (Teviot)	100	0	0			
Fittings Council Chamber	1000	0	0			
Extra Foundations Provincial Buildings	987	19	0			
Fencing Unprotected Roads	800	0	0			
Removing Snags (Clutha)	100	0	0			
Crane (Port Molyneux Jetty)	100	0	0			
Do. (Oamaru Jetty)	250	0	0			
Moeraki Jetty	100	0	0	4212	19	0
BRIDGES.						
Mataura Bridge	1250	0	0			
Clutha do.	2650	0	0			
Waitahuna do.	500	0	0			
Pomahaka do.	500	0	0	4900	0	0
CROWN LANDS.						
Extra assistance	600	0	0	600	0	0
STEAM SERVICE.						
Dunedin to Clutha Ferry	1200	0	0	1200	0	0
Carried forward				£24442	19	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				24,442	19	0
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Purchase of Reynolds' Bond	4000	0	0			
Volunteers	500	0	0			
Keeper of Time-Ball	50	0	0			
Reformatory School and Maintenance	1000	0	0			
Arbitrations and Actions	500	0	0			
Collecting Agricultural Statistics	134	7	3			
Assessors under Waste Land Act	100	0	0			
Public Vaccinators	250	0	0			
Surveying Water Reservoirs	1000	0	0			
Gold Fields Management Bill	1500	0	0	9034	7	3
Out of Loan or out of Revenue:—						
Water of Leith Bridge	2000	0	0	2000	0	0
				£35,477	6	3

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (No. 2).

(As transmitted with Message No. 17, May 29.)

	£	s.	d.
Bridge over Silverstream at junction with Taieri River	250	0	0
Benevolent Asylum—Building Fund	250	0	0
Expenses Select Committees	200	0	0
District School Prizes	150	0	0
Removing Rocks—Entrance Molyneux	1000	0	0
Wakatip Hospital	500	0	0
Bridge over Carron Creek and constructing Road from Glen Carron to the Sea Coast	200	0	0
Southern Steam Navigation Company	950	0	0
Municipal District Road Board and Supplemented Roads	3500	0	0
	£7000	0	0