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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

SESSION XXI.—1865-6.



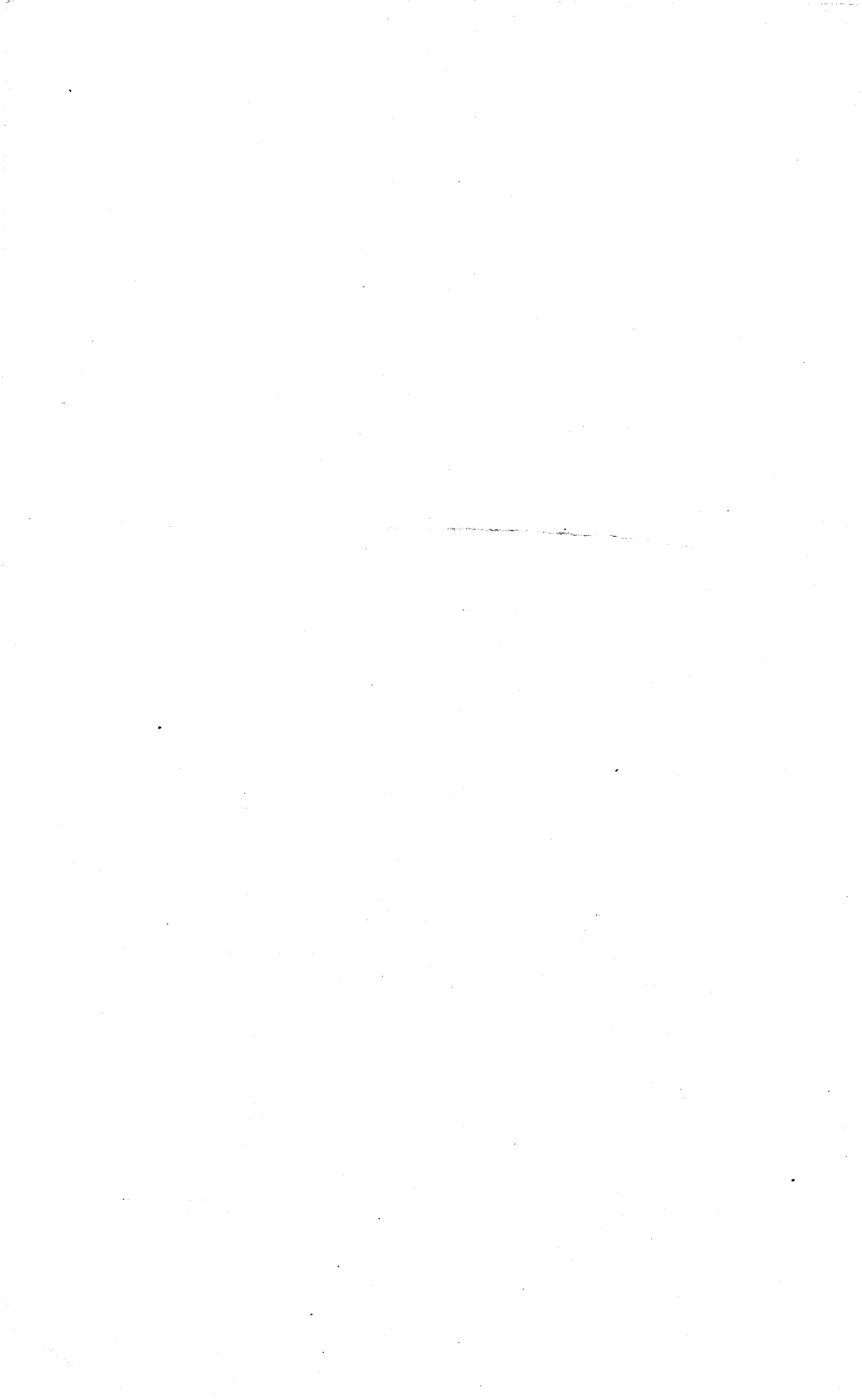
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SESSION XXI.—1865-6.

CLUTHA	JOHN LARKINS CHEESE RICHARDSON (<i>Speaker</i>) FRANCIS WALLACE MACKENZIE. JAMES WILLIAM THOMSON.
CLYDE	SIMEON ISSACS.
DUNEDIN	WILLIAM HUNTER REYNOLDS. FREDERICK JOSEPH MOSS. EDWARD BOWES CARGILL. JAMES KILGOUR. JAMES PATERSON. JAMES GORDON STUART GRANT. BRYAN CECIL HAGGITT.
GOLD FIELDS	GEORGE BRODIE. JOHN HUGHES. JOHN MOUAT.
GREEN ISLAND AND CAVERSHAM	GEORGE LLOYD. JOHN BLAIR.
LAWRENCE	JAMES CLARK BROWN.
LINDIS	FREDERICK WALKER.
MANUHERIKIA	DONALD MACPHERSON.
MATAU	FRANCIS DILLON BELL.
NORTH HARBOUR	JOHN CARGILL. CHARLES HENRY STREET.
OAMARU (COUNTRY)	MICHAEL SHERLOCK GLEESON.
" (TOWN)	HENRY JOHN MILLER.
PENINSULA	ARTHUR WILLIAM MORRIS.
PORT CHALMERS	JAMES MACANDREW.
QUEENSTOWN	CHARLES EDWARD HAUGHTON.
TAIERI	WILLIAM STEVENSON. DONALD REID. ARTHUR JOHN BURNS. ALEXANDER RENNIE.
TOKOMAIRIRO	JAMES ADAM. WILLIAM JOHN DYER. HENRY CLARK.
WAIHOLA	ALEXANDER MOLLISON.
WAKARI	GEORGE HEPBURN (<i>Chairman of Committees.</i>)
WAIKOUAITI	JULIUS VOGEL.
WAKATIPU	HENRY DYER MADDOCK.

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RESOLUTIONS ON THE SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY,

(AS ADOPTED DECEMBER 16.*)

1. "That this Committee acknowledges the expediency of constructing a Railway from Dunedin to the Clutha River, but that such Railway should be undertaken and constructed by a Company receiving a Government guarantee.
2. "That such guarantee shall not exceed eight per cent. per annum.
3. "That the cost of such line shall not exceed £400,000.
4. "That the guarantee shall extend over a period of 15 years, to commence on the completion of the first 10 miles, to the extent of the amount expended on that portion, and in the same proportion until the whole distance is completed.
5. "That the Government be authorised to obtain the necessary powers for raising a Loan to the amount of £400,000, for the purpose of constructing a Railroad between Dunedin and the Clutha River; such power to be exercised should the above Resolutions for a guarantee not be successfully carried out.
6. "That the Government be authorised to obtain an Act at the next Session of the Assembly, for the construction of the said line from Dunedin to the Clutha."

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No. I.—ABSTRACT OF MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NO.	SUBJECT.	WHEN RECEIVED.	PAGE.	WHEN REPLIED TO.	PAGE.	REMARKS.
1	Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for year ending 30th September, 1866	November 27	18	...	...	Considered in Committee of Supply, Nov. 27, Dec. 7, 11. (See pages 19, 39, and 46)
2	Supplementary Estimates, (No. 1)	December 6	36	...	...	Considered in Committee of Supply, Dec. 11. (See page 47)
3	Communication from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary respecting employment of Maori Prisoners on Public Works	December 8	41	December 16	60	
4	Supplementary Estimates, No. 2	December 15	54	...	...	Considered in Committee of Supply, Dec. 16. (See page 60)
5	Supplementary Estimates, No. 3	December 16	59	...	...	Considered in Committee of Supply, Dec. 16. (See page 60)
6	Proposed Amendment in <i>Licensing Bill</i>	December 27	72	December 27	73	Amendment agreed to and ordered to be made in Bill
7	Supplementary Estimates, No. 4	December 29	76	...	...	Considered in Committee of Supply, Jan. 4. (See page 83)
8	Supplementary Estimates, No. 5	January 4	82	...	...	Considered in Committee of Supply, Jan. 4. (See page 83)
9	Proposed Amendment in <i>Bridge Ordinance Amendment Bill</i>	January 4	82	January 5	87	Amendment agreed to and ordered to be made in Bill
10	Proposed dissolution of the Council	January 5	86	...	...	Considered, (Jan. 5) and certain Resolutions moved by Mr. Vogel in reply negatived. (See page 87)

No. II.—SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS.

SHORT TITLE.	INTRODUCED AND READ FIRST TIME.	READ A SECOND TIME.	COMMITTED.	RE-COMMITTED.	READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.	REMARKS.
Acclimatisation Reserve Management ...	Nov. 20—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 23	Nov. 23	...	...	Chairman left the chair (on motion of Mr. Houghton,) Nov. 23
* Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal	Nov. 27—Mr. Burns	Dec. 6	Dec. 6	...	Dec. 12	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Appropriation ...	Dec. 16—Provincial Treasurer	Jan. 4	Jan. 4	...	Jan. 5	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Birds Protection ...	Dec. 16—Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 21	Dec. 21	...	Dec. 27	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Bridge Ordinance Amendment ...	Nov. 21—Mr. Brodie	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	...	Nov. 27	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Dunedin Reserves Management ...	Dec. 12—Provincial Solicitor	Dec. 16	Dec. 21	...	Dec. 29	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866.
* Education Reserves ...	Dec. 1—Provincial Solicitor	Dec. 16	Dec. 20	...	Dec. 20	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Education Reserves Management and Leasing	Dec. 22—Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 27	Dec. 27	...	Dec. 27	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
* Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment	Dec. 16—Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 22	Dec. 22	...	Dec. 27	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment ...	Dec. 16—Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 21	Dec. 21	...	Dec. 22	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Frankton Mill Reserves ...	Nov. 24—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 27	Nov. 27	...	Nov. 27	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
+ Interpretation ...	Dec. 12—Provincial Solicitor	Dec. 16	Dec. 20	...	Dec. 21	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
* Licensing ...	Dec. 12—Provincial Solicitor	Dec. 16	Dec. 20	...	Dec. 22	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
+ Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment ...	Nov. 15—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	...	Nov. 22	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Oamaru Mechanics' Institute Reserve Management	Nov. 24—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 27	Nov. 27	...	Nov. 27	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Oamaru Reserves ...	Nov. 15—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	...	Nov. 17	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
+ Oamaru Town Reserves Management ...	Nov. 23—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 24	Nov. 24	...	Nov. 24	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
+ Otago Dock Trust ...	Dec. 16—Provincial Solicitor	Dec. 27	Dec. 27	...	Dec. 27	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
* Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment	Dec. 15—Mr. Brodie	Dec. 16	Dec. 21	...	Jan. 4	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Otago Provincial Representation Ordinance 1864 Amendment	Dec. 29—Mr. Houghton	Jan. 4	Jan. 4	...	Jan. 4	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Otago Roads Ordinance Extension and Amendment	Dec. 8—Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	...	Dec. 12	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Road Districts Loan ...	Dec. 12—Provincial Solicitor	Dec. 16	Dec. 21	...	Dec. 29	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
* Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment	Nov. 15—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 17	Nov. 17	...	Nov. 22	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Roads Diversion (No. 2) ...	Dec. 8—Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	...	Dec. 12	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
* Sheep Ordinance 1856 Amendment ...	Nov. 20—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 23	Nov. 23, Dec. 16	...	Dec. 27	Referred to Select Committee, Nov. 27. Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
+ Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest	Dec. 16—Provincial Solicitor	Dec. 27	Dec. 27	...	Dec. 29	Reserved 5th Jan., 1866
* Superintendent's Indemnity (No. 2) ...	Nov. 17—Provincial Treasurer	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	...	Nov. 21	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Town and Country Police Ordinance Extension ...	Nov. 27—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	...	Nov. 28	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866
* Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment ...	Nov. 15—Provincial Solicitor	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	...	Dec. 16	Assented to 5th Jan., 1866

* Left to its operation.

† Assented to.

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	Reply to Opening Address	Mr. Haughton	Nov. 17	5	Dec. 6	36
2	Passage of the Clutha at Clutha Ferry	Captain Mackenzie	Nov. 23	13	Dec. 6	36
3	Regulations of the Otago Gold Fields respecting Mining Leases	Mr. Haughton	Nov. 23	13	Dec. 15	55
4	Recommendations of Select Committee on Country Municipalities	Mr. Brodie	Dec. 1	30	Dec. 15	55
5	Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands	Mr. Mout	Dec. 4	32	Dec. 15	55
6	Loan of £35,000 to the City of Dunedin	Mr. Hughes	Dec. 5	35	Dec. 15	55
7	Post Office Buildings (Transmitting Report of Select Committee on)	Mr. Macandrew	Dec. 7	38	Dec. 15	55
8	Loan of £35,000 to the City of Dunedin (Interest and Sinking Fund of)	Mr. Haughton	Dec. 8	42	Dec. 15	55
9	Construction of Dock	Mr. Haughton	Dec. 8	43	Dec. 15	55
10	Jetty at Shag Point and Road leading therefrom up Shag Valley	Mr. Macandrew	Dec. 8	43	Dec. 15	55
11	Relations between the General and Provincial Governments	Mr. Macandrew	Dec. 8	43	Dec. 15	55
12	Free Public Library (Site for, &c.)	Mr. Macandrew	Dec. 8	43	Dec. 15	55
13	Licenses to Storekeepers on the Gold Fields	Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 11	45	Dec. 15	55
14	Infected Districts	Provincial Treasurer	Dec. 11	46	Dec. 15	55
15	Departmental Expenditure (in Otago) of the General Government	Mr. Miller (pro Mr. Gleeson)	Dec. 11	46	Dec. 15	55
16	Mussel Bay (Administration of portion of for Ship-building purposes, &c.)	Mr. Burns	Dec. 11	46	Dec. 15	55
17	Steam Tug for the Harbor of Otago (Subsidy to)	Mr. Macandrew	Dec. 11	46	Dec. 15	55
18	Guarantee to Dunedin School Committee	Mr. Street	Dec. 11	46	Dec. 15	55
19	Subsidy to Steamers, (between Clutha and Dunedin and on the Clutha River)	Mr. Street	Dec. 12	46, 49	Dec. 15	55
20	Road extending from East Taieri Bridge in the direction of the Sea	Mr. Bell	Dec. 13	51	Dec. 15	55
21	Cases tried, Fines and Fees collected in Resident Magistrates' Courts, Customs Duties, &c.	Mr. Mollison	Dec. 13	52	Dec. 15	55
22	Fencing Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1856	Mr. Burns	Dec. 13	52	Dec. 15	55
23	Toll Gates (Erection of)	Mr. Blair	Dec. 15	55	Dec. 16	59
24	Religious and Educational Trust Property	Mr. Reid	Dec. 15	55	Dec. 16	59
25	Resolutions on Southern Trunk Railway	Mr. Haughton	Dec. 15	55	Dec. 16	59
26	Employment of Maori Prisoners (In reply to Message No. 3)	Mr. Dyer, Major Richardson, and Mr. Moss	Dec. 16	59, 60	Dec. 16	60
27	Report of Select Committee on Education	Mr. Brodie	Dec. 16	60	Dec. 16	60
28	"Grant-in-Aid" for Prospecting purposes	Mr. Brodie	Dec. 18	62	Dec. 29	77
29	Inspectors of Cattle	Mr. Brown	Dec. 20	64	Dec. 29	77
30	Increase of Salary to Under Secretary, Mr. Speaker, Chairman of Committees, and Clerk of Council	Mr. Mollison	Dec. 20	64	Dec. 29	77
31	Increase of Salary to Clerk of Police Department	Mr. Gleeson	Dec. 20	64	Dec. 29	77
32	Reserves for Public Uses for Township of Milton	Mr. Reynolds	Dec. 21	66	Dec. 29	77
		Mr. Dyer	Dec. 21	68	Dec. 29	77

No. III.—ABSTRACT OF ADDRESSES &c.—(CONTINUED.)

ORDER.	SUBJECTS.	MOVER OF MOTION.	PASSED.		REPLIED TO.	
			DATE.	PAGE.	DATE.	PAGE.
33	Conveyance of Inland Mails ...	...	Dec. 22	70	..	..
34	Supplemented Roads ...	...	Dec. 22	71	..	..
35	Payment (in Land) of Contracts for Roads and Bridges ...	...	Dec. 22	71	..	..
36	Religious and Educational Trust Property ...	...	Dec. 22	71	..	..
37	Sub-Inspector Siscock (For Correspondence respecting disallowance of certain Moneys expended without Authority by) ...	...	Dec. 22	71	Dec. 27	73
38	Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands (Report of Select Committee on) ...	...	Dec. 22	71	..	..
39	Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block XXV, Oamaru (For Correspondence respecting) ...	...	Dec. 29	78	Jan. 3	79
40	Civil Service Commission ...	...	Dec. 29	77	..	..
41	Calling place of the Panama Mail Service Steamers ...	...	1866	..	..	..
42	Re-union of Otago and Southland ...	...	Jan. 3	79	..	..
43	Dissolution of the Council ...	...	Jan. 3	79	..	..
44	Canada Reef ...	...	Jan. 5	85, 86	Jan. 5	86
45	Postal Communication (Country Districts and Gold Fields) ...	...	Jan. 5	86	..	..
			Jan. 5	86, 87	..	..

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

ORDER.	SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	MOVER.	APPOINTED.	REPORTED.	REMARKS.
1	House	Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Burns, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Hughes.	Mr. Hughes	November 17.	Time to time.	
2	Printing	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Blair, Mr. J. Cargill, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Reynolds.	Mr. Reynolds	November 17.	Time to time.	
3	Relations between General and Provincial Governments	Mr. Brodie, Mr. Burns, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Moss, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Vogel.	Mr. Vogel	November 20.	November 27.	Appointed by ballot. For Report see Reports of Select Committees, page 1.
4	Private Petitions	Mr. Mouat, Mr. Blair, Mr. Morris, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Haughton, and Mr. Reynolds.	Mr. Reynolds	November 20.	Time to time.	
5	Country Municipalities	Mr. Walker, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Miller, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Vogel.	Mr. Vogel	November 20.	November 28.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 2.
6	Education	Mr. Morris, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Blair, Mr. Haggitt, and Mr. Brodie.	Mr. Brodie	November 21.	December 12.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 6.
7	Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill	Mr. J. Cargill, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Adam, Mr. Bell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Haggitt.	Mr. Haggitt	November 27.	December 11.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 23.
8	Construction of Dry Dock	Mr. J. Cargill, Mr. Bell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Moss, and Mr. Macandrew.	Mr. Macandrew	November 27.	December 6.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 4.
9	New Post Office	Mr. Brown, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Rennie, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Macandrew.	Mr. Macandrew	November 28.	December 5.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 3.
10	Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rennie, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Mouat.	Mr. Mouat	December 4.	December 15.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 10.
11	Police Regulations. . . .	Mr. Speaker, Mr. Maddock, Mr. Mouat, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Haughton.	Mr. Haughton	December 4.	December 20.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 20.
12	Thistle Nuisance	Mr. Bell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Adam, Mr. Walker, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Gleeson.	Mr. Gleeson	December 11.	December 13.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 25.
13	David Andrew's Petition	Mr. Bell, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Miller, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. J. Cargill, and Mr. Lloyd.	Mr. Lloyd	December 15.	December 21.	See Reports of Select Committees, page 22.

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

ORDER.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	FROM WHOM.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	NO. OF SIGS.	REMARKS.
1	Setting forth the circumstances of his dismissal from office, and praying for redress of grievances	Archibald Fullerton	Mr. Macandrew	Nov. 17	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, Nov. 21.
2	That the Main Road in North-East Valley, opposite section 116, be made to the usual width	Certain Land Owners and others in North-East Valley	Mr. Street	Nov. 17	309	
3	That the Council would re-consider the Resolution of last Session respecting the conversion of the Exhibition Building into a Hospital	Certain Inhabitants of Dunedin, and Electors of the Province	Mr. Haggitt	Nov. 17	1500	Considered, and motion to comply with the prayer thereof negatived, Nov. 21.
4	Setting forth the circumstances of her late husband's decease, and praying the Council to take her case into consideration	Elizabeth Currie	Mr. J. Cargill	Nov. 20	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, Nov. 21.
5	For a reduction in the amount of Publicans' License Fee	Certain Licensed Victuallers of Dunstan District	Mr. Isaacs	Nov. 20	24	License Fees reduced when in Committee on <i>Licensing Bill</i> .
6	That the Council would take into consideration the making of a short line of road to connect the two Townships at Port Molyneux	Certain Inhabitants of Port Molyneux and vicinity.	Mr. Thomson	Nov. 21	43	Amount placed on Supplementary Estimates in terms of Petition.
7	For a reduction in the amount of Publicans' License Fee, &c.	Certain Publicans, Storekeepers, and others of District of Waitakouaiti	Mr. Vogel	Nov. 22	65	License Fees reduced when in Committee on <i>Licensing Bill</i> .
8	For the formation of a certain line of road from Green Island to mouth of Taieri River	Certain Settlers, Owners, and Occupiers of land, between Green Island and the mouth of the Taieri River	Mr. Burns	Nov. 22	62	Amount of £150 placed on Estimates, and passed, for purpose required.
9	That the Council would take the financial position of the City of Dunedin into favorable consideration	Mayor and Corporation of Dunedin	Mr. E. B. Cargill	Nov. 22	9	Subject of Petition taken into consideration, Dec. 5. (See page 35).
10	Setting forth the circumstances under which he was discharged from the Police Force, and praying for redress of grievances	John Daly	Mr. Haughton	Nov. 23	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, Nov. 24.
11	For the completion of Edinburgh-street in the Township of Hawksbury	Andrew Thompson	Mr. Vogel	Nov. 24	1	
12	Setting forth certain losses said to have been sustained from Pleuropneumonia, and praying for redress of grievances	Andrew Thompson	Mr. Vogel	Nov. 24	1	Motion (by Mr. Miller), for referring Petition to a Select Committee, negatived, Nov. 28, page 22. Motion (by Mr. Grant), for referring Petition to Select Committee on Private Petitions, negatived, Dec. 11, page 46.
13	That the Council would take into favorable consideration certain grievances said to have been sustained in consequence of the reduction of his salary	John Cleverley	Capt. Mackenzie	Nov. 25	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, Dec. 8.

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

ORDER.	ABSTRACT OF PRAYER.	FROM WHOM.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.	DATE OF PRESENTATION.	NO. OF SIGS.	REMARKS.
14	That the Council would take the financial position of the City of Dunedin into favorable consideration	Certain Citizens of the City of Dunedin	Mr. E. B. Cargill	Nov. 29	1140	Subject of Petition taken into consideration Dec. 5. (See page 35).
15	For a reduction in the amount of fee for a License for sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors	Certain persons residing in Dunedin and Suburbs, North and South	Mr. Macandrew	Nov. 29	31	License Fees reduced when in Committee on <i>Licensing Bill</i> .
16	That the Council would consider the desirability of the establishment of a Ladies' College or High School	Certain Ladies of the Province	Mr. Mollison	Nov. 30	115	Referred to Select Committee on Education Dec. 1.
17	For improvement of the harbor at Shag Point, and road leading therefrom up Shag Valley	Certain Land Owners and others of Palmerston, Shag Valley and vicinity William L. Leggatt	Mr. Macandrew	Dec. 4	63	Considered December 8, amount placed on Supplementary Estimates in terms of Petition
18	Setting forth certain alleged losses and damages sustained through invalidity of his lease of Moeraki Jetty Dues, and praying for redress of grievances		Mr. Gleeson	Dec. 4	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, Dec. 5.
19	That the Council would favorably consider the desirability of assisting the Settlers in forming and metalling certain portions of the District Roads	East Taieri Road Board	Mr. Reid	Dec. 5	5	Considered in Committee of Supply, Dec. 12.
20	For the formation of certain Roads, and redress of certain grievances	Certain Inhabitants of Cromwell and vicinity	Mr. Haughton	Dec. 6	4	Referred to the Executive, Dec. 8.
21	For the construction of the Road between Pleasant and Shag Rivers, on the Dunstan line of Road	Certain Inhabitants of Palmerston and vicinity	Mr. Miller	Dec. 6	62	Referred to the Executive, Dec. 11.
22	Setting forth the circumstances of his dismissal from office, and praying for redress of grievances	Robert Gibson	Mr. Burns	Dec. 11	1	Referred to Select Committee on Private Petitions, Dec. 12.
23	That the Council would take into consideration, and give decision as to certain alleged grievances in connection with Messrs. Lonnie and Co.'s Contract for Harbor Reclamation	David Andrew	Mr. Lloyd	Dec. 13	1	Referred to a Select Committee, Dec. 15.
24	That the Council would take into favorable consideration certain alleged grievances said to be sustained through Government not accepting their tender for printing	Messrs. Mills, Dick, & Co.	Mr. Dyer	Dec. 29	2	Motion (by Mr. Dyer) for consideration of Petition, negatived, Jan 4., page 84.
25	Setting forth certain losses said to have been sustained in the execution of his contract for the erection of Waikouaiti Bridge, and praying for redress of grievances.	James Bruce	Mr. Vogel	1866 Jan. 3	1	Referred to the Executive, Jan. 5.

No. VI.—SCHEDULE OF PAPERS, RETURNS, CORRESPONDENCE, &c., LAID ON THE TABLE.

NATURE OF DOCUMENT.	LAID ON THE TABLE.	
	DATE.	PAGE.
Abstracts of Revenue and Expenditure from October 1st, 1853, to September 30, 1865. (<i>Paper attached</i>)	November 27.	18
Acts and Appointments done and made by His Honor the Superintendent, under the "Diseased Cattle Act, 1861"	November 15.	1
Acts and Appointments done and made by His Honor the Superintendent, under the "Gold Fields Act, 1862"	November 15.	3
Balance Sheet (General), and Statement of Expenditure for half-year ending September 30, 1865. (<i>Paper attached</i>)	November 17.	4
<i>Bills</i> (see Summary of Proceedings on Bills—Table No. II.)	...	...
Correspondence (Immigration)	November 15.	3
Correspondence (Immigration—additional)	December 8.	42
Correspondence respecting the Princes-street Reserve	November 20.	7
Correspondence respecting a Road to the West Coast	November 27.	18
Correspondence respecting Payment for Services of City Commissioners	December 1.	29
Correspondence relative to the Disposal of the Geological Collections	December 8.	42
Correspondence respecting Surveys of Agricultural Land, 1864, in Wakatipu District	December 12.	48
Correspondence relative to the disallowance of certain Moneys expended without authority by Sub-Inspector Sincock.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Haughton, Dec. 22)	December 27.	72
Correspondence relating to certain Reserves for Public Purposes at Oamaru.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Haughton, Dec. 29)	January 3.	79
Copy Letter from Commissioner of Police, relating to the loss of a bag of Gold from the Dunstan Camp	December 1.	29
Copy of Trust Deed of Estate for Religious and Educational Uses.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Haughton, Nov. 22)	December 4.	31
Departmental Reports, Nos. I. (Education), IV. (Immigration), and VII. (Hospital)	November 22.	11
Departmental Reports Nos. II. (Gaol), III. (Harbor), V. (Police), VI. (Survey), and VIII. (Roads and Works)	November 23.	13
Departmental Report No. IX. (Lunatic Asylum)	November 24.	...
Departmental Reports Nos. X. (Recreation Grounds), XI. (Marine Engineer), and XII. (High School)	December 1.	29
Departmental Report No. XIV. (Roads and their Deviations)	December 11.	45
Departmental Report No. XV. (Storekeeper). (<i>See Departmental Reports</i>)	December 28.	75
Documents (Nos. 1, 2, and 3) from Provincial Auditor. (<i>Council Paper No. I</i>)	November 20.	7
Draft of Bill, together with Resolutions on the Land Question	November 15.	3
Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for Year ending 30th September, 1866.—(Transmitted in Message No. 1). (<i>Council Paper</i>)	November 27.	18
Estimates (Supplementary).—(Transmitted in Message No. 2). (<i>Appended to Council Paper</i>)	December 6.	36
Estimates (Supplementary, No. 2).—(Transmitted in Message No. 4)	December 15.	54
Estimates (Supplementary, No. 3).—(Transmitted in Message No. 5)	December 16.	59
Estimates (Supplementary, No. 4).—(Transmitted in Message No. 7)	December 29.	76
Estimates (Supplementary, No. 5).—(Transmitted in Message No. 8)	January 4.	82
Immigration Accounts to 30th September, 1865. (<i>Paper attached</i>)	November 29.	24

No. VI.—SCHEDULE OF PAPERS, RETURNS, CORRESPONDENCE, &c., LAID ON THE TABLE.—(CONTINUED).

NATURE OF DOCUMENT,	LAID ON THE TABLE.	
	DATE.	PAGE.
Letter from His Honor the Superintendent to Mr. Speaker, covering Election Writs - - - - -	November 15.	1
Letter from His Honor the Superintendent to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, respecting the sale of unsold Lands within Hundreds - - - - -	November 15.	3
Letter from Provincial Auditor, transmitting General Balance Sheet, &c. (<i>Appendix, page xiii.</i>) - - - - -	November 17.	4
Letter from Town Clerk, transmitting Bye-Laws of the Corporation of Dunedin - - - - -	December 8.	42
Letter from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, respecting the Conveyance of Inland Mails. (<i>Council Paper No. IV.</i>) - - - - -	December 13.	51
Manual of Police Regulations - - - - -	November 29.	24
Map respecting Hundreds - - - - -	November 21.	9
Map shewing direction of Main Trunk Road to Wakatipu, between the Arrow Junction and Queenstown - - - - -	December 1.	29
<i>Petitions.</i> —(See Abstract of Petitions, table No. V.) - - - - -	..	..
Plan shewing Site of Government Buildings, and proposed Site for Athenæum - - - - -	December 8.	42
<i>Reports of Select Committees.</i> —(See table No. IV.) - - - - -	..	..
<i>Reports, Departmental.</i> —(See Departmental Reports) - - - - -	..	..
Report by the Secretary to the Gold Fields Department on the Road to the West Coast via Lake Wanaka. (<i>Provincial Gazette, vol. IX., page 248</i>) - - - - -	November 15.	3
Report by Mr. Mining Surveyor Coates, on the Expedition to West Coast, together with Map - - - - -	December 8.	42
Report by Mr. Mining Surveyor Coates, relative to the West Coast Route, together with Map - - - - -	December 28.	75
Report by the Chief Railway Engineer, upon the proposed Southern Trunk Railway, together with Plans. (<i>Council Paper No. II.</i>) - - - - -	November 20.	7
Report (Sixth Annual) of the Postal Service of New Zealand - - - - -	December 15.	55
Resolutions as to the Relations between the General and Provincial Governments - - - - -	November 15.	3
Resolutions on Southern Trunk Railway. (<i>Appendix, page xvi.</i>) - - - - -	November 21.	9
Resolutions relating to Scholarships. (<i>Appendix, page xvii.</i>) - - - - -	November 23.	13
Return of Police Reward Fund.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Haughton, Nov. 22) - - - - -	November 24.	..
Return of Pasturage Licenses.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Bell, Nov. 24) - - - - -	November 27.	18
Return showing amounts received on account of Land Tax - - - - -	November 27.	18
Return of Gold Fields' Revenue and Expenditure during the year ending 30th September, 1865.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Monat, Nov. 20) - - - - -	November 29.	24
Return of Grants-in-Aid to District Roads - - - - -	December 1.	29
Return of Expenditure on Roads from 1854 to 30th September, 1865.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Thomson, Nov. 24.) (<i>Council Paper No. III.</i>) - - - - -	December 1.	29
Return of Harbor Loan Debentures - - - - -	December 1.	29
Return of Land Tax due, &c.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Dyer, Nov. 28) - - - - -	December 1.	29
Return of the number of Surveys made on the Gold Fields for the year ended 31st August, 1865 - - - - -	December 1.	29
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PROCLAMATIONS.

(No. 1.)

Prorogation of the Provincial Council to the ninth day of November next.

By His Honor Thomas Dick, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the session thereof, holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it was *inter alia*, enacted that for each of the Provinces established in the said Colony by the said Act, there should be a Superintendent and a Provincial Council, to be elected and constituted under and subject to the provisions in that behalf therein contained, and that it should be lawful for the Superintendent to prorogue the Provincial Council thereof from time to time, whenever he shall deem it expedient to do so: And whereas on the eighteenth day of May last, John Hyde Harris, Esquire, then Superintendent of the Province of Otago, declared the Provincial Council of Otago to stand prorogued until Wednesday, the eleventh day of October then next ensuing:

Now therefore I, the Superintendent of the the Province of Otago, do proclaim and declare that I do hereby, in exercise of the power vested in me in this behalf by the said Act, further prorogue the Provincial Council of the said Province of Otago; and that the said Provincial Council is further prorogued until the ninth day of November next.

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

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

By His Honor's Command,
FREDERICK WALKER,
Provincial Secretary.

(No. 2.)

Further prorogation of the Provincial Council to the fifteenth day of November instant.

By His Honor Thomas Dick, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the session thereof, holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to grant a Representative Constitution to the Colony of New Zealand," it was, *inter alia*, enacted that for each of the Provinces established in the said Colony by the said Act there should be a Superintendent and a Provincial Council, to be elected and constituted under, and subject to, the provisions in that behalf therein contained, and that it should be lawful for the Superintendent to prorogue the Provincial Council thereof from time to time, whenever he shall deem it expedient to do so: And whereas, on the ninth day of October last, I, Thomas Dick, Superintendent of the Province of Otago, declared the Provincial Council of Otago to stand prorogue until the ninth day of November instant:

Now therefore I, the Superintendent of the Province of Otago, do proclaim and declare that I do hereby, in exercise of the power vested in me in this behalf by the said Act, further prorogue the Provincial Council of the said Province of Otago; and that the said Provincial Council is further prorogued until the fifteenth day of November instant.

Given under my hand, and issued under the Public Seal of the Province of Otago, at Dunedin,
(L.S.) the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

By His Honor's command,
FREDERICK WALKER,
Provincial Secretary.

(No. 3.)

Meeting of the Provincial Council.

By His Honor Thomas Dick, Esquire, Superintendent of the Province of Otago.

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

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

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

By His Honor's command,
FREDERICK WALKER,
Provincial Secretary.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL,

SESSION XXI., 1865-6.

1865.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

The Council met at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to Proclamations of 9th October ultimo.

Proclamations read by the Clerk.

The Provincial Secretary (Mr. Walker) laid on the table—"Acts and Appointments done and made by His Honor the Superintendent under the 'Diseased Cattle Act, 1861.'"

Mr. Speaker read and laid on the table a Letter from His Honor the Superintendent covering Election Writs.

(LETTER.)

Superintendent's Office,
Dunedin, 14th November, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to inform you, that since the last meeting of the Provincial Council, I have received the resignations of the following gentlemen, who were then members thereof, viz.:—Thomas Dick, Esquire; Horace Bastings, Esquire; Henry Clapcott, Esquire; and I enclose three writs, with declarations endorsed thereon, to the effect that the gentlemen after-named have been elected in their places, viz.:—James Gordon Stuart Grant, Esquire; Bryan Cecil Haggitt, Esquire; and Henry Dyer Maddock, Esquire.

I also enclose three writs, with declarations endorsed thereon, to the effect that James Clark Brown, Esquire; Simeon Isaacs, Esquire; and Charles Edward Haughton, Esquire, have been elected for the districts of Lawrence, Clyde, and Queenstown, respectively, under the "Otago Provincial Representation Ordinance, 1864."

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS DICK,

Superintendent.

The Honorable the Speaker of the
Provincial Council of Otago, Dunedin.

His Honor the Superintendent entered the Chambers, delivered his Opening Address, and withdrew:—

(ADDRESS.)

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL—

In accordance with a Resolution passed by you at the close of the last Session, I have refrained from calling you together, until a fortnight after the termination of the Session of the General Assembly. This has delayed your meeting for above a month beyond the ordinary period, and has necessitated the expenditure for that time of the funds of the Province, without previous appropriation. I trust, however, you will find that careful attention has been paid to carry out the spirit of the Resolution referred to, which allowed the Government to continue the Departmental Expenditure, but not to enter upon any new works.

Although I have few Bills to lay before you, there are several matters of very grave importance, for which I have to solicit your earnest consideration.

First in importance I may rank the position of the Province with respect to the General Government. The last Session of the Assembly has sufficiently shown that it is incumbent upon us to anticipate and endeavor to provide against a course of procedure which would render the Province powerless to help itself, and at the same time leave it with many responsibilities to fulfill. Our present position is most unsatisfactory. On the Provincial authorities rests the onus and responsibility of advancing all the material interests of the Province, and of preserving peace and good order within its bounds, while we are disabled from promptly appropriating, as emergencies arise,

arise, the great resources which would otherwise be at our disposal. A change in this respect is inevitable, and to the means for effecting this change I have to request your serious deliberation, for it is impossible that the Province can advance as it ought, under a system of double government, whereby the authority and the responsibility are placed in different hands, and whereby the Supreme Government powerless to aid in times of difficulty, is powerful only in its ability to prevent our helping ourselves, and in casting upon us heavy burdens, incurred for objects with which we have no direct concern. Resolutions will be brought before you on this subject, at an early period of the Session, in order that it may receive the attention its importance deserves.

Intimately connected with the consideration of the above question, is the legislation affecting the Waste Lands of the Crown within this Province. The Resolutions passed by you at the last Session were embodied in a Bill, and brought before the Assembly. This Bill has been rejected, and we have thus imposed upon us the duty and the necessity of reconsidering the whole matter this Session. I trust that the Resolutions you will come to on this occasion will be such as to obtain the assent of the General Assembly when it next meets, and that thus, for a time at least, the Land Question may be set at rest. The amount of consideration you have already given to the subject, coupled with the many discussions which have taken place since you last met, will no doubt have prepared you for coming to such decisions on this most important matter, as will conduce to the permanent prosperity of the Province, and compensate for the delay which has taken place, by providing a more matured and complete set of Resolutions.

In order to promote the sale of Land within Hundreds which had been for some time proclaimed, and from which, consequently, the best lands had been already selected, I wrote to the Colonial Secretary, endeavouring to obtain, by the passing of a Bill for the purpose through the Assembly, power to the Provincial Council to deal with these Lands in such manner as the Council might from time to time see fit, but this effort to secure a means of obtaining Revenue was unsuccessful. Copies of the Correspondence on this subject will be laid on the table.

The remaining debentures of the 1862 Loan have been sold, and while regretting the low price realised and the consequent pecuniary loss to the Province, the sale has undoubtedly relieved Provincial Finance from much of the uncertainty which must have attached to it, so long as these securities remained unnegotiated.

The progress of Otago has received a temporary check by the discovery of extensive and lucrative Gold Fields on the West Coast of the Province of Canterbury. So many of our population have gone to these new fields that there have been complaints of a want of laborers in the agricultural and pastoral districts, as well as on our own Gold Fields. This scarcity is not likely to prove more than temporary, for while we may congratulate our sister Province on its large extent of auriferous land, we may expect that the influx of population there from the Australian Colonies and from the other Provinces of New Zealand, will gradually induce many of our own population to return to the employments which they left when the encouraging and flattering reports from the West Coast reached them. With a view to facilitating intercourse between the western districts of the two Provinces, anxious also to ascertain if the country between the Wakatip Gold Fields and those of Westland were auriferous, Mr. Vincent Pyke was despatched to explore it. He followed very much the route previously taken by Dr. Haast, and reported upon by that gentleman to the Canterbury Government. Both Dr. Haast and Mr. Pyke have shewn that, at least to Jackson's Bay, the route could be made practicable at a small outlay. I learn that some are already taking advantage of the information obtained, which will, I trust, be the means of opening up a medium of constant communication between our Gold Fields and those of Canterbury. Mr. Pyke's Report will be laid upon the table.

The Gold Fields of the Province still prosper. Although many miners have left, the fortnightly Escort continues with little alteration. Large tracts of auriferous land remain to be worked, and with the encouragement to the outlay of capital, in the construction of water-races, afforded by our liberal Gold Fields Regulations, we may well anticipate that a settled and numerous population will be engaged in sluicing operations. Nor must we overlook the gratifying fact that at Waitahuna, Waipori, Hindon, the Arrow and Skipper's, Quartz Reefs have been discovered, and leases applied for; that a considerable quantity of machinery has either already been set in operation, or will shortly be so, and that indications of auriferous quartz reefs are being very extensively discovered.

The discovery of Copper, and the formation of companies to render that discovery available, is also a fact which should not be omitted, while speaking of the mineral resources of the Province.

The difficulty of bringing produce to market, and the amount of traffic, convince me that it is time to take into serious consideration the construction of a Railway from Dunedin to the Clutha. The impulse to cultivation and settlement which such a work would communicate, and the large amount of country of the first quality which it would connect with a market, warrant me in submitting this subject for your earnest consideration. The line has been surveyed, and full reports and plans, with resolutions based thereon, will be laid before you.

In accordance with the Votes of last Session a contract has been taken up for the erection of Government Buildings, and we may hope that in a short period the various Departments of the Government Service will be accommodated with suitable offices for carrying on the business of the Province. With the satisfactory arrangements thus secured, we may hope to be able still further to reduce the departmental expenditure, while it will be a subject of congratulation that after having for years been forced to meet in unsuitable places, ample accommodation will be provided for the Council within the building. Another work of importance which has been undertaken is the erection of a Jetty at Oamaru. This work, which has been frequently promised but long delayed, we have now every prospect of seeing completed; and a large district of productive country will, it is hoped, be thus provided with a means of exporting produce hitherto shipped with risk, and frequently with considerable damage.

I need not here mention the smaller works which have been entered upon or completed; but I have endeavoured to make the limited sum at my command go as far as possible towards effecting the various purposes for which votes were passed.

It will be seen by the Report of the Immigration Agent that during the past six months there have arrived 208 assisted Immigrants, the majority of that number being domestic servants. It will no doubt be deemed advisable by you to vote a sum again this Session for the assistance of female immigration. The report already referred to will show you how important it is to continue, and if possible to increase, the number of such Immigrants. Many of our settlers have taken advantage of that portion of our immigration arrangements, which enables them to send for their relatives from the home country by guaranteeing to the Province the re-payment of the passage-money advanced by the Government; and I trust you will again vote a sum for this purpose, as we thereby obtain a valuable and settled addition to our population.

The Estimates have been framed with a view to the economical and at the same time efficient working of the Government.

The Revenue, though necessarily somewhat affected by the exodus to the West Coast, has continued without such diminution as to cause anxiety.

Reports from the various Heads of Departments will be laid before you.

I have to express my confident hope that you will give to the various matters brought before you, that consideration which their importance deserves; and I trust that you may, under the guidance of Supreme Wisdom, decide in all things wisely and well.

I now declare this Council open for the despatch of business.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

Prayer.

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."

Additional Papers, &c., laid on the table.

1. Acts and Appointments done and made by His Honor the Superintendent under the "Gold Fields Act, 1862."—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.
2. Report of the Secretary to the Gold Fields Department, (Vincent Pyke, Esq.), on the Road to the West Coast *via* Lake Wanaka.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.
3. Letter from His Honor the Superintendent to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary respecting the sale of the unsold land within Hundreds.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.
4. Immigration Correspondence.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.
5. Draft of a Bill, together with Resolutions on Land Question.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.
6. Resolutions as to the relations between the General and Provincial Governments.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Hughes, Mr. Reynolds, and the Provincial Secretary.

Notices of motions for Friday next were given by Mr. Haughton and the Provincial Treasurer.

The Provincial Solicitor (Mr. Haggitt) laid on the table the following Bills, *viz.*:—*Oamaru Reserves, Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment, Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment, and Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment.*

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Hughes to move—"That the following gentlemen be appointed House Committee:—Messrs. Lloyd, Burns, Dyer, and the Mover."
2. Mr. Reynolds to move—"That a Printing Committee be appointed, said Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Messrs. Blair, J. Cargill, Mouat, Miller, and the Mover."
3. The Provincial Secretary to move—"That the question of Land Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, said Committee to consist of Messrs. Morris, Reynolds, Bell, Mouat, Blair, Macandrew, and the Mover."

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Oamaru Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
2. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
3. Medical Practitioners Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
4. Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Miller seconded—"That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock to-morrow."—*Affirmed.*

The House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

MOTIONS.

- 1, 2, and 3. (See Motions 1, 2, and 3, Nov. 16.)
4. Mr. Haughton to move—"The adoption of a reply to the Address of His Honor the Superintendent."
5. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the House go into Committee for the consideration and adoption of the Resolutions as to the relations between the General and Provincial Governments."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Oamaru Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
2. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
3. Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
4. Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. Macandrew presented a Petition from Archibald Fullerton.

Mr. Street presented a Petition from certain owners of land in the North-East Valley, and others.

Mr. Haggitt presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Dunedin, and Electors of the Province.

Petitions severally read and received.

Mr. Speaker read and laid on the table letter from the Provincial Auditor covering General Balance Sheet for half-year ending 30th September, 1865. (See Appendix.)

Notices of Questions for Monday next were given by Mr. Mouat (2), and by Mr. Maddock.

Notices of motions for Monday next were given by Mr. Mouat (2), Mr. Burns, Mr. Reynolds, the Provincial Secretary (2), Mr. Grant, and by Mr. Vogel.

Notice of motion for Tuesday next was given by Mr. Haggitt.

Notice of motion for Wednesday next was given by Mr. Haughton.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table the Superintendent's *Indemnity Bill* (No. 2).

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

Mr. Hughes moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—"That the following members be appointed House Committee:—Messrs. Lloyd, Burns, Dyer, and the Mover."—*Affirmed.*

Mr.

Mr. Reynolds moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That a Printing Committee be appointed; said Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Messrs. Blair, J. Cargill, Mouat, Miller, and the Mover."—*Affirmed.*

The Provincial Secretary moved, and Mr. Rennie seconded—"That the question of Land Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee; said Committee to consist of Messrs. Morris, Reynolds, Bell, Mouat, Blair, Macandrew, and the Mover."

Mr. Mouat moved as an amendment, and Mr. Lloyd seconded—"That the question of the Amended Land Resolutions be now considered in Committee of the whole House."—A debate ensued.

By permission of the House, the Provincial Secretary withdrew his motion; and Mr. Mouat's amendment being put as a substantive motion, and *affirmed*, the House went into Committee accordingly.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Secretary moved:—"Resolved—That there shall be a Board of Commissioners to be called 'the Waste Lands Board of the Province of Otago,' and the said Board shall consist of one Chief Commissioner, and of not less than two nor more than five other Commissioners, all of whom shall be appointed, and be removable by warrant under the hand of the Superintendent. And the Chief Commissioner of the said Board shall be the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Otago under the 'Crown Lands Act, 1862.'"

Mr. Vogel moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Wednesday next."—*Affirmed.*

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

Mr. Haughton, according to notice, moved reply to His Honor's Opening Address.

(REPLY.)

1. "We congratulate your Honor on your election to the office of Superintendent, and trust that your term of office may be prosperous and beneficial to the Province.

2. "We concur with your Honor in the importance attached to the relations between the General and Provincial Governments, and although aware that legislation on such a subject is beyond our province, any Resolutions that may be submitted to us shall receive our careful attention.

3. "We shall again devote our attention to the consideration of the Land Question, and concur with your Honor in the expression of a hope that the Resolutions we shall pass will be such as shall obtain the assent of the General Assembly.

4. "We regret the pecuniary loss to the Province consequent on the low price realised for the Debentures, issued under the authority of the Loan Ordinance of 1862.

5. "We concur in the expression of a hope that continued and unvaried prosperity await the Gold Fields, and that the results attending the discovery of Quartz Reefs, Copper, and other minerals, will prove important additions to the resources of the Province.

6. "Any feasible proposal for the construction of Railways in the Province shall receive our serious consideration.

7. "We are gratified to learn that your Honor has been able, during the recess, to carry out our wishes as regards the commencement of the Oamaru Jetty and the Government Buildings.

8. "We shall be glad if the funds at our disposal will permit us to vote a sum in aid of Immigration from Great Britain.

9. "It is matter for congratulation to receive from your Honor an assurance that the recent exodus has not to any very great extent had the effect of diminishing the revenue of the Province."

Seconded by Mr. Maddock.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were agreed to as read.

Clause 6 being put—Mr. Grant moved as an amendment to substitute therefor the following, viz.:—"The subject of the construction of Railways in this Province is altogether premature for serious discussion at the present stage of Otago's progress."—*Negatived.*

Clause agreed to as read.

Clause 7 agreed to as read.

Clause 8 being put—Mr. Lloyd moved as an amendment—"That the word 'female' be inserted before the word 'immigration.'"—*Negatived.*

Clause agreed to as read.

Clause 9 agreed to as read.

Question put on the Reply as a whole, and *affirmed*.

The Provincial Treasurer moved and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That Motion No. 5 be deferred till after the Orders of the Day are disposed of."—*Affirmed*.

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

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 and 2 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 pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

Order No. 2 (*Turnpikes Bill*), was, on the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, ordered to be transferred to the paper for Tuesday next.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 and 2 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 ordered to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 and 2 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 amendment.—Bill ordered to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, November 20, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the House go into Committee for the consideration and adoption of the Resolutions as to the relations between the General and Provincial Governments."
2. Mr. Mouat to move—"That a Return be laid on the table, shewing the Revenue and Expenditure from each Gold Field, in detail, for the past Financial Year."
3. Mr. Mouat to move—"That a Return be laid on the table, of all sums received on account of Interest and Sinking Fund on the Loan of £35,000 to the City of Dunedin."
4. Mr. Burns to move—"That a Return, shewing the actual proceeds of the Half-Million Provincial Loan, be laid on the table."
5. Mr. Reynolds to move—"That Messrs. Mouat, Blair, Morris, Thompson, Macandrew, Haughton, and the Mover be appointed a Private Petition Committee."
6. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to put upon the Estimates the sum of £500 as compensation to Mr. Lewis for relinquishing his lease of the Clutha Coal Field Reserve."

7. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the Government be authorised to guarantee, for the School Committee of Dunedin, the repayment of a sum (not exceeding £400) which they require to fulfil their obligations for the current year, the guarantee of the Government to be covered by a levy on the Assessments of next year."
8. Mr. Grant to move—"That the Standing Order No. 5 be amended, so as to enable the Council to meet at 10 a.m. daily."
9. Mr. Vogel to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the best means of rendering encouragement to the formation of Country Municipalities, and of aiding their development; Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Messrs. Brodie, Isaacs, Miller, Haughton, Clark, and the Mover."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. *Superintendents Indemnity Bill* (No. 2) to be read a second time.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. J. Cargill presented a Petition from Elizabeth Currie.

Mr. Isaacs presented a Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers of the Dunstan District.

Petitions read and received.

Papers, &c., laid on the Table.

1. Report by the Chief Railway Engineer upon the proposed Southern Trunk Railway, together with plans *
2. Correspondence respecting Princes-street Reserve. 3. Statement of Financial Transactions with the General Government under the "Surplus Revenue Act, 1858."†—PROVINCIAL TREASURER. 4. Documents from Provincial Auditor, Nos. 1, 2, and 3.—MR. SPEAKER.‡

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Grant (2).

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Grant (3); Mr. Brodie, (2); Captain M'Kenzie, (2); and by Mr. J. Cargill.

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

Notices of motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Vogel, and by Mr. Haughton.

Notices of motions for Thursday next were given by Mr. Macandrew, and by Mr. Haughton.

Notices of motions for "When in Committee on the Land Resolutions" were given by Mr. Brodie, and by Mr. Macandrew.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the table the *Sheep Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill*, and the *Acclimatisation Reserve Management Bill*.

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

Mr. Mouat asked the Government—"What course they intend to adopt with reference to the debts owing to the Province by Municipalities, and particularly the loan of £35,000 to the City of Dunedin?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Mouat asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether the Government have received any report from Dr. Hector, such as has been furnished to the Royal Geographical Society of London; and if so, whether they are willing to lay it on the table?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Maddock asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether the Government are cognizant of the circumstances under which Mr. Dalgleish was temporarily suspended from the Escort Service?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Solicitor seconded—"That the House go into Committee for the consideration and adoption of the Resolutions as to the relations between the General and Provincial Governments."

Mr. Vogel moved as an amendment, and Mr. Thomson seconded—"That a select Committee be appointed to prepare Resolutions upon the subject of the relations between the Provincial and the General Governments, to consist of Messrs. Brodie, Burns, Haughton, Macandrew, Reynolds, and the Mover."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Brodie requested that the Committee be appointed by Ballot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 90.

Mr. Brodie asked permission to withdraw his request. Permission withheld. Question put on the former part of the motion, and *affirmed*.

The ballot being taken, resulted in the appointment of Messrs. Brodie, Burns, Macandrew, Moss, Reynolds, and Vogel (Mover).

Mr.

* See Council Paper No. II.

† See Appendix.

‡ See Council Paper No. I.

Motion amended by adding the words, "Report to be brought up this day week;" and as amended agreed to.

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—"That a Return be laid on the table, shewing the Revenue and Expenditure from each Gold Field in detail for the past Financial Year; including the expenditure on Roads, Hospitals, and Police, on each Gold Field."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That a Return be laid on the table of all sums received on account of Interest and Sinking Fund on the Loan of £35,000 to the City of Dunedin."—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of Mr. Haughton, the following words were added—"And a copy of all correspondence on the subject between the Government and Municipal Authorities subsequent to what has been already produced."

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Lloyd seconded—"That a Return shewing the actual proceeds of the Half-Million Provincial Loan be laid on the table."—*Withdrawn.*

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Solicitor seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to put upon the Estimates the sum of £500, as compensation to Mr. Lewis for relinquishing his lease of the Clutha Coal Field Reserve."

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Isaacs seconded—"The previous Question."

Question put by Mr. Speaker—"That this question be now put." :—*Negatived.*

The Provincial Treasurer allowed his notice of motion No. 7 to lapse.

Mr. Grant's notice of motion No. 8 was ordered to be transferred to the Paper for Thursday next, in accordance with Standing Order No. 111.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Maddock seconded—"That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the best means of rendering encouragement to the formation of Country Municipalities, and of aiding their development; Committee to consist of Messrs. Walker, Brodie, Isaacs, Miller, Haughton, Clark, and the Mover."—*Affirmed.*

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, November 21, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Haggitt to move—"That the Petition of 1500 Inhabitants of Dunedin, requesting this Council to reconsider its Resolutions come to last Session with reference to the Exhibition Building, be considered."
2. Mr. Grant to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that no monetary provision shall be inserted on the Estimates for the payment of Members during the Session."
3. Mr. Grant to move—"That a Return, showing the amount of Debentures sold, the prices realised, and the consequent expenses upon such negotiations, since the last Session of Council, be laid on the table of this House."
4. Mr. Brodie to move—"For leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Bridge Ordinance, 1864."
5. Mr. Brodie to move—"That the present system by which funds are provided for the education of the youth of the Province is objectionable, and should be altered. That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the best means of providing a remedy for the above-mentioned grievance; such Committee to consist of Messrs. Morris, Macandrew, Blair, Haggitt, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers."
6. Capt. Mackenzie to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, to the effect that he may be pleased without delay to take such steps as may be necessary to render the passage of the Clutha at Clutha Ferry safe for life and property."
7. Mr. J. Cargill to move—"That the Petition of Mrs. E. Currie be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
8. Capt. Mackenzie to move—"That there be laid on the table a Return, showing the amount collected by way of rate on the sheep on Licensed Runs, under the provisions of the 'Sheep Ordinance, 1856,' and the amount expended, and how expended, for the year 1864."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
2. Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
3. Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
4. Superintendent's Indemnity Bill (No. 2) to be read a second time.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. Thomson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Port Molyneux and vicinity.—Petition read and received.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mouat, and by Mr. Grant.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Reid, Mr. Grant (2), Mr. Reynolds, and by Mr. Mouat.

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

Notices of motions for Thursday next were given by Mr. Isaacs, and by Mr. Dyer.

Notice of question for Friday next was given by Mr. Morris.

Notice of motion for when in Committee on the Land Resolutions was given by Mr. Grant.

Papers, &c., laid on the Table.

1. Map respecting Hundreds. 2. Resolutions on Southern Trunk Railway.*—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

Mr. Grant asked the Government—“Whether they brought before, or caused to be brought before, the Resident Magistrate’s Court, thirteen helpless families squatted in tents or huts on the City Belt, and whether those poor families were not warned to be off from their lairs within the space of ten days thereafter?”—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Grant asked the Government—“What is the aggregate amount of money actually disbursed from the Treasury to cover the expenses connected with the Survey, and the preparation of Maps, Plans, Sections, Estimates, &c., of the contemplated Line of Railway from Port Chalmers to Dunedin, and thence to the Clutha?”—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Haggitt, by permission of the House, amended his notice of motion, No. 1, on the Order Paper, and moved it as follows :—“That the Petition of 1500 Inhabitants of Dunedin, requesting this Council to reconsider “its Resolutions come to last Session, with reference to the Exhibition Building, be considered, and that the “Petition be favorably entertained, and that the building known as the ‘Exhibition Building’ be not converted “into a Hospital.”—Seconded by Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. J. Cargill moved as an amendment, and Mr. Burns seconded—“That the Petition be referred to a Select “Committee, consisting of Messrs. Morris, Lloyd, Miller, Reynolds, Moss, and the Mover; Report to be brought “up this day week.”

Mr. Thomson announced, that in the event of the former part of the amendment being agreed to, he should thereupon request that the Committee be appointed by ballot, according to Standing Order No. 90.

The question being put on the amendment for the appointment of a Select Committee, a division was called for, when there voted :—

AYES, 11.—Brodie, Cargill (J.), Haggitt, Haughton, Kilgour, Lloyd, Maddeck, Street, Vogel; Miller and Rennie (Tellers.)

NOES, 19.—Blair, Cargill (E. B.), Clark, Grant, Hepburn, Isaacs, Macandrew, Macpherson, Mackenzie, Morris, Moss, Mouat, Reid, Reynolds, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Adam and Burns (Tellers.)

So it passed in the *negative*.

Question put on the original motion and *negatived*.

Mr. Grant moved—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying “that no monetary provision shall be inserted on the Estimates for the payment of Members during the “Session.”—*Lapsed*, no Member seconding the motion.

Mr. Grant moved—“That a Return, shewing the amount of Debentures sold, the prices realised, and the “consequent expenses upon such negotiations, since the last Session of Council, be laid on the table of this “House.”—*Lapsed*, no Member seconding the motion.

Mr. Brodie moved—“For leave to bring in a Bill to amend the “Bridge Ordinance, 1864.”

Seconded by Mr. Dyer, and *affirmed*.

Mr. Brodie brought in the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Brodie amended his notice of motion, No. 5, and moved it as follows—“That a Select Committee be “appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the working of the ‘Education Ordinance, 1864;’ such Committee to “consist of Messrs. Morris, Macandrew, Blair, Haggitt, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers, “and to report this day fortnight.”—Seconded by Mr. Haughton, and *affirmed*.

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* See Appendix.

Capt. Mackenzie allowed his notice of motion, No. 6, to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

On motion of Mr. J. Cargill, the Petition of Elizabeth Currie was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 1 was agreed to as read.

Clause 2 being read, Mr. Grant moved—"That the word 'twice' in line 3 be altered into 'once.'"—*Negatived.*

Mr. Grant further moved—"That the words 'or in respect of' in line 5 be struck out."—*Negatived.*

Clause agreed to as read.

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

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment Bill* and the *Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Bill* were recommitted, verbally amended, reported as amended, and the third reading of each Bill respectively made an Order of the Day for the following day.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Superintendent's Indemnity Bill (No. 2)* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 and 2, together with the Schedule, Title, and Preamble, were 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.

Capt. Mackenzie's notice of motion, No. 8, lapsed in his absence.

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.

Wednesday, November 22, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Haughton to move—"That a Return be laid upon the table, shewing the amounts received in each year since January 1, 1861, on account of the *Police Reward Fund*, and the appropriation of the same; specifying the particular services for which any sums may have been expended, the balance now in hand, where invested, and in whose name."
2. Mr. Vogel to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, begging him to put upon the Estimates the sum of £600 to join Beach (or Main) Street, Waikouaiti, to the Main North Road."
3. Mr. Haughton to move—"That a copy of the evidence taken before the Select Committee on Trust Property for Religious and Educational Uses, in Session IX, 1860, together with copies of the original Trust Deed and Supplementary Deed alluded to in the Report of that Committee, be laid upon the table without delay."
4. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That the Petition of Archibald Fullerton be remitted for consideration to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
5. Mr. Reid to move—"That this Council is of opinion that the revenues received from the various turnpikes on the public roads of the Province should be expended entirely on the maintenance and extension of the several roads from which the same are derived."
6. Mr. Grant to move—"That it is both expedient and desirable that this Provincial Council should be dissolved, so that new Elections may take place about the first of January, 1866; that it is objected by many that the great mass of the Electors had no voice in the election of the present Superintendent and Councillors. It is therefore expedient that an Address be forwarded to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that he would agree with the above Resolution, and that he would request His Excellency the Governor to give it practical effect, in accordance with clause 13 of the Constitution Act."
7. Mr. Grant to move—"That the Representatives of the Press shall be excluded from the conceded privilege of reporting the proceedings of this House, unless they do really give an intelligible and impartial report, not a burlesque and unintelligible one, of the proceedings of this Council."

8. Mr. Reynolds to move—"That Messrs. Bell and Miller be added to the Select Committee on Education."
9. Mr. Mouat to move—"That the names of Messrs Moss and Haughton be added to the Select Committee on Education."
10. Capt. Mackenzie to move—(See notice of motion, No. 6, page 8.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Land Resolutions to be considered in Committee.
3. Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. Vogel presented a Petition from certain Publicans, Storekeepers, and other Inhabitants of Waikouaiti.

Mr. Burns presented a Petition from certain Owners and Occupiers of Land between Green Island and the mouth of the Taieri River.

Mr. E. B. Cargill presented a Petition from the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Dunedin.

Petitions severally read and received.

Notice of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Blair, and by Mr. Street.

Notice of motions for next sitting were given by the Provincial Treasurer, the Secretary of Public Works,* Mr. Vogel (2), and by Mr. Burns.

Notice of motion for Friday next was given by Mr. Thomson.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table Departmental Reports, Nos. I. (Education); IV. (Immigration); and VII. (Hospital).—(See Departmental Reports.)

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether the Crown Grants for the allotments at Queens-town and other Gold Field Townships were not received from Wellington in March last, and why such Grants have not been forwarded to the freeholders?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Mouat asked the Government—"Whether they have taken any steps to frame New Gold Fields Regulations, rendered necessary by the 'Gold Fields Act Amendment Act,' passed last Session of the General Assembly?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Grant asked the Government—"Whether the 'deficiency in the Public Funds,' asserted to by the Provincial Council of Otago on the 19th December, 1860, Session XI., in their Address to His Excellency Governor Browne, requesting him 'to remove James Macandrew from the office of Superintendent of the Province of Otago,' on the ground that 'he had the use of a portion of the Public Funds for private purposes,' has been yet made good to the Treasury?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded—"That a Return be laid on the table, showing the amount 'received in each year since January 1, 1861, on account of the *Police Reward Fund*, and the appropriation of 'the same; specifying the particular services for which any sums may have been expended, the balance now in 'hand, where invested, and in whose name.'"—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to put upon the Estimates the sum of £600 to join Beach (or Main) street, Waikouaiti, 'to the Main North Road.'"

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded, as an amendment—"That the amount be £400."—Amendment accepted by Mr. Vogel, and incorporated in motion.

The question being put on the motion as amended, and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 6.—Brodie, Haughton, Miller, Mouat; Maddock and Vogel (Tellers).

NOES, 21.—Adam, Bell, Blair, Brown, Burns, Cargill (J.), Clark, Dyer, Haggitt, Hepburn, Isaacs, Macpherson, Morris, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Grant and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative*.

Mr. Haughton moved and Mr. Adam seconded—"That a copy of the evidence taken before the Select Committee on Trust Property for Religious and Educational Uses, in Session IX., 1860, together with copies of the 'original Trust Deed and Supplementary Deed alluded to in the Report of that Committee, be laid on the table 'without delay.'"—*Affirmed*.

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* Mr. Moss acting in both capacities.

On the motion of Mr. Macandrew, the Petition of Archibald Fullerton was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—"That this Council is of opinion that the revenues received from the various turnpikes on the public roads of the Province should be expended entirely on the maintenance and extension of the several roads from which the same are derived."

Motion, by permission of the House, withdrawn, with a view to its being brought forward in Committee of Supply.

Mr. Grant moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded—"That it is both expedient and desirable that this Provincial Council should be dissolved, so that new elections may take place about the first of January, 1866; that it is objected by many that the great mass of the Electors had no voice in the election of the present Superintendent and Councillors. It is therefore expedient that an Address be forwarded to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that he would agree with the above Resolution, and that he would request His Excellency the Governor to give it practical effect, in accordance with clause 13 of the 'Constitution Act.'—*Negatived.*

Mr. Grant moved—"That the Representatives of the Press shall be excluded from the conceded privilege of reporting the proceedings of this House, unless they do really give an intelligible and impartial report, not a burlesque and unintelligible one, of the proceedings of this Council."—*Lapsed*, no Member seconding the motion.

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Vogel seconded—"That Messrs. Bell and Miller be added to the Select Committee on Education."

Mr. Mouat, having called attention to his notice of motion* to the effect that the names of Messrs. Moss and Haughton be added, it was resolved that two names be selected by ballot; and the ballot being taken, resulted in the election of Messrs. Bell and Miller, whose names were added to the Committee accordingly.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Bill*, and the *Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment Bill*, were 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 passed accordingly.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"Clause 1 of the draft Bill on the table of the House."

Mr. Macandrew moved, as an amendment, the series of Resolutions of which he had given notice, as printed on the Order Paper of the day.—(See Appendix.)

A debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Brodie, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again on the following day.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, November 23, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Grant to move—"That the Standing Order, No. 5, be amended, so as to enable the Council to meet at 10 a.m. daily."
2. Mr. Macandrew to move—"For leave to introduce a Bill to amend the 'Otago Education Ordinance, 1864.'"
3. Mr. Haughton to move—"That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to amend the Regulations of the Otago Gold Fields with regard to Mining Leases, so far as to reduce the amount payable as rent, and to arrange that the areas held for quartz mining should be charged according to the length of the lode, and not as at present according to acreage, and that His Excellency will be further pleased to authorise the remission of the present rates of rental to the present leaseholders."
4. Mr. Isaacs to move—"That in the opinion of this Council, the Fee now charged for Publicans' Licenses is excessive, and should be reduced."
5. Mr. Dyer to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to reserve from sale, and set aside for Public Uses for the Township of Milton, Rural section 148, block XVIII, and 149, 150, 151, 152, block XIX, Tokomairiro District."
6. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the Letter from the Auditor be referred to the Printing Committee for consideration."

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* See Motion No. 9, page 11.

7. The Secretary of Public Works to move—"That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted."
8. Mr. Vogel to move—"That in the opinion of this House the Estimates should be framed for a period of only six months."
9. Mr. Brown to move—"That owing to large quantities of Blasting Powder now being used in the Tuapeka District, involving danger to life and property by being stored in buildings situated in the centre of the Township of Lawrence, it is necessary to erect a Magazine in some part of the District; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the same be acted on."
10. Capt. Mackenzie to move—(See notice of Motion, No. 6, page 8).
- Contingent on Motion No. 4*—Mr. Vogel to move—"That the Petition of certain Publicans, Storekeepers, and others, of the District of Waikouaiti, be considered."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Sheep Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
2. Acclimatisation Reserve Management Bill to be read a second time.
3. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. Haughton presented a Petition from John Daly.—Petition read and received.

Papers, &c., laid on the Table.

Departmental Reports—Nos. II. (Gaol); III. (Harbor); V. (Police); VI. (Survey).—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Departmental Reports—No. VII. (Roads and Works); and Resolutions relating to Scholarships. (See Appendix).—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mouat, Mr. Brodie, and by Mr. Miller.

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

Notices of questions for Monday next were given by Mr. Haughton, and by Mr. Brown.

Notices of motions for Monday next were given by the Provincial Solicitor, and by Mr. Haughton.

Mr. Maddock asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether it is a fact, as reported in the *Tuapeka Recorder* of 27th October, that a Police Constable named Bruen was suddenly dismissed from the Service, and with his wife and three young children turned out of doors late at night—If so, by whose orders this was done?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Blair allowed his notice of question, No. 2, to lapse.

Mr. Street asked the Government—"With reference to the Petition of 300 persons, praying that the Main Road in the North-East Valley opposite Section 116 be made the usual width, what course, if any, they intend to take to carry out the prayer of the petitioners?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

By permission of the House, motion No. 10 was allowed to take precedence of the other motions on the paper. Capt. Mackenzie accordingly moved, and the Provincial Treasurer seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, to the effect that he may be pleased without delay to take such steps as may be necessary to render the passage of the Clutha at Clutha Ferry safe for life and property."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Grant's motion, No. 1 on the Order Paper, lapsed, two-thirds of the Members, (as required by Standing Order No. 111.) not being present.

Mr. Macandrew allowed his notice of motion, No. 2, to lapse.

Mr. Haughton amended his notice of motion, No. 3, and moved it as follows—"That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to amend the Regulations of the Otago Gold Fields with regard to Mining Leases, so far as to reduce the amount payable as rent; and that His Excellency will be further pleased to authorise the remission of the present rates of rental to the present leaseholders."—Seconded by the Provincial Secretary and *affirmed.*

Mr. Isaacs moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That in the opinion of this Council, the Fee now charged for Publicans' Licenses is excessive, and should be reduced."—*Withdrawn.*

Mr. Dyer moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to reserve from sale, and set aside for public uses, for the Township of Milton, Rural Section 148, block XVIII., and 149, 150, 151, 152, block XIX., Tokomairiro District."

A debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Haughton, the debate was adjourned till Tuesday next.
 In the absence of the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Reynolds moved—"That the Letter from the Provincial Auditor be referred to the Printing Committee for consideration."—Seconded by the Provincial Secretary, and affirmed. (See Appendix).

The Secretary of Public Works allowed his notice of motion, No. 7, to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Monday next.

Mr. Vogel's notice of motion, No. 8, lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Brown allowed his notice of motion, No. 9, to lapse.

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

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 to 8, both inclusive, were agreed to as read.

Clause 9 being moved, Mr. Burns moved "That it be struck out;" and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 13—Blair, Brown, Cargill (J.), Clark, Dyer, Isaacs, Kilgour, Lloyd, Macandrew, Macpherson, Thomson; Burns and Haughton (Tellers).

NOES, 14—Grant, Hughes, Maddock, Miller, Moss, Mouat, Richardson, Reid, Rennie, Reynolds, Stevenson, Walker; Brodie and Haggitt (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative*.

Mr. Haughton moved—"That the Chairman do now leave the chair."—*Affirmed*. The Chairman left the chair accordingly.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Sheep Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill* was read a second time, and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 1 being moved, a debate ensued.

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

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate on Mr. Macandrew's amendment* resumed by Mr. Brodie.

On motion of Mr. J. Cargill, 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 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, November 24, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Thomson to move—"That a Return of all moneys expended on Roads, from 31st March to 30th September, 1865, be laid on the table; said Return being supplemental to approximate Return of Expenditure on Roads from 1854 to 31st March, 1865, laid on the table by the Provincial Treasurer 2nd May, 1865."
2. Mr. Haughton to move—"That a Return be laid on the table showing the amount paid on account of salaries and other expenses of the High School, and the amount received from fees during the year ending September 30, 1865, a list of the boys now attending the High School, distinguishing the day-boys and boarders, and the amount paid annually by the latter to the Headmaster. Also, the occupation or business of the parents of the boys now attending the School."
3. Mr. Haughton to move—"That a copy of the 'Police Regulations' be laid upon the table of the House, in accordance with the Act of 1862."
4. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the Resolutions as to Provincial Scholarships be referred to the Select Committee on Education."
5. Mr. Haughton to move—"That the Petition of John Daly be referred to the Private Petitions Committee."

6. Mr.

* See page 12.

6. Mr. Haughton to move—"That Mr. Bell and Mr. Maddock be added to the House Committee."
7. Mr. Bell to move—"That a return be laid on the table showing the names of persons to whom Pasturage Licenses were originally issued for the several Runs in the Province; the date of each License, and the date at which each License expires; the number of Transfers of each Run which have been recorded in the Land Office; and the proportion between the number of Licenses held by the original Licensees, and the number which have been transferred."
8. Mr. Grant to move—"That a Board of Auditors, totally disconnected with the Government, be appointed."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Bridge Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
2. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
3. Oamaru Town Reserves Management Bill to be read a second time.
4. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
5. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Petitions Nos. 1 and 2 from Andrew Thompson were presented by Mr. Vogel. Petition No. 2 read, and, together with No. 1, received by the House.

A Petition from John Cleverly was presented by Capt. Mackenzie.—Petition received.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Miller, Mr. Grant (2), Mr. Haughton, and by Mr. Burns (2).

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Thomson, Mr. Macandrew, the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Dyer, and by Mr. Miller.

Notices of motions for Tuesday next were given by Mr. Street and by Mr. Grant.

Notice of motion for "When in Committee of Supply" was given by Mr. J. Cargill.

Notice of motion for "When in Committee on the Land Resolutions" was given by Mr. Adam.

Mr. Morris asked the Provincial Secretary—"If the Civil Service Commission, appointed under resolution of this House, of date 4th November, 1864, has reported; and if not, when such report may be expected."—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Mouat asked the Government—"Whether enquiry has been made into certain allegations made against Mr. Warden Hickson? and whether they were satisfied that he was competent to discharge the duties of a Warden in an important mining district?"—Mr. Hughes replied.

Mr. Brodie asked the Government—"Whether it is their intention to place a sum upon the Estimates for the construction of a Road in the Nokomai District, known as Paddy's Alley?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Miller asked the Provincial Treasurer—"If the Government have made any enquiries or are in the possession of any information as to the cost of a Bridge over the Waitaki River; and also, if there has been any communication on the subject with the Canterbury Government?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Miller seconded—"That a return of all moneys expended on Roads, from 31st March to 30th September, 1865, be laid on the table; said return being supplemental to approximate return of expenditure on Roads from 1854 to 31st March, 1865; laid on the table by the Provincial Treasurer 2nd May, 1865."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Haughton amended his notice of motion, No. 2, and moved it as follows:—"That a return be laid on the table, showing the amount paid on account of salaries and other expenses of the High School, and the amount received from fees during the year ending September 30, 1865, a list of the boys now attending the High School, distinguishing day-boys and boarders. Also, the occupation or business of the parents of the boys now attending the School."

Seconded by Mr. Grant. A debate ensued.

Mr. Grant called attention to the fact of "strangers being present." Strangers ordered by Mr. Speaker to withdraw, and they withdrew accordingly.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Maddock seconded—"That the debate be adjourned till after Order of the day, No. 4."—*Affirmed.*

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The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That Standing Order, No. 104, be suspended for the remainder of the day."—*Motion allowed to lapse.*

Capt. Mackenzie moved, and Mr. Thomson seconded—"That the House do now adjourn till 7 o'clock.

A division being called for on the motion for adjournment, there were found no Tellers on the side of the "Ayes." Motions were accordingly resumed.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded—"That a copy of the 'Police Regulations' be laid on the table of the House, in accordance with the Act of 1862."—*Withdrawn.*

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That the Resolutions as to Provincial Scholarships (See Appendix) be referred to the Select Committee on Education."—*Affirmed.*

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

Mr. Haughton allowed his notice of motion, No. 6, to lapse.

Mr. Bell moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—"That a return be laid on the table, showing the names of persons to whom Pasturage Licenses were originally issued for the several Runs in the Province; the date of each License, and the date at which each License expires; the number of transfers of each Run which have been recorded in the Land Office; and the proportion between the number of Licenses held by the original Licensees, and the number which have been transferred."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Grant moved—"That a Board of Auditors, totally disconnected with the Government, be appointed."—Seconded *pro forma* by Mr. J. Cargill, and *negatived.*

On the motion of Mr. Brodie, the *Bridge Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill* was read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1, 2, and 3, were agreed to as read.

The Schedule was amended, and agreed to.

The Title and Preamble were agreed to, 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 on Monday next.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Turpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill* was resumed in Committee.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 2 was amended (on motion of the Provincial Solicitor), by adding thereto the following words, viz. :—
"Or in respect of other horses or animals drawing the same carriage or other vehicle, as mentioned in said section 5 of the said Ordinance."

A new clause, to stand as "clause 3," was introduced by Mr. Brodie, and agreed to.
Clause 3 (now 4) was agreed to as read.

On the motion of Mr. Brodie, for adoption of the Schedule, the House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

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

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1, 2, and 3, were agreed to as read.

Schedules A and B 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 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.

The Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill was ordered to be resumed in Committee this day week.

Mr. Brodie resumed the debate on Mr. Haughton's motion, No. 2.

Motion, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate on Mr. Macandrew's amendment (see page 12) resumed by Mr. J. Cargill.

Question put on the amendment, and negatived.

The Provincial Secretary, by permission of the Committee, withdrew his motion for adoption of clause 1 of draft Bill, and proposed in lieu thereof clause 25, which was agreed to as read.

Clauses 26 to 34 inclusive, were agreed to as read.

Clause 35, as amended by the memorandum on the table, being moved :—

Mr. Brodie moved as an amendment—"That all the lands unsold within Hundreds shall be classified, and such of the said lands as are least adapted for agricultural purposes shall be set aside as Commonage for the use of the owners of land within Hundreds: That the amount of the land to be so set aside, and the proportion which it shall bear to the land already sold within Hundreds, shall be determined by the Executive Government of the Province: That a tax of per head shall be levied upon all stock and cattle depastured upon such Commonage"

A debate ensued.

A division being called for on Mr. Brodie's amendment, there voted :—

AYES, 6—Brown, Haughton, Macpherson, Thomson; Brodie and Mackenzie (Tellers).

NOES, 20—Adam, Bell, Blair, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Dyer, Grant, Hughes, Macandrew, Miller, Morris, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Reynolds, Street, Walker; Burns and Stevenson (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative*.

On the motion of Mr. Macandrew, 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 2 o'clock on Monday next.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, November 27, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. The Secretary for Public Works to move—"That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted."
2. The Provincial Solicitor to move—"That the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill* be referred to a Select Committee; said Committee to consist of Messrs. J. Cargill, Macandrew, Adam, Bell, Miller, Reid, and the Mover.—Report to be brought up on Thursday next."
3. Mr. Haughton to move—"For leave to bring in a Bill to Repeal the 'Acclimatisation Ordinance, 1865.'"
4. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Resolutions of Mr. Reynolds, moved and affirmed on 4th November, 1864, regarding the Education of Girls, be referred to the Select Committee on Education."
5. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the best means of procuring the construction in the Port of Otago of a Dry Dock, and such other appliances as may be best adapted for the examination and repairing of large ships; and so as to take advantage of the Imperial 'Colonial Dock Loan Act, 1865.' Committee to consist of Messrs J. Cargill, Bell, Reynolds, Morris, Burns, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers.—Report to be brought up this day week."
6. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the House go into Committee of Supply to consider the Appropriation for the current year."
7. Mr. Dyer to move—"That a Return be laid on the table, shewing the amount paid into the Treasury on account of the Land Tax; the names of the persons who have paid the tax; also, a list of those persons who have not paid the amount due, and the reasons (if any) why the payment was not enforced."
8. Mr. Miller to move—"That the Petition (No. 2) of Andrew Thompson, presented by Mr. Vogel, be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Frankton Mill Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
2. Oamaru Mechanics' Institute Reserve Management Bill to be read a second time.

3. Bridge

3. Bridge Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
4. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
5. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on relations between General and Provincial Governments.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Grant, Mr. Walker, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Miller, and by Mr. Macandrew (3).

Notices of motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Thomson and by Mr. Mouat.

Notice of motion for Thursday next was given by Mr. Macandrew.

Notice of a series of Resolutions for "when in Committee on the Land Resolutions" was given by Mr. Burns.

Notices of motions for when in Committee of Supply were given by Mr. Grant and by Mr. E. B. Cargill.

Papers, &c. laid on the Table.

1. Correspondence respecting a road to the West Coast.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.
2. Return of Pasturage Licenses.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.
3. Return showing amounts received on account of Land Tax.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.
4. Abstracts of Revenue and Expenditure from October 1, 1853, to September 30, 1865.*—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.
5. Report of Select Committee on relations between General and Provincial Governments.†—MR. MACANDREW.
6. Interim Report No. 1 (Elizabeth Currie) from the Select Committee on Private Petitions.—MR. THOMSON.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the table the *Town and Country Police Ordinance Extension Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

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

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, herewith transmits to the Provincial Council, Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 30th September, 1866 ‡ and recommends an appropriation of the Revenue accordingly.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

27th November, 1865.

Mr. Brown asked the Government:—"Whether they are in possession of any information from the Canterbury Government in reference to opening up a Road to the West Coast through the Province of Otago?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Miller asked—"If the Government are aware that portions of the road through the Lindis Pass have been almost impassable during the winter for want of attention to the surface drainage?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Grant asked the Provincial Treasurer—"What amount of Debentures have been sold in the Colonies since the last meeting of Council, the prices realised, and the expenses connected with their negotiation?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Grant asked the Provincial Treasurer—"Whether the item of £1712, to wit the 'Gala' passage money, and whether the item of £1000 for Clutha Coal Field Plant, have been paid; the former item to Messrs. John Gladstone and Co., and the latter through the Home Agents, to the furnishers of the Plant: and whether the whole affair has been satisfactorily arranged so that this House and Province shall suffer no detriment to its public credit and integrity in the eye of the commercial public?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

In the absence of Mr. Haughton, Mr. Mouat, on his behalf, asked—"Whether the Government are aware that large quantities of gunpowder are kept stored in the City of Dunedin; and that kegs of powder are conveyed through the streets in drays, without any precaution being taken to avoid accident?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr.

* Paper attached.

† See Reports of Select Committees, page 1.

‡ See "Council Paper" appended.

Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works—"Whether the Rattray Street Wharf is now open for the use of shipping; and if so, why is it not so used?"—Mr. Moss, as (Secretary for Public Works,) replied.

Mr. Burns asked the Provincial Secretary—"If the Government intend taking any steps towards erecting a Market House on the Market Reserve, South Dunedin, or to permit any other person so to do?"—Mr. Reynolds replied.

The Secretary for Public Works allowed his notice of motion, No. 1, to *lapse*, and gave notice of the same for Wednesday next.

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and the Provincial Treasurer seconded—"That the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill* be referred to a Select Committee; said Committee to consist of Messrs. J. Cargill, Macandrew, Adam, Bell, Miller, Reid, and the Mover. Report to be brought up on Thursday next."—*Affirmed*.

In absence of Mr. Haughton, Mr. Burns on his behalf moved—"For leave to bring in a Bill to "Repeal the Acclimatisation Ordinance, 1865."—Seconded by Mr. Thomson, and *affirmed*.

Mr. Burns brought up and laid on the table the *Acclimatisation Reserves Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill*.

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

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Kilgour seconded—"That the Resolutions of Mr. Reynolds, moved and affirmed on 4th November, 1864, regarding the Education of Girls, be referred to the Select Committee on "Education."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Gleeson seconded—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the best means of procuring the construction in the Port of Otago of a Dry Dock, and such other appliances as may be best adapted for the examination and repairing of large ships; and so as to take advantage of the Imperial 'Colonial Dock Loan Act, 1865.' Committee to consist of Messrs. J. Cargill, Bell, Reynolds, Morris, Burns and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers. Report to be brought up on this day week."—*Affirmed*.

The Provincial Treasurer's notice of motion, No. 6, was ordered "to be taken up when the House resumes at 7 o'clock."

Mr. Dyer's notice of motion, No. 7, lapsed in his absence, and Mr. Brodie (on his behalf) gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. Miller moved, and Mr. Maddock seconded—"That the Petition (No. 2) of Andrew Thompson, presented by Mr. Vogel, be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."—*Withdrawn*.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Frankton Mill Reserve Bill*, and the *Oamaru Mechanics' Institute Reserve Management Bill*, were 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 passed accordingly.

The *Bridge Ordinance Amendment 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 House went again into Committee on the *Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Reid moved—"That for the purposes of this Ordinance, the public roads of the Province shall be classified as follows, viz.:—Main North Road, Main South Road, Main Road to interior by West Taieri, Main Road by Wakari, Main Road to Peninsula; and all sums of money derived from turnpikes under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be applied towards the maintenance, extension, or formation of the roads from which the same have been derived."

A debate ensued, and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 6—Cargill(J.), Macandrew, Morris, Stevenson; Burns and Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 18—Adam, Blair, Brown, Grant, Haggitt, Hughes, Isaacs, Macpherson, Maddock, Miller, Mollison, Moss, Mouat, Richardson, Thomson, Walker; Bell and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative*.

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

The Provincial Treasurer moved (No. 6), and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That the House go into Committee of Supply to consider the Appropriation for the current year."—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer moved the first item under the head of "Loans."

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

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Grant moved as a further amendment—"That it is necessary for the onward progress and prosperity of the Province, that there should be always an abundant supply of surveyed land open to the public; that the present system of Hundreds be discontinued; that the present Waste Land Board be abolished as an obstruction to the settlement of the people on the lands; that any person desirous of settling upon the public domain, be allowed to select any given number of acres within the surveyed area, at a rental of half-a-crown per acre; and that, at the expiration of eight years, he shall, providing his lands shall have been brought under cultivation, be entitled, without any restrictions whatever, to receive his Crown Grant."—*Negatived.*

Debate resumed on the original question (see page 17).

Mr. Adam moved—"That the portion proposed in the *memo.* to be added be not so added."

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

A division being called for on Mr. Adam's amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 8—Adam, Blair, Clark, Dyer, Lloyd, Stephenson; Brodie and Haughton (Tellers).

NOES, 20—Bell, Cargill (E. B.), Gleeson, Grant, Haggitt, Hughes, Kilgour, Macandrew, Maddock, Miller, Mollison, Morris, Moss, Richardson, Reid, Reynolds, Thomson, Walker; Burns, and J. Cargill (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative.*

Mr. Lloyd moved as a further amendment—"That the following words be added, viz., 'with the consent of three-fourths of the landholders in the district.'"—*Negatived.*

Mr. Reid moved—"That the following be substituted for the portion of the clause embraced in the *memo.*, viz.:—'Provided always, that after the lands within any Hundred, either already proclaimed or to be proclaimed under the provisions of this Act, shall have remained open for selection and sale for a full period of seven years from the time of the same having been first opened for selection and sale, the portion thereof remaining unsold after such period of seven years may be offered for sale at a price of ten shillings per acre.'"—*Negatived.*

Mr. Thomson moved as a further amendment—"That the following words be added, viz.:—'And any portion thereof remaining unsold after a period of seven years, may, with the sanction of the Superintendent and Provincial Council, be offered for sale by public auction to all bidders, at the upset price of five shillings per acre, upon the terms and under the provisions contained in sections 53, 54, 55, and 56, of this Act.'"—*Negatived.*

Clause agreed to as read.

Clause 36 was agreed to as read.

Clause 37 was amended on the motion of Mr. Bell, by addition of the words—"And any application may at the option of the applicant be enclosed in a sealed cover, which shall not be opened till after office hours on the day it is made;" and as amended agreed to.

Clause 38 was agreed to as read.

Clause 39 was agreed to as read.

On the motion for adoption of clause 40:—

Mr. Miller moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again."—*Affirmed.*

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 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, November 28, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Haughton to resume debate on Mr. Dyer's motion as follows:—(See pages 13 and 14.)
2. Mr. Grant to move—"That a Return be laid upon the table showing the amount paid on account of salaries and other expenses of the High School, and the amount received from fees during the year ending September 30, 1865; a list of the boys now attending the High School, distinguishing day-boys and boarders (and the amount paid annually by the latter to the Headmaster). Also, the occupation or business of the parents of the boys now attending the School."

3. Mr.

3. Mr. Dyer to move—(See notice of motion, No. 7, page 17.)

4. Mr. Grant to move :—

- 1st. "That the two leading principles of the 'Education Ordinance, 1864,' to wit, the assessment and subsidy principle, are exceedingly obnoxious and detrimental to the interests of Education, and that, therefore, they should be abolished.
 - 2d. "That, after Government shall have granted to any districts a suitable site for Educational Buildings, and shall have erected those buildings, and shall have also granted a glebe for the use of the teacher—then its liability for further expenses connected with the maintenance of Education in that institution shall cease.
 - 3rd. "That the residents in the district shall have the entire management of their school in their own hands, as respects the election of their teacher, the fixing and levying of fees, repairing of buildings, &c. That by using ordinary discretion in the election of teacher, and in the imposition of reasonable rates of fees, the teacher shall be better paid than at present, Education shall be more flourishing, and all causes of discontentment as to rates and Government moieties shall thus be removed.
 - 4th. "That the High School should be self-supporting; that the qualifications for matriculation should be considerably raised; that the fees should be doubled; that there should be established an annual system of examination open to the public; and that such examinations should be conducted by an independent and well-qualified Board of Examinators.
 - 5th. "That in any outlandish and sparsely populated District where the Government may have erected Education Buildings, a small Governmental monetary moiety may be given to such necessitous District till it shall become more populous, and therefore self-supporting.
 - 6th. "The Education Department should be swept away; and that the present Secretary be appointed as Surveyor of Educational Buildings."
5. Mr. Walker to move—"That leave of absence be granted to the hon. member for Waikouaiti (Mr. Vogel) for three weeks."
 6. Mr. Reynolds to move—"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Paterson for the remainder of the session."
 7. Mr. Miller to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Petition (No 2) of Andrew Thomson; said Committee to consist of Messrs. Bell, Gleeson, Reid, Walker, Mouat, and the Mover."
 8. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring and reporting as to the feasibility and expense (if any) of a portion of the New Post Office Buildings being set apart as a Provincial Museum and City Hall; Committee to consist of Messrs. Brown, Brodie, Dyer, Miller, Rennie, Stevenson, and the Mover, with power to call for papers and persons. Report to be brought up on Monday next."
 9. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That the names of Messrs. Kilgour and Moss be substituted in room of Messrs. Morris and Reynolds, on the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report as to the construction of a Dock in the Port of Otago."
 10. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the relations between the General and Provincial Governments, with the reason of dissent therefrom of Mr. Moss, be considered on Thursday next."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
2. Town and Country Police Ordinance Extension Bill to be read a second time.
3. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
4. Committee of Supply.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mouat (2), and by Mr. Haughton.

Notices of questions for Thursday next were given by Mr. Lloyd, and by Mr. Gleeson.

Notice of motion for Thursday next was given by Mr. Grant.

Notice of motion for Friday next was given by Mr. Brodie.

Notice of motion for "when the Report of the Education Committee is brought up for adoption," was given by Mr. Grant.

Notice of Resolutions for "when in Committee on the Land Resolutions," was given by Mr. Macandrew.

Mr. Brodie (on behalf of Mr. Vogel) brought up the Report of Select Committee on Country Municipalities.

Mr. Street asked—"If the Government intend to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of continuing the formation of the Pine Hill Road?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Haughton allowed his notice of motion, No. 1, to *lapse*.

Mr. Grant amended his notice of motion, No. 2, and moved it as follows—"That a Return be laid upon the table, showing the amount paid on account of salaries and other expenses of the High School, and the amount received from fees during the year ending September 30, 1865; a list of the boys now attending the High School, distinguishing day-boys and boarders; also, the occupation or business of the parents of the boys now attending the School."—Seconded by Mr. Lloyd, and *negatived*.

Mr. Dyer moved, and Mr. Clark seconded—"That a Return be laid on the table, shewing the amount paid into the Treasury on account of the Land Tax; the names of the persons who have paid the tax; also, a list of those persons who have not paid the amount due; and the reasons (if any) why the payment was not enforced."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Grant allowed his notice of motion, No. 4, to *lapse*.

On the motion of Mr. Walker, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Vogel for three weeks.

On the motion of Mr. Reynolds, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Paterson for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Miller moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Petition (No. 2) of Andrew Thomson; said Committee to consist of Messrs. Bell, Gleeson, Reid, Walker, Mouat, and the Mover. Report to be brought up this day week."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Blair seconded—"That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring and reporting as to the feasibility and expense (if any) of a portion of the New Post Office Buildings being set apart as a Provincial Museum and City Hall; Committee to consist of Messrs. Brown, Brodie, Dyer, Miller, Rennie, Stevenson, and the Mover, with power to call for papers and persons. Report to be brought up on Monday next."—A debate ensued.

By permission of the House, the motion was amended as follows—"That a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of enquiring and reporting generally into the circumstances connected with the erection of the New Post Office, and as to the expediency of devoting any portion of that building to other objects; Committee to consist of Messrs. Brown, Brodie, Dyer, Miller, Rennie, Stevenson, and the Mover, with power to call for papers and persons. Report to be brought up on Monday next."—And as amended *affirmed*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Miller seconded—"That the names of Messrs Kilgour and Moss be substituted, in room of Messrs. Morris and Reynolds, on the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report as to the construction of a Dock in the Port of Otago."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Kilgour seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the relations between the General and Provincial Governments, * with the reason of dissent therefrom of Mr. Moss, be considered on Thursday next."—*Affirmed*.

The House went again into Committee on the *Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate on Schedule resumed.

Clause 1 was agreed to as read.

Clause 2 being moved, the Provincial Treasurer moved that it stand—"For every horse or other beast (but two oxen or neat cattle to count as one horse) drawing any waggon, wain, or other such like carriage, one shilling. When the tire of each wheel is 4 inches broad, or upwards, sixpence."

A Division being called for on the Provincial Treasurer's Amendment, the Committee divided, when there voted:—

AYES, 18—Bell, Blair, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Gleeson, Grant, Haggitt, Macandrew, Maddock, Morris, Moss, Richardson, Reid, Reynolds, Stevenson, Walker; Burns and Miller (Tellers).

NOES, 8—Brodie, Clark, Dyer, Haughton, Hughes, Isaacs; Macpherson and Mouat (Tellers).

So it passed in the *affirmative*.

The title and preamble were read, agreed to, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.—Bill ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Town and Country Police Ordinance Extension Bill* was read a second time, committed, and reported without amendment.

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 House went again into Committee on the *Land Resolutions*.

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 1.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed* on clause 40 by Mr. Thomson.—Clause agreed to as read.

Clauses 41, 42, 43, and 44, were agreed to as read.

Clause 45 was amended and agreed to.

Clauses 46, 47, and 48, were agreed to as read.

Clauses 49 and 50 were ordered to stand over.

Clauses 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, and 60, were agreed to as read.

Clause 61 was ordered to stand over.

Clauses 62 and 63 were agreed to as read.

Clause 64 (of printed *Memo.*) was moved by the Provincial Secretary.—A debate ensued.

Mr. Dyer moved—“That consideration of the clause be for the present postponed;” and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 8—Brown, Dyer, Haughton, Lloyd, Reid, Stevenson; Brodie and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 23—Adam, Bell, Blair, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Gleeson, Grant, Haggitt, Hughes, Macandrew, Macpherson, Maddock, Miller, Mollison, Morris, Richardson, Street, Thomson, Walker; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

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

Mr. Reid moved as an amendment—“That all Rural Land to be sold under the provisions of this resolution shall be subject to a yearly tax of two shillings per acre, until it is proved to the satisfaction of the Waste Land Board, or the Government, that a sum equal to forty shillings per acre has been expended in improvements on such land; the tax to come into operation two years after purchase of said lands.”

A division being called for on Mr. Reid's amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 9—Blair, Brodie, Brown, Haughton, Macpherson, Stevenson; Dyer and Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 22—Adam, Bell, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Gleeson, Grant, Hughes, Macandrew, Maddock, Miller, Mollison, Morris, Moss, Richardson, Street, Thomson, Walker; Haggitt and Reynolds (Tellers).

Paired.—AYES—Mouat. NOES—Vogel.

So it passed in the *negative*.

Mr. Brodie moved as a further amendment clause 64, as originally printed in the Draft Bill.—*Negatived.*

Question put on the original motion for adoption of clause 64 (of printed *Memo.*) and *affirmed.*

Clause 65 (of *Memo.*) was agreed to as read.

The Provincial Secretary moved clause 76 (of Draft Bill).

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

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, it was ordered—“That at next sitting the Land Resolutions do take precedence of all other business on the Paper for the day.”

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.

Wednesday, November 29, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(*N.B.*—Land Resolutions to take precedence of all other Business on the Paper.)

MOTIONS.

1. The Secretary of Public Works to move—“That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted.
2. Mr. Thomson to move—“That the Report of the Select Committee on Private Petitions on the Petition of Mrs. Currie be adopted.”

3. Mr.

* See page 20.

3. Mr. Mouat to move—"That a Return of all Correspondence respecting the Gold Robbery at the Dunstan be laid on the table."
4. Mr. Mouat to move—"That it will be advantageous to have the maintenance of all metalled roads undertaken by contract; that in the construction of new lines of road, the more impassable portions should be formed and completed in the first instance; that special attention should be paid to drainage."
5. Mr. Mouat to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to cause a sum of £300 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the formation of a portion of the principal street through the Township of Lawrence."
6. Mr. Haughton to move—"That the resumption of the debate upon Mr. Dyer's motion with regard to setting aside certain sections for public uses for the Township of Milton, be an Order of the Day for Friday next."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill to be read a second time.
3. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
4. Committee of Supply.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Blair, and by Mr. Street.

Notices of questions for Friday next were given by Mr. Haughton (2), and by Mr. Hepburn.

Notices of motions for Friday next were given by Mr. Brodie, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Miller, and by Mr. Hepburn.

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

Notice of motion for "when in Committee of Supply" was given by Mr. Grant.

Notice of motion for "when the Report of the Select Committee on relations between the General and the Provincial Governments" is brought up for adoption, was given by Mr. Grant.

Notice of motion for "when in Committee on the Licensing Ordinance Amendment Bill," was given by Mr. Macandrew.

Mr. Macandrew presented a Petition from certain residents of Dunedin and Suburbs North and South.

Mr. E. B. Cargill presented a Petition from certain citizens of Dunedin.—Petition read and received.

Papers, &c., laid on the table.

1. Immigration Accounts to 30th September, 1865.*—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

2. Return of Gold Fields Revenue and Expenditure during the year ending 30th September, 1865, (ordered on motion of Mr. Mouat, Nov. 20). 3. Manual of Police Regulations.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

By permission of the House, the Provincial Treasurer without notice moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—"That this House at its rising do adjourn till 2 o'clock on Friday next."—A debate ensued.

Motion ordered to be considered at a later period of the sitting.

In accordance with order of previous sitting, the House went at once into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Secretary resumed the debate on clause 76, as printed in the Draft Bill. (See page 23.)

Mr. Macandrew moved as an amendment clause 76 of his printed Resolutions on the Order Paper of the day, as follows:—"Two millions of acres of the best pastoral lands of the Province, to be divided into blocks of not less than _____, nor more than _____ acres each; at the expiration of the existing pastoral licenses such blocks shall be sold by public auction to the highest bidder at an upset price of ten shillings an acre; Crown Grants to be issued forthwith: Provided always that full particulars of such sale by auction shall be published throughout the Colony for at least three months prior thereto."—A debate ensued.

On

* Paper attached.

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

Debate resumed on the Provincial Treasurer's motion for adjournment till Friday next.—Question put and *negatived*.

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed on Mr. Macandrew's Amendment.

The question being put—"That the words proposed to be omitted to stand part of the question," a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 21.—Adam, Bell, Blair, Brown, Grant, Haggitt, Haughton Hughes, Macpherson, Mackenzie, Maddock, Moss, Mouat, Richardson, Reid, Rennie, Street, Stephenson, Walker; Brodie, and Reynolds (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Cargill, (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Dyer, Gleeson, Kilgour, Lloyd, Miller, Mollison, Morris, Thomson; Burns and Macandrew (Tellers).

So it passed in the *affirmative*.

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

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 76 put and agreed to.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House resumed, and the Chairman reported progress, and the Resolution embraced in clause 76, just agreed to.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the clause (76) was "recommitted for amendment."

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer read and moved amendments upon clause 76 as just agreed to.

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

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, it was ordered:—"That the Land Resolutions do take precedence of all other business in the Paper for next sitting;" and the House adjourned till two o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, November 30, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(N.B.—*Land Resolutions to take precedence of all other Business on the Paper.*)

MOTIONS.

1. The Secretary for Public Works to move—"That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted."
2. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Private Petitions on the Petition of Mrs. Currie be adopted."
3. Mr. Mouat to move—"That a Return of all Correspondence respecting the Gold Robbery at the Dunstan, be laid on the table."
4. Mr. Mouat to move—(See notice of motion No. 4, page 24.)
5. Mr. Mouat to move—(See notice of motion, No. 5, page 24.)
6. Mr. Haughton to move—(See notice of motion, No. 6, page 24.)
7. Mr. Grant to move—"That the bar or tap-room adjoining the Council Hall should be swept away."
8. Mr. Blair to move—"That a Return be laid on the table, to as late a period as practicable, indicating to what extent the Harbor Loan Debentures have been issued; the amount of the indebtedness of the Loan to the Provincial Treasury; the amount of outstanding liabilities; the nature and extent of any unadjusted or preferred claims against the Loan; the charges for the negotiation of the Loan; the percentage discount on the amount of Debentures sold; the present Revenues accruing to the Loan Trust, and the mode in which the payment of the Interest and Sinking Fund for the £50,000 is to be met; and the mode in which, and the extent to which, the Interest and Sinking Fund has hitherto been met."

9. Mr. Street to move—"That a Return be laid on the table of all Grants-in-Aid to District Roads up to this date."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Acclimatisation Ordinance, 1865 Repeal Bill to be read a second time.
3. Report of Select Committee on relations between General and Provincial Governments to be considered."
4. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
5. Committee of Supply.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER. 30.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of question for next sitting was given by Mr. Maddock.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Miller, Mr. Mollison, and by Mr. E. B. Cargill.

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

Notices of motions for Monday next, were given by Mr. Reid, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Mouat, and by Mr. Lloyd.

Notices of motions for when in Committee on the Land Resolutions, were given by Mr. Reid and by Mr. Adam.

Mr. Mollison presented a Petition from certain Ladies of Dunedin and the Province.—Petition read and received.

Mr. Lloyd asked the Government—"If they have any objection to place a small sum of money on the Estimates, say a thousand pounds, to subsidise District Roads on the pound for pound system?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Gleeson asked the Government—"If it is their intention to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates sufficient to metal the Main Branch Road to the Port of Moeraki, and also portions of the Main North Road, between said Branch Road and the Town of Hampden, and also that portion of the said Main North Road, immediately behind the Otepopo Bush?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Secretary moved clause 76 as amended. (See page 25.)

Mr. Burns moved, as an amendment, clauses 1, 2, and 3 of his series of amendments, as printed on the Paper of the day, as follow :—

- 1.—"That twelve months prior to each of the now existing Licenses of the various Runs falling in, it is desirable that the Lease of the Run be put up to auction."
- 2.—"That the amount realised at such auction be the Annual Rent to be charged for the Run, said Rent to be payable six months in advance."
- 3.—"That Leases be granted for twenty-one years, said Leases to terminate any time when required by Government for the purposes of sale." A debate ensued.

Mr. Grant moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress, ask and obtain leave to sit again."—*Negatived.*
Debate ensued.

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

The question being put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question," a division was called for, when there voted :—

AYES, 22.—Adam, Bell, Brodie, Brown, Cargill (E. B.), Dyer, Gleeson, Grant, Haggitt, Haughton, Hughes, Isaacs, Mackenzie, Miller, Moss, Mouat, Richardson, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson; Reynolds and Walker (Tellers).

NOES, 11.—Blair, Cargill (J.), Clark, Kilgour, Macandrew, Maddock, Mollison, Morris, Thomson; Burns and Lloyd (Tellers).

So it passed in the *affirmative*.

Clause agreed to as read.

Mr. Reid moved—"That the following words be added, viz. :—' Provided that in case three-fourths of the Pastoral License holders in the Province, on or before the 1st of March next, shall not engage to come under the operations of these Resolutions, then the Lands now under Pastoral License shall, as they fall in, be leased in the following manner :—' " A debate ensued.

By permission of the Committee, Mr. Reid withdrew his motion.

The House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, together with clause (76 as amended), and just agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Dyer, the clause was re-committed for further amendment.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Dyer moved the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting certain Resolutions as read. A debate ensued.

The question being put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question;" a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 18—Adam, Bell, Brown, Cargill (E. B.), Gleeson, Grant, Haughton, Hughes, Isaacs, Macpherson, Maddock, Moss, Mouat, Reid, Rennie, Street; Reynolds and Walker (Tellers).

NOES, 9.—Blair, Kilgour, Macandrew, Mackenzie, Morris, Richardson, Thomson; Burns and Dyer (Tellers).

Paired.—**AYES**—Haggitt. **NOES**—Lloyd.

So it passed in the *affirmative*.

Clause 77 was agreed to as read.

Clause 78 being moved:—

Capt. Mackenzie moved—"That all the words after the word 'cattle' in line 47 be omitted, with a view to insert in lieu thereof the following, viz. :—' which may be depastured on the said lands during the year.'"

The question being put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question;" a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 11.—Blair, Brodie, Brown, Haughton, Hughes, Isaacs, Macpherson, Mouat, Reid; Adam and Moss (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Bell, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Gleeson, Grant, Kilgour, Maddock, Miller, Mollison, Rennie, Reynolds; Mackenzie and Richardson (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative*.

Upon the question—"That the words proposed to be added be so added," Mr. Adam moved as an amendment—"That it be an acreage assessment."—*Negatived*.

Original motion carried, and words added accordingly.

Mr. Reid moved—"That the following words be added:—' Provided always that if the Board are satisfied that any Run has remained understocked for a period of twelve months, then the Board may appoint Assessors to assess such Run, and to fix the rental according to the carrying capacity.'"—*Affirmed*.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 79 and 80 were agreed to as read.

Clause 81 was ordered to stand over.

Clauses 82 and 83 were agreed to as read.

Clauses 84 and 85 were ordered to stand over.

Clauses 86, 87, 88, and 89, were agreed to as read.

Clause 90 was ordered to stand over.

Clause 91 was agreed to as read.

Clauses 92 and 93 were ordered to stand over.

Clauses

Clauses 94 and 95 were agreed to as read.

Clause 96 was ordered to stand over.

Clause 97 was agreed to as read.

Clauses 98 and 99 were amended, and agreed to.

Clauses 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, and 107, were agreed to as read.

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

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer (and under suspension of Standing Orders), it was ordered—"That the Land Resolutions do take precedence of all other business on 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.

Friday, December 1, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(NB.—Land Resolutions to take precedence of all other Business on the Paper).

MOTIONS.

1. The Secretary of Public Works to move—"That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted."
2. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Private Petitions on the Petition of Mrs. Currie be adopted."
3. Mr. Mouat to move—"That a Return of all Correspondence respecting the Gold Robbery at the Dunstan, be laid on the table."
4. Mr. Mouat to move—(See notice of motion No. 4, page 24).
5. Mr. Mouat to move—(See notice of motion No. 5, page 24).
6. Mr. Haughton to move—(See notice of motion No. 6, page 24).
7. Mr. Grant to move—"That the bar or tap-room adjoining the Council Hall should be swept away."
8. Mr. Blair to move—(See notice of motion No. 8, page 25.)
9. Mr. Street to move—"That a Return be laid on the table of all Grants-in-Aid to District Roads up to this date."
10. Mr. Brodie to move—"That the recommendations of the Committee upon the establishment of Country Municipalities be adopted."
11. Mr. Brodie to move—"That until the elections now pending for the return of Members of the House of Representatives be completed, it is expedient that this Council should refrain from expressing any opinion as to the policy to be embodied in the proposed amended Land Regulations."
12. Mr. Haughton to move—"That copies of all Correspondence upon the subject of the Surveys of Agricultural Land in the Wakatip District, in 1864, be laid on the table."
13. Mr. Miller to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £2000 upon the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of forming the uncompleted portion of the Main North Road through the Town of Oamaru."
14. Mr. Hepburn to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates towards the formation and improvement of the Road from Wakari to Silver Stream."
15. Mr. Miller to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £200 upon the Supplementary Estimates, as a Grant-in-Aid of the erection of a Hospital at Oamaru."
16. Mr. Mollison to move—"That the Petition of the Ladies of Dunedin and the neighbourhood, be referred to the Select Committee on Education."
17. Mr. E. B. Cargill to move—"That the South Recreation Ground, Dunedin, should be brought under cultivation and planted, provided Government can so arrange by temporary leasing or otherwise that the expense may be in the main met by the value of crops taken off the land."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill, to be read a second time.
3. Report of Select Committee on Relations between General and Provincial Governments to be considered.
4. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
5. Committee of Supply.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on "Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Prayer: Minutes—read and confirmed.

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

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Mouat and by Mr. Reynolds.

Notice of motion for "when in Committee on the Land Resolutions" was given by Mr. Reid.

Notice of motion for "when in Committee of Supply" was given by Mr. Street.

Papers, &c., laid on the Table.

1. Copy Letter from Commissioner of Police relating to the loss of a bag of gold from the Dunstan Camp.—By the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.
2. Correspondence respecting payment for the services of late City Commissioners; 3. Return of Grants-in-Aid to District Roads; 4. Return of Expenditure on Roads from 1854, to 30th September, 1865 (ordered on motion of Mr. Thomson November 24);* 5. Return of Harbor Loan Debentures; 6. Departmental Reports Nos. X. (Recreation Ground), XI. (Marine Engineer), XII. (High School); 7. Map, showing direction of the Main Trunk Road to Wakatip, between the Arrow Junction and Queenstown.—By the PROVINCIAL TREASURER.
8. Return of Land Tax due, &c., (ordered on motion of Mr. Dyer, November 28); and, 9. Return of the number of Surveys made on the Gold Fields, for the year ended 31st August, 1865.—By the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the Table the *Education Reserves Bill*.

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

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Secretary—"Under whose instructions the survey of the Frankton and Arrow Flats were conducted, when the same were laid off in 1864, in Agricultural Areas, for the ostensible purpose of sale: Also, whether the reservation of large areas of valuable agricultural land as Auriferous Reserves was recommended by the Gold Fields' authorities: Also, what reason the Government have had for withdrawing from sale the above-mentioned areas, after the completion of the Survey: Also, by whose recommendation a Township two miles square was laid off at the head of Haye's Lake, one and a half miles from Arrowtown, thus reserving from occupation for agricultural purposes a large area of valuable agricultural land?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

In the absence of Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Reid (on his behalf) asked the Government—"Whether they intend to erect a Bridge over the Silverstream this summer, for which a sum was voted by this Council two Sessions ago?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Maddock asked the Government—"Whether the City Council have applied to the Government for payment of Salaries to the former City Commissioners; and if so, what amount, and whether they will lay the correspondence on the subject on the Table?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate on clause 108 resumed by Mr. Bell, who moved—"That the words 'to determine the description of 'cattle to be depastured thereon' be struck out."

The question being put on Mr. Bell's amendment, a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 9.—Adam, Cargill (J.), Gleeson, Grant, Maddock, Morris, Walker; Bell and Miller (Tellers.)

NOES, 13.—Burns, Clark, Haggitt, Hughes, Isaacs, Kilgour, Lloyd, Mouat, Richardson, Rennie, Thomson; Dyer and M'Kenzie (Tellers.)

* See Council Paper, No. III.

So it passed in the *negative*.—Clause agreed to as read.

Clauses 109 to 126, both inclusive, were agreed to as read.

On the motion of Mr. Bell, all the clauses of the section headed "Gold Fields" were ordered for the present to stand over.

Clauses 138 to 146, both inclusive, were agreed to as read.

Schedules 1st, 2d, and 3d were ordered to stand over.

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

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Private Petitions on the Petition of Mrs Currie be adopted."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Brodie moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That the recommendations* of the Committee upon the Establishment of Country Municipalities be adopted."—A debate ensued.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—"That the Report be considered in Committee of the whole House."—*Negatived*.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Rennie moved, and Mr. J. Cargill seconded—"That the debate be adjourned."—*Negatived*.

Question put on the original motion, and *affirmed*.

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That it will be advantageous to have the maintenance of all Metalled Roads undertaken by contract; that in the construction of new lines of Road, the more impassable portions should be formed and completed in the first instance; that special attention should be paid to drainage."—*Withdrawn*.

Mr. Miller moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of £2000 upon the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of forming the uncompleted portion of the Main North Road through the town of Oamaru."—*Withdrawn*.

On motion of Mr. Thomson, the Petition of certain Ladies of Dunedin and other parts of the Province, was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Education.

Mr. E. B. Cargill moved, and Mr. Maddock seconded—"That the South Recreation Ground, Dunedin, should be brought under cultivation and planted; provided Government can so arrange by temporary leasing or otherwise, that the expense may be in the main met by the value of crops taken off the land."—*Withdrawn*.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, extension of time was granted till Thursday next for bringing up the Report of Select Committee on the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill*.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, it was ordered—"That the Land Resolutions do take precedence of all other business on the Paper for next sitting."

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, December 4, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(N.B.—Land Resolutions to take precedence of all other business on the Paper).

MOTIONS.

1. The Secretary of Public Works to move—"That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted.'
2. Mr. Brodie to move—(See notice of motion, No. 11, page 28.)
3. Mr. Hepburn to move—(See notice of motion, No. 14, page 28.)
4. Mr. Reid to move—"That a Return be laid on the table at the earliest possible date, showing all sums of money granted to the City of Dunedin to this date, either as 'Grants-in-aid' or otherwise."

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 2.

5. Mr. Haughton to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Manual of Police Regulations, with the view of ascertaining whether the same be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the 'Police Regulation Ordinance, 1862,' and the 'Police Regulation Amendment Ordinance, 1864;' Committee to consist of Messrs. Maddock, Moss, Mouat, Dyer, Miller, and the Mover."
6. Mr. Lloyd to move—"That, for the future, non-official Members of the Government receive no pay."
7. Mr. Grant to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that a certain sum be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of establishing a Hansard's Provincial Council Debates."
8. Mr. E. B. Cargill to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the Loan of £35,000 to the Town Board of Dunedin be converted into a Grant."
9. Mr. Grant to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of £20,000 be placed on the Estimates towards the erection and formation of a nucleus of a Free Public Library in the City of Dunedin."
10. Mr. Mouat to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances under which certain Auriferous Lands near Tokomairiro have been, or are about to be, sold; said Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker (with his consent), Messrs. Haughton, Bell, Rennie, Isaacs, Clark, and the Mover; and that, pending the investigation, all further proceedings in the matter of the sale of said lands should be stayed; with power to call for papers, persons, and reports. Report to be brought up on Friday next."
11. Mr. Reynolds to move—"That Tuesdays and Thursdays be Government days."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill, to be read a second time.
3. Report of Select Committee on relations between General and Provincial Governments to be considered.
4. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
5. Committee of Supply.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on New Post Office.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given in by Mr. Grant (5.)

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Burns, Mr. Gleeson, and by the Provincial Treasurer.

Notice of motion for Wednesday next was given by Mr. Lloyd.

Notices of motions for "when in Committee on the Land Resolutions" were given by Mr. J. Cargill, and by Mr. E. B. Cargill.

Mr. Macandrew presented a Petition from certain Landowners and others of the township of Palmerston.—Petition read and received.

Mr. Gleeson presented a petition from William L. Leggett.—Petition received.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table Copy of Trust Deed of Estate for Religious and Educational Uses (ordered on motion of Mr Haughton, November 22.)

Mr Haughton asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether the rules, orders, and regulations for the general government of the Police Force have been published in the *Provincial Government Gazette*, in accordance with Section V of the 'Police Regulation Ordinance, 1862'?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr Street asked the Government—"If they intend to place a sum on the Estimates for the purpose of providing a Cemetery for North Dunedin?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Provincial Treasurer amended and moved clauses 127 and 128, which were agreed to as read.

Clause 129 was amended and moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr Haughton, the clause was further amended ; and as amended agreed to.

Clauses 130 to 136, both inclusive, were ordered to be struck out.

Clause 137 was agreed to as read.

The Committee then took up the clauses previously postponed, clauses 1 to 6 having been previously struck out.

Clause 7 being moved :—Capt. Mackenzie moved as an amendment—“ That all business connected with the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of Waste Lands, shall be conducted and transacted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.”—*Negatived.*

Mr Grant moved, as a further amendment—“ That the Waste Lands Board be swept away.”

A division being called for on Mr Grant's amendment, there were found no tellers on the side of the “ ayes,” so it passed in the *negative.*

The Provincial Treasurer moved—“ That the words ‘ less than two nor more than five ’ be struck out, and the words ‘ more than two ’ inserted in lieu thereof.”—*Negatived.*

Mr Grant moved, as a further amendment—“ That the functions as performed by the Waste Lands Board as at present constituted be performed by a Governmental responsible Head and a departmental staff.”—*Negatived.*

Clause agreed to as read.

Clauses 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 were agreed to as read.

Clause 16 was amended (on the motion of Mr Bell) by striking out all the words after “ Board ” (on page 4,) and as amended agreed to.

Clause 17 was agreed to as read.

Clause 18 being moved :—Mr. Bell moved as an amendment the insertion of the words—“ Subject to appeal to the Supreme Court, as hereinafter provided.”—Amendment, together with clause, postponed.

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

Mr Mouat moved, and Mr Clark seconded—“ That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances under which certain Auriferous Lands near Tokomairiro have been, or are about to be, sold ; said Committee to consist of Mr Speaker (with his consent,) Messrs. Haughton, Bell, Rennie, Isaacs, Clark, and the Mover ; and that pending the investigation, all further proceedings in the matter of the sale of said Lands should be stayed ; with power to call for papers, persons, and reports : Report to be brought up on Friday next.”—*Affirmed.*

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

(Debate on clause 18 resumed by the Provincial Solicitor.)

Question put on Mr. Bell's amendment, and *affirmed.*—Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, were agreed to as read.

Mr. Macandrew moved a new clause, to stand (as clause 25) :—“ That a statement specifying the area and locality of all the Surveyed Lands of the Province (excepting Town and Village Lands) open for selection, be published and circulated upon the 1st day of every month ; such statement to exhibit as nearly as may be the distance and direction of such lands from the nearest Town, Village, Navigable River, or Public Road : and to specify as nearly as may be the quality of the land, whether bush or open land, and if open, the distance from bush.”—*Affirmed.*

Clause 49 (standing over) was amended (on the motion of Mr. Haughton), by striking out therefrom sub-clauses 3 and 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, “ That in all leases a money rent be reserved.”—Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 50 (standing over) was agreed to as read.

Clause 61. Debate resumed on Mr. Bell's amendment ; and a division being called for, there voted :—
AYES, 10.—Adam, Bell, Gleeson, Haughton, Macandrew, Maddock, Reid, Stevenson ; Burns and Mackenzie (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Cargill (E. B.), Clark, Dyer, Grant, Lloyd, Miller, Morris, Moss, Rennie, Thomson, Walker ; Haggitt and Richardson (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative.*—Clause agreed to as printed.

Clause 81 was struck out.

Clauses 84, 85, and 92 (standing over) were agreed to as printed.

Clause 96 being moved :—

Mr Adam moved—“ That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again.”

A division being called for on Mr. Adam's motion for reporting progress, there voted :—

AYES, 9.—Adam, Brodie, Clerk, Dyer, Macandrew, Morris, Mouat; Haughton and Lloyd (Tellers).

NOES, 17.—Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Gleeson, Grant, Haggitt, Hughes, Miller, Moss, Richardson, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Mackenzie and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative*.—Debate resumed, and clause agreed to as read.

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

Motions Nos. 1 and 2 were ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next sitting.

Mr. Hepburn moved, and Mr. Reid seconded—“ That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates towards the formation and improvement of the Road from Wakari to Silver Stream.”—*Negatived*.

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—“ That a Return be laid on the table at the earliest possible date, showing all sums of money granted to the City of Dunedin to this date, either as ‘ Grants-in-aid ’ or otherwise.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—“ That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Manual of Police Regulations, with the view of ascertaining whether the same be not inconsistent with, or repugnant to, the ‘ Police Regulation Ordinance, 1862,’ and the ‘ Police Regulation Amendment Ordinance, 1864;’ Committee to consist of Messrs. Maddock, Mouat, Dyer, Miller, and the Mover. Report to be brought up this day week.”—*Affirmed*.

Motions Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9, were ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next sitting.

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—“ That Tuesdays and Thursdays be *Government* days.”—*Affirmed*.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, December 5, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(Government Day.)

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Brodie to move—(See notice of motion No. 11, page 28).
2. Mr. Lloyd to move—“ That, for the future, non-official members of the Government receive no pay.”
3. Mr. Grant to move—(See notice of motion No. 7, page 31).
4. Mr. E. B. Cargill to move—(See notice of motion No. 8, page 31).
5. Mr. Grant to move—(See notice of motion No. 9, page 31).
6. The Secretary of Public Works to move—“ That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted.”
7. The Provincial Treasurer to move—“ That the names of Mr. Speaker (with his consent) and of Mr. Hughes be added to the Select Committee on Police Regulations.”
8. Mr. Burns to move—“ That this Council is of opinion it is not conducive to the efficient carrying out of the Land Laws of this Province, to appoint Government Officials as Commissioners of the Waste Land Board, and that this Council recommend a sum being placed on the Estimates to remunerate the Commissioners for their time spent in the Public Service.”
9. Mr. Gleeson to move—“ That the Petition of William L. Leggatt be referred to the Private Petition Committee.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill to be read a second time.
3. Report of Select Committee on relations between General and Provincial Governments to be considered.
4. Committee of Supply.
5. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
6. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton on Mr. Dyer's motion.—(See notice of motion, No. 5, page 12.)

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on New Post Office.
2. Report of Select Committee on Education.
3. Report of Select Committee on the Construction of a Dry Dock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notice of question for next sitting was given by Mr. J. Cargill.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Reid, Mr. Macandrew, and by Mr. Mouat.

Notice of motion for Friday next was given by Mr. Mouat.

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

Notice of motion for "when the Report of the Select Committee on Education is brought up for adoption" was given by Mr. Maddock.

Notice of motion for "when the Report of the Select Committee on the New Post Office is brought up for adoption" was given by Mr. Grant.

Mr Reid presented a Petition from the East Taieri Road Board.—Petition read and received.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table a Return of Moneys expended in Dunedin as Grants-in-aid, or otherwise.—(Ordered, on motion of Mr. Reid, December 4.)

Mr. Macandrew brought up the Report of the Select Committee on the New Post Office. *

Mr. Grant asked the Provincial Treasurer—(1) "Whether there has been a Dredging Machine imported to Otago; whether men were hired for working it, and whether they were being kept on, or still are kept on, at the Government expense until the apparatus shall be put in active operation within the Otago Harbour?"

Mr. Grant asked the Government—(2) "Whether Clerks or Officials in the Public Works or Survey or Engineers' Departments are in the habit of supplying Contractors with detailed Copies of Plans and Specifications of Contracts and contemplated Public Works?"

Mr. Grant asked the Provincial Treasurer—(3) "Whether payment of Members extends over Sundays and holidays—in fine, whether Members receive payment every day indiscriminately from their first arrival in, till the day of their departure from Dunedin at the close of this Session?"

Mr. Grant asked the Provincial Treasurer—(4) "Whether non-official Members of the Executive are being paid respectively £200 or £150 per annum for their services to the Government?"—To all of which the Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Grant also asked the Government—"Whether they compel the Members of the Police Force to wear such expensive uniform, and whether they intend to cause each officer to be numbered."—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Brodie moved, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That until the elections now pending for the return of Members of the House of Representatives be completed, it is expedient that this Council should refrain from expressing any opinion as to the policy to be embodied in the proposed amended Land Regulations.—A debate ensued.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Blair seconded—"That all the words after the word "should" (in line 2) be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, viz.,—'defer the final ratification of its Resolutions respecting amended Land Regulations.'"

Question put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question."—*Negatived.*

Question

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 3.

Question put—"That the words proposed to be inserted in lieu of the words omitted be so inserted."—*Negatived.*

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

Mr. Lloyd moved, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That for the future non-official members of the Government receive no pay."

Mr. Dyer moved as an amendment, and Mr. Adam seconded—"That taking into consideration the financial position of the Province, this Council is of opinion that the Executive Council should consist of not more than two official members and two non-official members."—*Negatived.*

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

Mr. Grant moved, and Capt. Mackenzie seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a certain sum be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of establishing a Hansard's Provincial Council Debates."—*Negatived.*

Mr. E. B. Cargill moved, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the Loan of £35,000 to the Town Board of Dunedin be converted into a Grant."

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Maddock seconded—"That all the words after the word 'that' in line 2 be omitted, with a view to insert certain other words as read."

The question being put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question," a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 14.—Cargill (J.), Gleeson, Grant, Haggitt, Macandrew, Miller, Mollison, Morris, Moss, Reynolds, Street, Walker; Cargill (E. B.) and Kilgour (Tellers).

NOES, 17.—Adam, Blair, Clark, Dyer, Haughton, Isaacs, Lloyd, Macpherson, Mackenzie, Maddock, Mouat, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Thomson; Brodie and Burns (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative.*

Question put—"That the words proposed to be added be so added, viz.:—'The Loan of £35,000 to the Town Board of Dunedin be converted into a Grant, in consideration of the City Corporation taking all the expense of keeping up the Main Line of Road through Dunedin, and freeing this House from all expenditure of the Police Force for the City, and the erection of a Market House, and fencing the Market Reserve, South Dunedin.'" A division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 3.—Brodie; Burns and Lloyd (Tellers.)

NOES, 24.—Bell, Blair, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Dyer, Gleeson, Haggitt, Isaacs, Kilgour, Macandrew, Macpherson, Miller, Mollison, Morris, Moss, Rennie, Reynolds, Street, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Mackenzie and Reid (Tellers).

So it passed in the *negative.*

Mr. Hughes moved, and Mr. Bell seconded, that the following words be added, viz.—"The loan of £35,000 to the Town Board of Dunedin shall stand as a loan for ten years from this date, and shall not bear any interest during that time; and that the said sum shall be postponed to any other sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of £65,000, which, during the said period of ten years, the Corporation of Dunedin may borrow under the provisions of the 98th section of the 'Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1865;' and that, in the meantime, the Bond given by the Town Board be cancelled, and a new one, embracing the above terms, be entered into."

Motion *affirmed*, and words added accordingly.

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

Notices of Motions Nos. 5 and 6 were ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next sitting.

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"That the names of Mr. Speaker (with his consent) and of Mr. Hughes be added to the Select Committee on Police Regulations."—*Affirmed*, and names added accordingly.

Mr. Burns allowed his notice of motion (No. 8) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. Gleeson, the Petition of William L. Leggatt was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

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.

Wednesday, December 6, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Grant to move—(See notice of motion, No. 9, page 31.)
2. The Secretary of Public Works to move—"That the Resolutions on the Southern Trunk Railway be adopted."
3. Mr. Burns to move—(See notice of motion, No. 8, page 33.)
4. Mr. Lloyd to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of fifty pounds on the Supplementary Estimates, to be handed over to the Trustees of the Green Island Cemetery, for the purpose of fencing and improving the Green Island Cemetery."
5. Mr. Reid to move—"That the Petition of Thomas Culling and others, Members of the East Taieri Road Board, be taken into consideration when the House goes into Committee of Supply."
6. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Post Office Buildings be transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent, with an Address that he may be pleased to give effect to the recommendations contained therein."
7. Mr. Mouat to move—"That the Select Committee on the Police Regulations be instructed to enquire into and report upon the case of Ex-Constable Bruen."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill to be read a second time.
3. Education Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
4. Report of Select Committee on relations between General and Provincial Governments to be considered.
5. Committee of Supply.
6. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
7. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton on Mr. Dyer's motion—(See notice of motion, No. 5, page 12.)

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Construction of Dry Dock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Macandrew, and by Mr. Gleeson.

Notices of motions for Friday next were given by Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Gleeson, and by Capt. Mackenzie.

Notice of motion for "when in Committee on the relations between the General and Provincial Governments" was given by Mr. E. B. Cargill.

Mr. Haughton presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Cromwell.—Petition read and received.

Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Palmerston and surrounding districts.—Petition received.

Message No. 2 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council, transmits to the Provincial Council Supplementary Estimates* of Expenditure for the year ending 30th September, 1866, and recommends the Council to make provision for the Services therein specified.

6th December, 1865.

THOMAS DICK, Superintendent.

Mr. Macandrew brought up the Report of the Select Committee on the Construction of Dry Dock.†

Mr. J. Cargill asked the Provincial Secretary—"What steps have been taken to carry out the Resolution of the Council to widen Princes-street?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Grant moved, and Mr. Maddoek seconded *pro forma*—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of £20,000 be placed on the Estimates towards the erection and formation of a nucleus of a Free Public Library in the City of Dunedin."—*Negatived.*

Mr.

* Appended to Estimates on "Council Paper."

† See Reports of Select Committees, page 4.

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—"That this Council is of opinion it is not conducive to the efficient carrying out of the Land Laws of this Province, to appoint Government Officials as Commissioners of the Waste Land Board, and that this Council recommend a sum being placed on the Estimates to remunerate Commissioners for their time spent in the Public Service."—*Withdrawn*.

Mr. Lloyd moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of fifty pounds on the Supplementary Estimates, to be handed over to the Trustees of the Green Island Cemetery for the purpose of fencing and improving the Green Island Cemetery."—*Negated*.

On the motion of Mr. Moss (as Secretary for Public Works), the House went into Committee on the *Southern Trunk Railway Resolutions*. (See Appendix.)

IN COMMITTEE.

The Secretary for Public Works moved—No. 1. "That it is desirable a Bill should be introduced forthwith to authorise the issue of 6 per cent Debentures to an extent not exceeding £400,000, for the purpose of constructing a line of Railway from Dunedin to the Clutha Ferry."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Dyer moved as an amendment—"That it is desirable to afford aid, by guarantee of 8 per cent interest, on the amount expended (with the consent of the Government) by any company that may be formed for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Dunedin to the Clutha River; cost of such line not to exceed £500,000."—*Negated*.

Debate adjourned, by reason of the House proceeding to the Orders of the Day.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill* was read a second time, and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause I being moved, a debate ensued.

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

The Provincial Solicitor moved, and the Provincial Treasurer seconded—"That the *Education Reserves Bill* be now read a second time.

Mr. Haughton moved as an amendment, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That the Bill be read a second time this day week."

Question put on the amendment and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. J. Cargill seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the relation between General and Provincial Governments* be adopted, excepting the portions embraced in brackets."—A debate ensued.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That the Report be considered in Committee of the whole House."—*Affirmed*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed by the Provincial Treasurer.

Mr. Grant moved, as an amendment—"That no scheme of separation can be productive of any benefit whatever to this Colony, save that of the absolute separation—political, financial, legislative, and administrative—of the Northern and Southern Islands, and the abolition of the nine Provincial Governments, and the erection of two central and mutually independent Governments in Auckland and Dunedin respectively; these two Cities being clearly pointed out by the hand of nature as the sites for both Colonies."

The Chairman's attention being called to the fact of there being *no quorum*, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and the Clerk having reported to Mr. Speaker that there was now a House, the Committee resumed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed by Mr. Grant.

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

Debate resumed on the original motion by Mr. Brodie.

Mr. Bell requested that certain words used by Mr. Brodie be taken down and reported to Mr. Speaker.

Words taken down accordingly (and Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair) reported as follow, (speaking with respect to Mr. Bell)—"To witness the way in which this Council is being degraded by the hon. member."

Words read by Mr. Speaker, and withdrawn by Mr. Brodie.—The Committee again resumed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Brodie moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—*Affirmed*."

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

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

* See Reports of Select Committee, page 1.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, December 7, at 2 o'clock p.m.
(Government Day.)

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Reid to move—
 2. Mr. Macandrew to move—
 3. Mr. Mouat to move—
- } (See notices of motions Nos. 5, 6, and 7, page 36.)
4. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the construction of a Dock in the Port of Otago be adopted, and an Address be transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to cause an Ordinance to be prepared and submitted to this Council, for the purpose of giving practical effect to the recommendations embodied in said Report."
 5. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That the Resolution passed by this Council at its last Session, May 15, 1865, relating to the driving of Cattle from infected districts into districts not declared infected, be rescinded."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Committee of Supply.
2. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
3. Railway Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
4. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
5. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton, on Mr. Dyer's motion. (See notices of motion, No. 5, page 12.)
6. Report of Select Committee on relation between General and Provincial Governments to be resumed in Committee.
7. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

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

Notices of Motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Thomson (2), the Provincial Treasurer (2), Mr. Bell, and by Mr. Gleeson.

Mr. Thomson brought up Interim Reports No. 2 (Arch. Fullerton), and No. 3 (W. L. Leggatt), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

On the motion of Mr. Reid, the Petition of the East Taieri Road Board was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Rennie seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Post Office Buildings* be transmitted to His Honor the Superintendent, with an Address that he may be pleased to communicate with the General Government, and take such steps as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained therein."

Mr. Grant moved as an amendment, and Capt. Mackenzie seconded—"That it is inexpedient to alienate any portion of it for any other purpose than that originally intended, and for which it is being built."—*Negatived.*

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

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That the Select Committee on the Police Regulations be instructed to inquire into, and report upon, the case of Ex-Constable Bruen."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Mouat asked leave to withdraw his motion. Permission withheld. Question put and—*Negatived.*

Mr. Macandrew allowed his notice of motion (No. 4) to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

* See Reports of Select Committees, page 3.

Mr. Gleeson moved, and Capt. Mackenzie seconded—"That the Resolution passed by this Council at its last Session, May 15, 1865, relating to the driving of cattle from infected districts into districts not declared infected, be rescinded."—*Negatived.*

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

Under the head "Loans," and on the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the item, "Repayment of Debentures, 1856, £4,200," was agreed to as read.

Mr. Grant requested that certain words as used by Mr. Adam be taken down.—Words taken down accordingly, and (Mr. Speaker having resumed the chair), reported as follow, (speaking of Mr. Grant)—"That whatever he touches is polluted." Mr. Adam having spoken in explanation, the Committee resumed.

IN COMMITTEE.

The various items under the several heads "Superintendent and Executive Council," "Provincial Council," "Auditor," "Secretary's Office," and "Solicitor's Office," were agreed to as moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

Under the head "Crown Lands," the item "Chief Commissioner, £600," being moved, Mr. Grant moved—"That it be struck out."—*Negatived.*

The item "Non-Official Members of the Waste Land Board, £20," being moved, Mr. Burns moved as an amendment—"That the amount be £200."—*Negatived.* Item agreed to as read, together with the whole of the other items under this head.

The several items under the heads "Survey Department," "Police," and "Escort," were agreed to as read.

Under the head "Harbor," Mr. Grant moved—"That the amount be one-half."—*Negatived.* Items agreed to as read.

Items under head "Gold Receiver" agreed to as read.

Under the head "Gaol," the item "Gaoler, £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.

Items under the head "Gold Fields" amended by the Provincial Treasurer, and as amended agreed to.

The items under the head "Treasury" were agreed to as read.

Under the head "Sheep Inspector," the item "Incidental Expenses, £50," was amended on the motion of Capt. Mackenzie to £450, and as amended agreed to. The remaining items were agreed to as read.

The items under the head "Immigration" being moved—Mr. Grant moved:—"That it be swept away."—*Negatived.*

Items agreed to as read.

The various items under the head "Education" were ordered for the present to stand over.

Items under the head "Hospital" amended by the Provincial Treasurer, and as amended agreed to.

The various items under the heads "Lunatic Asylum," "Storekeeper," and "Secretary for Public Works," were agreed to as read.

"Commission on Roads" was ordered for the present to stand over.

The various items under the heads "Railway Engineer," and "Marine Engineer," were agreed to as read.

The items under the head "Recreation Grounds" being moved—Mr. Adam moved, "That the item £500 be struck out."

Consideration of items postponed for the present.

(PROVINCIAL TREASURER-GENERAL.)

Items under the head "Miscellaneous" were amended by the Provincial Treasurer, and as amended agreed to.

The item "Immigration, £4000," being moved:—

Mr. Gleeson moved as an amendment—"That the amount be £10,000."—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, all the items between "Immigration" and No. 8, under the head of "Miscellaneous Works and Buildings," were for the present passed over.

The item "Provincial Building, £16,000," was, on the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, amended to £18,500, and agreed to.

Items under this head just passed over were now resumed at "*Miscellaneous.*"

The item "Volunteers, £500," was (by the Provincial Treasurer) amended to £700, and as amended agreed to.

The item "Printing Gazette and Advertising Sheet, £900," being moved,—Mr. Brodie moved as an amendment—"That the item be £600."—*Negatived.* Item agreed to as read.

The items "Road Deviations," "Clutha Coal Field," and "Balance of Loan," were ordered to stand over. The remaining items were agreed to as read.

Under the head "Loans," the item "Interest on Loan 1862, Exchange and Commission, &c., £20,000," was, on the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, amended to £50,000," and as amended agreed to. The remaining items were agreed to as read.

Under the head "Roads," the item "Dunedin to North Taieri, £100," was (on the motion of Mr. Reid) amended to £200. The remaining items were agreed to as amended and moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

Under the head "Miscellaneous Works and Buildings," the items "Harbor Reclamation," and "Fencing, &c., Quarantine Station, Mataura," were ordered to stand over. The remaining items were agreed to as amended and moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

Under the head "Jetties," the item "Port Chalmers, £100," was (on the motion of Major Richardson) amended to £1000. The item "Dredging alongside Rattray-street Jetty, £1000," was ordered to stand over. The item "Oamaru, £7000," was agreed to as read.

Under the head "Bridges," the item "Kawarau, £2,222 6s. 8d.," was ordered to stand over. The item "Whari Kuri, £4 17s. 6d.," was agreed to as read.

The items under the head "Harbors" were agreed to as read.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, December 8, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Mouat to move—"That in the opinion of this Council the following sums, amounting to £78, 18s., paid from the Police Reward Fund, are not properly chargeable to the said Fund, and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £78 18s. be placed on the Estimates to recoup the Police Reward Fund to the amount so misappropriated:—

1864, Cash Refunded, November 21, Mr. Hitman	...	...	...	£33	6	8
1865, April 6, Mr. Jordan, cost of confiscated property	...	...	...	8	11	6
„ May 9th, Mr. Tracy, false arrest	13	12	0
„ July 13th, Margaret Little, false arrest	23	7	10
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				£78	18	0

2. Mr Lloyd to move—"That the Government be requested to take immediate steps to recover the amount due for interest on the Thirty-five Thousand Pounds Loan to the City of Dunedin, up to the 5th of December, 1865; and that the bonds be retained till the interest is paid."
3. Mr. Macandrew to move—(See notice of motion, No. 4, page 38.)
4. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That the Government be subject to the same Regulations which are now in force for the eradication of Thistles on private lands; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place a sufficient sum on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution."
5. Capt. Mackenzie to move—"That the Petitions of John Cleverly and Andrew Thomson, be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
6. Mr. Haughton to move—"That the Petition of certain inhabitants of Cromwell be referred to the Executive Government."

7. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum for the purpose of completing the Jetty at Shag Point, and the road leading therefrom up Shag Valley, so as to render the same available for the use of the Settlers in that District, in terms of the prayer of their Petition now on the Table."
8. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Interim Report No. 2 (Archibald Fullerton) from the Select Committee on Private Petitions be adopted."
9. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Interim Report No. 3 (Wm. L. Leggatt) from the Select Committee on Private Petitions be adopted."
10. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to cause steps to be taken for the appropriation of 50 feet of the Provincial Government Reserve in Princes Street (as delineated on the map laid on the table) for the purposes of a Free Public Library; also, that the said 50 feet, when set aside, should be offered to the members of the Athenæum, at a rental of 5s. per annum, for a period of 99 years, on condition that the public have free admission to all books, and the building be vested in the Superintendent as Trustee."
11. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to grant Licenses to Storekeepers on the Gold Fields, authorising them to sell Wines, Spirits, or Beer by retail. The fee for such License to be the same as that paid for a General License on the Gold Field."
12. Mr. Bell to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of money be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to complete a portion of road on the left bank of Matau Branch of the Clutha."
13. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to exclude that portion of the Province of Otago known as the Oamaru District, bounded by the Horse Range and Kakanui Ranges, from the operation of the Proclamation of 10th October last of His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, of additional regulations for the destruction of diseased Cattle, and for preventing the spread of the disease called Pleuro-pneumonia; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting that he may be pleased to give effect to the foregoing resolution."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Committee of Supply.
2. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
3. Railway Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
4. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
5. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton, on Mr. Dyer's motion. (See notice of motion, No. 5, page 12.)
6. Report of Select Committee on relation between General and Provincial Governments to be resumed in Committee.
7. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
8. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill to be resumed in Committee.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill.
2. Report of Select Committee on Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next Sitting were given by Mr. Burns and by Mr. Grant.

Notices of motions for next Sitting were given by Mr. Bell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Miller, Mr. Grant, Mr. Mouat, and by Mr. Street.

Notices of motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Mollison (2).

Message No. 3, from His Honor the Superintendent, was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent forwards for the consideration of the Provincial Council, the accompanying copy of a communication which he has received from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of the employ-

ment of certain Maori prisoners on Public Works, with the request that the Council will favor him with their advice in the matter.

8th December, 1865.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

(Copy of Communication referred to.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 5th December, 1865.

SIR,—The Government desire to give to certain Maori prisoners, between fifty and sixty in number, now in confinement on board the schooner "Manukau," in the Harbor of Wellington, a conditional pardon, subject to their having been employed on some public works for a certain number of months, and having conducted themselves well while so employed.

It will be announced to such prisoners, that any one of them who may be guilty of contumacious or riotous conduct, while employed as proposed, will render himself liable to be confined for a longer period; or to be deported to such place as the Governor may determine, or to such other punishment as His Excellency may think fit.

I believe that some of the Provincial Governments will be willing to receive these prisoners, and to employ them on public works, in which case the General Government will transfer them to the custody of the Provincial Authorities, the subsequent expense of their custody and maintenance while employed on Provincial works devolving on the Provincial Government.

I have to request your Honor to be good enough to inform me, whether the Provincial Government of Otago is disposed to accept the services of the prisoners on such terms, for a period of not less than six, and probably twelve months, and if so, of what number.

It is probable that other prisoners of the same class may be dealt with in a similar manner, some of whom it may be proper to detain for a longer period. Should your Honor, therefore, decide on receiving prisoners of that kind, it may be calculated that their labor would be available for some considerable time.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

Papers, &c., laid on the Table.

1. Letter from Town Clerk, transmitting Bye-laws of the Corporation of Dunedin.—MR. SPEAKER.
2. Plan showing site of Government Buildings, and proposed site for Athenæum. 3. Amended Appendix to the Report of the Chief Railway Engineer on the Southern Trunk Railway.—PROVINCIAL TREASURER.
4. Report by Mr. Mining Surveyor Coates on the Expedition to West Coast, together with Map. 5. Correspondence relative to the disposal of the Geological Collections. 6. Immigration Correspondence (additional).—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table the *Roads Diversion Bill* No. 2.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table the *Otago Roads Ordinance 1865 Extension and Amendment Bill*. Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

Mr. Grant asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether the Government intend to adopt such steps as shall result in a fresh re-organisation of the Otago Police Corps on more efficient, economic, and rational principles?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That in the opinion of this Council the following sums, amounting to £78 18s., paid from the Police Reward Fund, are not properly chargeable to the said Fund; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the sum of £78 18s. be placed on the Estimates to recoup the Police Reward Fund to the amount so misappropriated:—

1864, Cash Refunded, November 21, Mr. Holman	...	...	...	£33 6 8
1865, April 6, Mr. Jordan, cost of confiscated property	...	...	...	8 11 6
" May 9th, Mr. Tracy, false arrest	...	...	...	13 12 0
" July 13th, Margaret Little, false arrest	...	...	...	23 7 10
				£78 18 0

By permission of the House, the two items, £33 6s. 8d. and £8 11s. 6d., were withdrawn from the motion, and (after debate) motion, by leave of the House,—*Withdrawn*.

Mr. Lloyd moved, and Mr. Blair seconded—"That the Government be requested to take immediate steps to recover the amount due for interest on the Thirty-five Thousand Pounds Loan to the City of Dunedin, up to the 5th of December, 1865; and that the bonds be retained till the interest is paid."—A debate ensued.

Capt. Mackenzie moved—"That the debate be adjourned till this day week."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Mouat moved as an amendment—"That the word 'immediate,' in line 1, be struck out."—*Affirmed*, and word struck out accordingly. Debate resumed on motion as amended.

Mr. Haughton moved as an amendment, and Mr. Rennie seconded—"That the Government be requested to take steps to cause the interest and sinking fund of the £35,000 Loan to be added to the principal, and remain on the same terms as agreed to by a Resolution of this House on December 5th, 1865."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for on Mr. Haughton's amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 15.—Cargill (J.), Gleeson, Haggitt, Haughton, Kilgour, Macpherson, Maddock, Mollison, Morris, Moss, Rennie, Stevenson, Walker; Macandrew and Mackenzie (Tellers).

NOES, 10.—Adam, Blair, Brown, Clark, Hughes, Lloyd, Mouat, Thomson; Burns and Dyer (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Question put on the amendment (just affirmed) as a substantive motion, and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—“That the Report of the Select Committee on the construction of a Dock in the Port of Otago,* be adopted, and an Address be transmitted to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to cause an Ordinance to be prepared and submitted to this Council, for the purpose of giving practical effect to the recommendations embodied in said Report.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Gleeson moved, and Mr. Miller seconded—“That the Government be subject to the same Regulations which are now in force against other Landowners for the eradication of Thistles; and that an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place a sufficient sum on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of carrying out the above Resolution.”—*Withdrawn*.

On the motion of Capt. Mackenzie, the Petition of John Cleverley was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

On the motion of Mr. Haughton, the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Cromwell was ordered to be “referred to the Executive Government”

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—“That an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place upon the Supplementary Estimates a sum for the purpose of completing the Jetty at Shag Point, and the road leading therefrom up Shag Valley, so as to render the same available for the use of the Settlers in that District, in terms of the prayer of their Petition now on the table.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Macandrew seconded—“That the Interim Report No. 2 (Archd. Fullerton), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions, be adopted.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Macandrew seconded—“That the Interim Report No. 3 (W. L. Leggatt), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions, be adopted.”—*Affirmed*.

The Provincial Treasurer amended his Notice of Motion No. 10, and moved it as follows—“That it is desirable that steps should be taken for the appropriation of 50 feet of the Provincial Government Reserve in Princes-street (as delineated on the map laid on the table) for the purposes of a Free Public Library; also, that the said 50 feet, when set aside, should be offered to the members of the Athenæum, at a rental of five shillings per annum for a period of ninety-nine years, on condition that the public have free admission to all books, and the building be vested in the Superintendent as Trustee.” Seconded by Mr. Hughes.

Debate adjourned by reason of proceeding to the Orders of the day.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer it was ordered—“That Order of the Day, No. 6, do take precedence of all other Orders on the Paper.”

The House went again into Committee on the relations between General and Provincial Governments.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate resumed by Mr. E. B. Cargill, who moved as an amendment—“That in view of the approaching Election for the General Assembly, and of the opportunity which will then be afforded to the various Constituencies of giving effect to their views on the subject of the relations of the General and Provincial Governments, it is not necessary nor expedient that this Council give expression to its opinions by adoption of resolutions on that subject.”—*Negatived*.

The question being put on the original motion (see page 37) for adoption of the Report, a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 15.—Brown, Clark, Haggitt, Hughes, Kilgour, Lloyd, Macandrew, Macpherson, Maddock, Mollison, Reynolds, Thomson, Walker; Brodie and Burns (Tellers).

NOES, 3.—Rennie; Cargill (E. B.) and Moss (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

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

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—“That the resolution agreed to in Committee be adopted by the House.”

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* See Reports of Select Committees, page 4.

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

AYES, 16.—Brown, Clark, Haggitt, Hughes, Kilgour, Lloyd, Macandrew, Macpherson, Mackenzie, Maddock, Mollison, Reynolds, Thomson, Walker; Brodie and Burns (Tellers).

NOES, 5.—Grant, Rennie, Stevenson; Cargill (E. B.) and Moss (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, December 11, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Rennie to resume debate on the Provincial Treasurer's motion—No. 10, page 43.
2. The Provincial Treasurer to move—(See notice of motion, No. 11, page 41.)
3. Mr. Bell to move—(See notice of motion, No. 12, page 41.)
4. Mr. Gleeson to move—(See notice of motion, No. 13, page 41.)
5. Mr. Haughton to move—"That the Resolution of this Council on April 24, 1860, 'That the Report of the Select Committee on Religious and Educational Trust Property be adopted,' be carried into effect without delay."
6. Mr. Bell to move—"That it is expedient to grant a suitable subsidy to Steamers to run between Dunedin and Clutha, and upon the Clutha River, and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent to place such subsidy on the Supplementary Estimates."
7. Mr. Burns to move—"That in the opinion of this Council, a considerable saving might be effected in the Departmental Expenditure of the General Government within this Province, especially under the head of 'Judicial,' the number of Stipendiary Magistrates throughout the Province being to a great extent unnecessary, and performing duties which ought to be fulfilled by the unpaid Justices of the Peace; that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to direct the attention of the General Government to the subject."
8. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Thistle Nuisance, and to report on Friday next; said Committee to consist of Messrs. Bell, Miller, Macandrew, Adam, Walker, Clark, and the Mover."
9. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to take the necessary steps to enable the Town Board of Port Chalmers to administer such portion of Mussell Bay as may be required for ship-building, and other purposes conducive to the public interests."
10. Mr. Miller to move—"That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Palmerston and the surrounding District be referred to the Executive Government."
11. Mr. Grant to move—"That the Petition No. 1 (of Andrew Thompson) be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."
12. Mr. Mouat to move—"That this Council is of opinion that the Export Duty on Gold presses unequally and unfairly upon the mining community, and that it is therefore desirable that the present rate of 2s. 6d. per oz. should be reduced to 1s. 6d. per oz.; that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward the foregoing Resolution to the General Government for consideration and adoption."
13. Mr. Street to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place a sum on the Estimates for the purpose of subsidising a Steam-tug for the Harbor of Otago."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Committee of Supply.
2. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
3. Railway Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
4. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.

5. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton on Mr. Dyer's motion—(See notice of motion, No. 5, page 12.)
6. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
7. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill to be resumed in Committee.
8. Otago Roads Ordinance 1865 Extension and Amendment Bill to be read a second time.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Education.
2. Report of Select Committee on Police Regulations.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

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

Notices of motions for next meeting were given by Mr. Reid, Mr. Adam, and by Mr. Burns.

Notices of motions for Wednesday next were given by Mr. Thomson and by Mr. Blair.

Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Robert Gibson.—Petition read and received.

Mr. Adam brought up the Report of the Select Committee on the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill*. (See Reports of Select Committees, page 23.)

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table Departmental Report No. XIV (Roads and their Deviations.)

Mr. Burns asked the Provincial Treasurer—"What sums of money have been expended under the heading "Steam Dredge" and working expenses of the same, and what further sum would be required to build the Hull, Barges, &c., so as to make it available for working; also, would the Provincial Treasurer have any objection to furnish a return showing this statement without a formal notice?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied, and laid on the table the following return:—

(EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON ACCOUNT OF STEAM DREDGE.)

	To MARCH 31,		To SEPT. 30,		TOTAL.
	1865.		1865.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Dredge	4737	11 3			4737 11 3
Storage, &c. .. .	138	2 10			138 2 10
Master of Dredge .. .	108	5 4	84	10 0	192 15 4
Engineer of Dredge .. .	97	0 1	205	10 0	302 10 1
					£5370 19 6

Mr. Grant asked the Government—"Whether the original commonage set apart for the Township of Hawkebury has been in whole, or in part, sold, and if so, to whom, at what time, the number of acres thus alienated, and the amount realised?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

In the absence of Mr. Rennie, Mr. Haughton resumed* the debate on the Provincial Treasurer's motion as follows:—"That it is desirable that steps should be taken for the appropriation of 50 feet of the Provincial Government Reserve in Princes-street (as delineated on the map laid on the table) for the purposes of a Free Public Library; also, that the said 50 feet, when set aside, should be offered to the members of the Athenæum, at a rental of 5s. per annum, for a period of 99 years, on condition that the public have free admission to all books, and the building be vested in the Superintendent as Trustee."

On the motion of Mr. Macandrew, the following words were prefixed, viz.—"That should the City Council persist in declining to carry out the original intention of the Provincial Government, and of the then Town Board, of granting the fee-simple of the section now occupied by the Dunedin Athenæum to the use of said Institute."

Motion as amended *affirmed*.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Hughes seconded—"That it is advisable to grant Licenses to Storekeepers on the Gold Fields, authorising them to sell Wines, Spirits, or Beer by retail, the fee for such License to be the same as that paid for a General License on the Gold Field.—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 13.—Brown, Hughes, Kilgour, Macandrew, Maddock, Miller, Reid, Reynolds, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Burns and Moss (Tellers).

NOES, 8.—Blair, Clark, Grant, Haughton, Lloyd, Mouat; Adam and Dyer (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Bell's notice of motion, No. 3, lapsed in his absence.

In the absence of Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Miller on his behalf moved, and Mr. Maddock seconded—"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient to exclude that portion of the Province of Otago known as the Oamaru District, bounded by the Horse Range and Kakanui Ranges, from the operation of the Proclamation of 10th October last of His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, of additional regulations for the destruction of Diseased Cattle, and for preventing the spread of the disease called Pleuro-pneumonia; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to give effect to the foregoing Resolution."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, and there being found no tellers on the side of the "NOES," it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Haughton allowed his notice of motion, No. 5, to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Thursday next.

Mr. Bell's notice of motion, No. 6, lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Kilgour seconded—"That in the opinion of this Council, a considerable saving might be effected in the Departmental Expenditure of the General Government within this Province, especially under the head of "Judicial," the number of Stipendiary Magistrates throughout the Province being to a great extent unnecessary, and performing duties which ought to be fulfilled by the unpaid Justices of the Peace; that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to direct the attention of the General Government to the subject."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Thomson renewed for Wednesday next Mr. Bell's notices of motion, Nos. 3 and 6, previously lapsed in his absence.

In the absence of Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Miller on his behalf moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the Thistle Nuisance, and to report on Friday next; said Committee to consist of Messrs. Bell, Miller, Macandrew, Adam, Walker, Clark, and the Mover."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to take the necessary steps to enable the Town Board of Port Chalmers to administer such portion of Mussel Bay as may be required for shipbuilding, and other purposes conducive to the public interests."—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Palmerston and the surrounding districts was ordered to be referred to the Executive Government.

Mr. Grant moved, and Mr. Miller seconded—"That the Petition of Andrew Thompson be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Mouat allowed his notice of motion, No. 12, to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Wednesday next.

Mr. Street moved, and Mr. Lloyd seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place a sum on the Estimates for the purpose of subsidising a Steam-tug for the Harbor of Otago."—*Affirmed*.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Street, according to notice, moved—"That the Government be authorised to guarantee, for the School Committee of Dunedin, the repayment of a sum (not exceeding £400), which they require to fulfil their obligations for the current year, to be secured on the assessment of next year."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 13.—Adam, Blair, Cargill (J.), Hughes, Kilgour, Macandrew, Maddock, Moss, Reid, Thomson, Walker; Burns and Street (Tellers).

NOES, 5.—Brown, Haughton, Mouat; Grant and Lloyd (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. J. Cargill, according to notice, moved—"That the tolls levied on carts passing the Water of Leith Toll-bar from the Pine Hill be expended solely on the repair and extension of the road through that District."—*Negatived*.

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Several of the items under the head "Education" (previously standing over) were amended by the Provincial Treasurer, and these, together with the whole of the remaining items under this head were agreed to as read and moved.

The various items under the heads "Commission on Roads" and "Recreation Grounds" (previously standing over) were agreed to as read.

Under the head "Grants-in-aid" the paragraph prescribing the conditions was amended, on the motion of Mr. Mouat, by substituting "one-third" for "one-half," and "each quarter" for "January in each year."

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"That the words 'not to exceed' be inserted before each item."—*Affirmed*, and words inserted accordingly.

The item "Lawrence Hospital, £1000," being moved, Mr. Mouat moved, as an amendment—"That the amount be £1600."

A division being called for on Mr. Mouat's amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 5.—Brodie, Brown, Macpherson; Haughton and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 18.—Adam, Blair, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Grant, Haggitt, Macandrew, Maddock, Miller, Morris, Moss, Richardson, Reid, Street, Walker; Burns and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Item agreed to as read. The remaining items under this head were agreed to as read, and moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

Under the head "Miscellaneous" the following items (previously standing over) were agreed to as read, viz.:—"Compensation for Road Deviations, Purchase of Land and Runs, £1500;" and "Mr. Lewis, Clutha Coal Fields, £500."

The item "Balance of Loan of £35,000 to Town Board, £171, 7s. 7d." was withdrawn by the Provincial Treasurer.

Under the head "Miscellaneous Works and Buildings" the item "Harbor Reclamation, £6,550" (standing over), was agreed to as read.

The item "Fencing, &c., Quarantine Station, Mataura, £500" (standing over), was also agreed to as read.

Under the head "Jetties," the item "Dredging alongside Rattray-street Jetty, £1000" (previously standing over) was agreed to as read.

Under the head "Bridges," the item "Kawarau, £2,222, 6s. 8d." (standing over), was moved by the Provincial Treasurer as £2,500, and as moved agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

Miscellaneous.—The item "Views for Paris Exhibition, £200," being moved, a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 16.—Adam, Brodie, Dyer, Haggitt, Lloyd, Macandrew, Maddock, Miller, Moss, Mouat, Richardson, Street, Thomson, Walker; Cargill (E. B.), and Haughton (Tellers).

NOES, 5.—Macpherson, Morris, Reid; Burns and Grant (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The remainder of the items under this head were agreed to as read.

Items under heads "Road Department," "Storekeeper," and "Gold Fields," were agreed to as read.

Under head "Miscellaneous," the item "Acclimatisation Society, £500," was ordered to stand over.

The item "Finishing Railway Survey, and providing Parliamentary Plans and Maps, £2,000," being moved, Mr. Grant moved—"That it be struck out."—*Negatived*. Item (together with the remaining items under this head) agreed to as read.

Under the head "Roads," the items being amended and moved by the Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Lloyd moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again."—*Negatived*.

The Chairman's attention being called to the fact that there was not a quorum of members present, the House resumed, and the Chairman announced to Mr. Speaker that there was "not a quorum."

The House having been told, and it being found that there was still not a quorum of members present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House in accordance with Standing Orders.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, December 12, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(Government Day.)

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Reid to move—"That with the view to curtailing the expenditure of the public funds on the maintenance of the Main Roads of the Province, it is expedient that Turnpikes be erected on all roads either already formed, or in course of formation, at distances not exceeding eight miles; that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, to give effect to the above Resolution."
2. Mr. Adam to move—"That the Report of Select Committee on Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill be adopted."
3. Mr. Burns to move—"That the Petition of Robert Gibson be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Committee of Supply.
2. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
3. Message No. 3 to be considered.
4. Railway Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
5. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
6. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton on Mr. Dyer's motion—(See notice of motion, No. 5, page 12).
7. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
8. Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal Bill to be resumed in Committee.
9. Otago Roads Ordinance 1865 Extension and Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
10. Roads Diversion Bill (No. 2) to be read a second time.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Education.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

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

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Burns, Mr. Blair, and by Mr. Reid.

Notice of motion for Friday next was given by Mr. Brodie.

Notice of motion for Tuesday next was given by Mr. Hepburn.

Notice of motion for "when in Committee on the Land Resolutions" was given by Mr. Dyer.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the table Correspondence respecting Surveys of Agricultural Land in 1864 in the Wakatipu District.

Mr. Brodie brought up the Report of the Select Committee on Education.—Report read, received, and ordered to be printed. (See Reports of Select Committees, page 6.)

Mr. Grant asked the Government—"Whether they intend to take any action, or to use any remonstrance, with the General Government, in respect to the gross irregularity as to the conveyance of the English Mails from Melbourne to Dunedin, with a view to secure a more perfect system of Intercolonial Mail Communication between Dunedin and Melbourne."—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Reid amended his notice of motion No. 1, and moved it as follows—"That with the view of curtailing the expenditure of the public funds on the maintenance of the Main Roads of the Province, it is expedient that Turnpikes be erected on all Main Roads either already formed, or in course of formation, at distances not exceeding eight miles; that an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent requesting that a sum may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, to give effect to this resolution."—*Negatived.*

Mr. Adam moved, and Mr. Reid seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill* be adopted."—*Affirmed.*

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On the motion of Mr. Burns, the Petition of Robert Gibson was ordered to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

By permission of the House, the Provincial Treasurer moved, without notice, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—"That the House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn till Friday, at 10 a.m.

Mr. Haughton moved as an amendment, and Mr. Clark seconded—"That the House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn till 12 o'clock noon on Friday, and on Friday to the same hour on Saturday."—*Affirmed.*

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

IN COMMITTEE.

"Supplementary Estimates" resumed.—Debate resumed on items under the head "Roads."

Mr. Reid moved—"That the sum of £718 10s. stand as a first charge against the sum of £4000, under the head 'Supplemented Roads,' in terms of the Memorial of the East Taieri Road Board."—A Debate ensued.

The question being put, and a division called for, there voted :—

AYES, 13.—Brodie, Haughton, Isaacs, Kilgour, Lloyd, Macandrew, Macpherson, Mollison, Morris, Mouat, Stevenson; Burns and Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 12.—Bell, Blair, Brown, Clark, Dyer, Grant, Hughes, Richardson, Reynolds, Walker; Miller and Moss (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

Items agreed to as amended and moved by the Provincial Treasurer at previous sitting.

The House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again presently. The Chairman also reported the Resolution as agreed to in Committee on the motion of Mr. Reid.

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That the Resolution agreed to in Committee be adopted by the House."—*Negatived.*

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

The various items under the heads "Works and Buildings," and "Bridges," were agreed to as printed.

Under the head "Schools," the item "Schools not provided for, £100," was, by the Provincial Treasurer, amended to £200, and, with the whole of the remaining items under this head, agreed to as read.

The item "Acclimatisation Society—pound for pound—not to exceed £500" (previously standing over), was withdrawn by the Provincial Treasurer.

The House resumed, the Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported a resolution of Committee on guarantee to Dunedin School Committee, agreed to at previous sitting.—Resolution adopted by the House as agreed to in Committee. (For Resolution see page 46.)

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Otago Roads Ordinance 1865 Extension and Amendment Bill*, and the *Roads Diversion Bill* (No. 2), 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 passed accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the *Acclimatisation Ordinance 1865 Repeal 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.

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the table the *Interpretation Bill*, the *Licensing Bill*, the *Road Districts Loan Bill*, and the *Dunedin Reserves Management Bill*.—Bills severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Friday next.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 90 (previously standing over) was amended, and as amended moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. Bell, the word "of" was inserted between the word "and" and the word "plantations," in line 35.

Clause as thus further amended agreed to by the Committee.

Clause 93 (previously standing over) was amended, and as amended moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

Mr. Adam moved as an amendment—"That the homestead of eighty acres be increased to one square mile."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Adam asked permission to amend his amendment.—Permission withheld.

The question being put on Mr. Adam's amendment as moved, and a division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 12.—Adam, Bell, Cargill (E. B.), Gleeson, Haggitt, Macandrew, Maddock, Miller, Reynolds, Walker; Burns and Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Blair, Brown, Dyer, Grant, Kilgour, Lloyd, Macpherson, Mollison, Richardson, Rennie, Thomson; Brodie, and Hughes (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

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

Clause agreed to as read, and moved by the Provincial Treasurer.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Resolutions as amended.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the Resolutions were re-committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. E. B. Cargill moved, in lieu of Clause 95, the following, viz. :—"That it shall be lawful for the Superintendent, by Proclamation in the *Provincial Government Gazette*, from time to time, as he shall see fit, to withdraw from sale any Lands within the limits of any pastoral lease situate outside the boundaries of any Hundred, and from time to time to re-open for sale such lands or any part thereof: Provided that no such lands within the limits of any pastoral license held under the provisions of the 'Land Sales and Leases Ordinance, 1856,' shall be declared open for sale in the manner provided by this Clause, except with the consent first obtained in writing from the licensee."—A debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Thomson, 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 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, December 13, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Bell to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of money be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to complete a portion of Road on the left bank of Matau Branch of the Clutha."
2. Mr. Bell to move—"That it is expedient to grant a suitable Subsidy to Steamers to run between Dunedin and Clutha, and upon the Clutha River, and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent to place such subsidy on the Supplementary Estimates."
3. Mr. Mouat to move—"That this Council is of opinion, that the Export Duty on Gold presses unequally and unfairly upon the mining community, and that it is therefore desirable that the present rate of 2s. 6d. per oz. should be reduced to 1s. 6d. per oz.; that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to forward the foregoing Resolution to the General Government for consideration and adoption."
4. Mr. Mollison to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £1500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to form the Road between the Township of Waihola and Taieri Beach."
5. Mr. Mollison to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £150, to assist the settlers in making a Road extending from East Taieri Bridge in the direction of the sea."
6. Mr. Thomson to move—"That it is expedient to exclude the Waihola Hundred, the South Tokomairiro Hundred, and the Clutha District, so far as not declared infected, from the operation of the Proclamation of 10th October last, of His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, for preventing the spread of the disease called Pleuro-pneumonia; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to give effect to this Resolution."
7. Mr. Blair to move—"That in the opinion of this Council, it is desirable to amend the 'Fencing Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1856,' in so far as to make it compulsory on Proprietors or Tenants before fencing, to give adjoining Proprietors or Tenants notice of their intention to do so."

8. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That after the questions now on the Order Paper are disposed of, Government business take precedence of all other business, with a view, if possible, to this Council being prorogued on Tuesday next."
9. Mr. Burns to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, that he be pleased to cause a Return to be prepared, showing the number of cases tried, the amount of fines and fees collected, in the following Resident Magistrates' Courts respectively, viz. :—Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Oamaru, Hampden, Hawksbury, Tokomairiro, West Taieri, Clutha, and the Gold Fields. Also, the number of vessels cleared and entered, and the amount of Customs Duties collected in each year in the following Custom Houses respectively, viz. :—Oamaru, Waikouaiti, Taieri, Molyneux."
10. Mr. Blair to move—"That leave of absence be granted to Capt. Mackenzie for one week."
11. Mr. Reid to move—"That in the opinion of this Council, the Toll-gates should be erected on the various Metalled Main Roads, in such manner as to realise a revenue from such roads proportionate to the sum expended in the formation of the same."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
2. Message No. 3 to be considered.
3. Railway Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
4. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
5. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton on Mr. Dyer's motion—(See notice of motion, No. 5, page 12.)
6. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
7. Education Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
8. Committee of Supply.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

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

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Grant, Mr. Thomson (2), Mr. Gleeson (2), Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Miller, and by Mr. Lloyd.

Notices of questions for Monday next were given by Mr. Mollison (2).

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

Notices of motions for "when in Committee on the Land Resolutions" were given by Mr. Hughes and by Mr. Bell.

Mr. Thomson brought up Interim Reports Nos. 4 (John Daly), and 5 (Robert Gibson), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

Mr. Miller brought up the Report of Select Committee on the Thistle Nuisance.—(See Reports of Select Committees, page 25.)

Mr. Lloyd presented a Petition from David Andrew.—Petition read and received.

Mr. Reynolds laid on the table letter from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, respecting Inland Mails.—Letter read and ordered to be printed.—(See Council Paper, No. IV.)

Mr. Blair asked the Government—"If it is their intention to carry out the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, to enable Superintendents to issue to Volunteers and Militiamen, remission certificates for the purchase of land?"—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Bell moved and Mr. Thomson seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sum of money be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to complete a portion of the "road on the left bank of Matau Branch of the Clutha."—*Negatived.*

Mr. Bell moved and Mr. Thomson seconded—"That it is expedient to grant a suitable Subsidy to Steamers "to run between Dunedin and Clutha, and upon the Clutha River, and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, to place such subsidy on the Supplementary Estimates."—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of Mr. Mouat, the House went into Committee of Supply, for the purpose of considering motion No. 3, standing in his name.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Mouat moved—"That this Council is of opinion that the Export Duty on Gold presses unequally and unfairly upon the mining community, and that it is therefore desirable that the present rate of 2s. 6d. per oz. should be reduced to 1s. 6d. per oz.; that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to forward the foregoing Resolution to the General Government for consideration and adoption."—A debate ensued.

Question put and—*Negatived.*

On the motion of Mr. Macandrew, the Chairman left the chair.

The Provincial Treasurer moved and Mr. Reynolds seconded—"That notices Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7, be deferred till No. 8 is disposed of.

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 24.—Adam, Bell, Blair, Burns, Clark, Dyer, Gleeson, Haughton, Hepburn, Hughes, Kilgour, Macandrew, Macpherson, Mollison, Morris, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Reynolds, Street, Stevenson, Walker; Miller and Thomson (Tellers).

NOES, 3.—Lloyd; Brodie and Grant (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

Mr. Macandrew amended his notice of motion No. 8, and moved it as follows :—"That after the motions now on the Order Paper, and the motions which have been given to-day, are disposed of, Government business take precedence of all other business, with a view, if possible, to this Council being prorogued on Tuesday next."—Seconded by Mr. Gleeson.

Mr. Haughton moved as an amendment, and Mr. Clark seconded—"That it is desirable the Council should be prorogued not later than Thursday next, and that the Government be authorised to make arrangements accordingly."—*Negatived.*

By permission of the House, the original motion was amended by substituting "Thursday" for "Tuesday."

Motion as amended, put and—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Speaker having vacated the chair, and the same having been taken by the Chairman of Committees :—

Mr. Mollison moved, and Mr. Clark seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £1500 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to form the Road between the Township of Waiholo and Taieri Beach."

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 9.—Adam, Clark, Dyer, Kilgour, Reid, Stevenson, Thomson; Macandrew and Mollison (Tellers).

NOES, 9.—Cargill (J.), Grant, Haggitt, Hughes, Rennie, Street, Walker; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

The numbers being equal, Mr. Acting Speaker gave his casting vote in favor of the Noes, and so it passed in the—*Negative.*

Mr. Mollison moved, and Mr. Thomson seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £150 to assist the Settlers in making a Road extending from East Taieri Bridge in the direction of the sea." A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 13.—Adam, Blair, Brodie, Cargill (J.), Clark, Kilgour, Macandrew, Mollison, Reid, Stevenson, Thomson; Burns and Dyer (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Grant, Haggitt, Moss, Rennie, Walker; Hughes and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

Mr. Thomson allowed his notice of motion No. 6 to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Friday next.

Mr. Blair allowed his notice of motion No. 7 to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Friday next.

Mr. Burns moved—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, that he be pleased to cause a Return to be prepared, showing the number of cases tried, the amount of fines and fees collected in the following Resident Magistrate's Courts respectively, viz. :—Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Oamaru, Hampden, Hawkesbury, Tokomairiro, West Taieri, Clutha, and the Gold Fields. Also, the number of vessels cleared and entered, and the amount of Customs Duties collected in each year in the following Custom Houses respectively, viz. :—Oamaru, Waikouaiti, Taieri, Molyneux.—*Affirmed.*"

On the motion of Mr. Blair, leave of absence was granted to Capt. Mackenzie for one week.

Mr. Reid allowed his notice of motion No. 11 to lapse, and gave notice of the same for Friday next.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—"That this House do now adjourn till 12 o'clock noon on Friday."

Mr. Macandrew moved, as an amendment, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That the House do now proceed to the Orders of the Day."—*Negatived.*

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

The House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, December 15, at 12 o'clock noon

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Thomson to move—
 2. Mr. Blair to move—
- } (See notices of motions No. 6 and 7, page 50).
3. Mr. Reid to move—(See notice of motion No. 11, page 51).
 4. Mr. Haughton to move—"That the Resolution of this Council on April 24, 1866—'That the Report of the Select Committee on Religious and Educational Trust Property be adopted,' be carried into effect without delay."
 5. Mr. Brodie to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Education be adopted."
 6. Mr. Grant to move—"That it is exceedingly desirable that there should be recorded a very distinct expression of this Council's opinion of the conduct of such Members as voluntarily absent themselves from this House during the whole course, or at least the greater portion of this Session."
 7. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Interim Report, No. 4 (John Daly), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions be adopted."
 8. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Interim Report, No. 5 (Robert Gibson), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions be adopted."
 9. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Thistle Nuisance be adopted."
 10. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a sufficient sum be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of permanently forming and metal-ling that portion of the Main North Trunk Road which passes through the Town of Hampden, in accordance with a former vote of this Council, passed for the same purpose."
 11. Mr. Macandrew to move—"That the Despatch from the General Government, respecting the cost of convey-ing inland letters, be considered on Saturday."
 12. Mr. Miller to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £3,000 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to complete certain improvements in the Town of Oamaru, and also to subsidise the amount voted for making the Main North Road through the Town of Oamaru."
 13. Mr. Lloyd to move—"That the Memorial of David Andrew be referred to a Select Committee, to enquire and report, with power to call for papers and persons; Committee to consist of Messrs. Bell, Hughes, Miller, Macandrew, Kilgour, Cargill, and the Mover."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Land Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
2. Message No. 3 to be considered.
3. Railway Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
4. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
5. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton on Mr. Dyer's motion—(See notice of motion, No. 5, page 12.)
6. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
7. Education Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
8. Committee of Supply.
9. Interpretation Bill to be read a second time.
10. Licensing Bill to be read a second time.

11. Road Districts Loan Bill to be read a second time.
 12. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be read a second time.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands.
 2. Report of Select Committee on Police Regulations.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 (12 o'Clock Noon).

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Burns, and by Mr. Brown.

Notice of motion for Monday next was given by the Provincial Treasurer.

Message No. 4 from his Honor the Superintendent was introduced, read, and ordered to be considered in Committee of Supply.

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council, transmits to the Provincial Council Supplementary Estimates No. 2, of Expenditure for the year ending 30th September, 1866, and recommends the Council to make provision for the services therein specified.

15th December, 1865.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

(SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, No. 2, AS ENCLOSED IN MESSAGE.)

<i>Executive Council—</i>			
Provincial Secretary		£60 0 0	
Provincial Treasurer and Secretary for Public Works		60 0 0	
Provincial Solicitor		60 0 0	
		<hr/>	£180 0 0
<i>Provincial Treasury—</i>			
Sub-Treasurer (Guarantee)		£22 10 0	
Clerk do.		7 10 0	
		<hr/>	30 0 0
<i>Police—</i>			
Clerk (Guarantee)			7 10 0
<i>Roads—</i>			
Main Road through Hampden		£200 0 0	
Jetty, Shag Harbor		400 0 0	
Road, Shag Valley		1300 0 0	
Road through Port Chalmers		200 0 0	
Clyde to Nevis		150 0 0	
		<hr/>	2250 0 0
East Taieri Bridge to Sea			150 0 0
<i>Works and Buildings—</i>			
Alterations in Post Office		£600 0 0	
Police Station, Dunstan		105 0 0	
		<hr/>	705 0 0
<i>Gold Fields Department—</i>			
4 Wardens, at £7 10s. (Guarantee)		£30 0 0	
8 Registrars and Receivers (do.)		60 0 0	
1 Registrar (do.)		3 15 0	
		<hr/>	93 15 0
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>			
Steam Tug, Port Otago		£1000 0 0	
Do. Service, Dunedin to Clutha Ferry		2000 0 0	
Eradication of Thistles on Reserves		2000 0 0	
North Dunedin Cemetery	{ Grant, £100 } { Loan, 300 }	400 0 0	
		<hr/>	5400 0 0
<i>Schools—</i>			
Clyde School		£50 0 0	
		<hr/>	50 0 0
Archibald Fullerton		£25 0 0	
		<hr/>	25 0 0
Dredging Otago Harbor		£7500 0 0	
		<hr/>	7500 0 0
<i>Acclimatisation—</i>			
£2 for £1 subscribed, not to exceed		£1000 0 0	
		<hr/>	1000 0 0
Remission of Rent and Interest due by Mr Lewis (Clutha Coal Field)		£740 17 6	
		<hr/>	740 17 6
Balance of Loan (£35,000) to Town Board		£171 7 7	
		<hr/>	171 7 7
<i>Grants-in-Aid—</i>			
Tuapeka Hospital, unconditional		£500 0 0	
		<hr/>	500 0 0
	Total		<hr/> <hr/> £18,803 10 1

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Mr. Bell brought up the Report of Select Committee on Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands.—Report read received, and ordered to be printed. (See Reports of Select Committees, page 10).

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table the Sixth Annual Report of the Postal Service of New Zealand.

Mr. Brodie laid on the table the *Country Municipalities Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Secretary—“What regulations are in force with regard to the duration of Publicans’ Licenses on the Gold Fields?”—Provincial Secretary replied.

In the absence of Mr. Reid, Mr. Stevenson on his behalf asked the Provincial Treasurer—“Under which class of District Roads the road between Blocks 3 and 4, East Taieri Road District, should be placed, as classified by the Select Committee on Roads and their Construction, Session 17?”—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Clark seconded—“That it is expedient to exclude the Waiholo Hundred, the South Tokomairiro Hundred, and the Clutha District, so far as not declared infected, from the operation of the Proclamation of 10th October last, of His Honor the Superintendent of Otago, for preventing the spread of the disease called Pleuro-pneumonia; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he may be pleased to give effect to this Resolution.”

Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Adam seconded, as an amendment the motion as above, with the following words added, viz. :—“Provided no case of Pleuro-pneumonia has existed within said district for the last two years, and so as not to prevent properly inspected cattle being driven along the Main South Road.”—A debate ensued.

A division being called for on the amendment, there voted :—

AYES, 7.—Adam, Clark, Gleeson, Macandrew, Miller; Burns and Thomson (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Blair, Brodie, Haughton, Hughes, Isaacs, Macpherson, Moss, Mouat, Rennie, Stevenson, Walker; Bell and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Question put on original motion and—*Negatived*.

Mr. Blair moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—“That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable to amend the ‘Fencing Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1856,’ in so far as to make it compulsory on Proprietors or Tenants, before fencing, to give adjoining Proprietors or Tenants notice of their intention to do so.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—“That in the opinion of this Council, the Toll-gates should be erected on the various metalled Main Roads in such a manner as to realise a revenue from such roads proportionate to the sum expended in the formation of the same.”

Motion amended by the substitution of the word “maintenance” for the word “formation,” and as amended agreed to.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded—“That the Resolution of this Council on April 24, 1860, ‘That the Report of the Select Committee on Religious and Educational Trust Property be adopted,’ be carried into effect without delay.”—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 12.—Bell, Blair, Brodie, Dyer, Grant, Hughes, Lloyd, Maddock, Miller, Mouat; Haughton and Rennie, (Tellers).

NOES, 8.—Adam, Burns, Clark, Hepburn, Stevenson, Thomson; Walker and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Brodie moved, and Mr. Macandrew seconded—“That the Report of the Select Committee on Education (see Reports of Select Committees page 6) be adopted.”—A debate ensued.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—“That the motion be considered in Committee of the whole House.”—*Negatived*.—Debate resumed.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—“That the Report be considered clause by clause.”—*Negatived*.—Debate on original motion resumed.

Mr. Grant moved, as an amendment, the series of Resolutions as printed on Order Paper of Nov. 28, (see page 21), having first struck out therefrom the latter part of No. 6.

1st. “That the two leading principles of the “Education Ordinance, 1864,” to wit, the assessment and subsidy principle, are exceedingly obnoxious and detrimental to the interests of Education, and that, therefore, they should be abolished.

2nd. That,

- 2nd. "That after Government shall have granted to any districts a suitable site for Educational Buildings, and shall have erected those Buildings, and shall have also granted a glebe for the use of the teacher, then its liability for further expenses connected with the maintenance of Education in that institution shall cease.
- 3rd. "That the residents in the district shall have the entire management of their school in their own hands, as respects the election of their teacher, the fixing and levying of fees, repairing of buildings, &c. That, by using ordinary discretion in the election of teacher, and in the imposition of reasonable rates of fees, the teacher shall be better paid than at present, Education shall be more flourishing, and all causes of discontent as to rates and Government moieties shall thus be removed.
- 4th. "That the High School should be self-supporting; that the qualifications for matriculation should be considerably raised; that the fees should be doubled; that there should be established an annual system of examinations open to the public; and that such examinations should be conducted by an independent and well-qualified Board of Examinators.
- 5th. "That in any outlandish and sparsely populated district where the Government may have erected Education Buildings, a small Governmental monetary moiety may be given to such necessitous district till it shall become more populous, and therefore self-supporting.
- 6th. "The Education Department should be swept away."

Seconded *pro forma*, by Mr. Hughes.

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

Debate on original motion resumed.

Debate adjourned by reason of proceeding to the Orders of the day.

The House went again into Committee on the Land Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate on Mr. E. B. Cargill's amendment on clause 95 resumed by the Provincial Treasurer.

Amendment:—"It shall be lawful for the Superintendent, by Proclamation in the *Provincial Government Gazette*, from time to time, as he shall see fit, to withdraw from sale any Lands within the limits of any pastoral lease situate outside the boundaries of any Hundred, and from time to time to re-open for sale such lands or any part thereof: Provided that no such lands within the limits of any pastoral license held under the provisions of the "Land Sales and Leases Ordinance, 1856," shall be declared open for sale in the manner provided by this clause, except with the consent first obtained in writing from the licensee."

Question put on the amendment and—*Negatived*.

Mr. Reid moved (as an amendment to clause 35 on printed *memo*.)—"That the word 'three,' in the 5th and "8th lines, be omitted, and the word 'seven' substituted in lieu thereof; and that all the words after the word "sale,' in the ninth line, be omitted, and the words 'at the price of ten shillings per acre' be substituted in lieu "thereof."—*Negatived*.

Clause 108. Mr. Reid moved—"That after the word 'thereon,' in line five, the words 'such determination "being subject to the approval of the Waste Land Board.'"—A debate ensued.

A division being called for on the amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 11.—Adam, Bell, Brown, Gleeson, Macandrew, Miller, Morris, Moss, Reynolds; Cargill (J.) and Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 14.—Blair, Burns, Clark, Dyer, Grant, Lloyd, Mollison, Mouat, Richardson, Street, Thomson, Walker; Cargill (E. B.) and Hughes, (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. J. Cargill moved the following additions to Clause 95:—"Provided always that in every new lease or "extension of lease granted in virtue of this Act, the Waste Lands Board shall reserve the right to sell the whole "or any part of the land comprised in such lease, at any time during the term thereof; such sale to be effected in "terms of this Act."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Dyer moved the series of Resolutions (standing in his name) on Clause 76, as follows:—

- "1. 12 months prior to the expiration of existing Licenses, the Waste Lands Board shall take such steps to re-adjust the area of the Runs, so that no Run shall exceed 30,000 acres."
- "2. Such Runs shall be disposed of by public auction, for the highest bonus per acre for a period of 10 years, such bonus to be paid on the fall of the hammer."
- "3. In addition to such bonus, the Lessee shall pay an annual fee of sixpence per head on sheep, and two shillings and threepence per head on cattle and horses."

"4. At

" 4. At the expiration of the 10 years, the Lessee shall receive valuation for such improvements as may have been made with the sanction of the Waste Lands Board."

" 5. Returns of Stock to be furnished to the Waste Lands Board, as at present."—A debate ensued,

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 8.—Adam, Blair, Brown, Clark, Lloyd, Mollison ; Dyer and Grant (Tellers).

NOES, 18.—Bell, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Gleeson, Haggitt, Haughton, Hughes, Macpherson, Miller, Morris, Moss, Mouat, Reid, Rennie, Street, Thomson ; Reynolds and Walker (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Hughes moved—"That the words 'twelve months' in Clause 120 be omitted, and the words 'seven years' be substituted."—*Affirmed*, and clause amended accordingly."

Mr. Bell moved the following as a new clause :—

"That if any person shall contract with the Superintendent to make and complete within a given time any public road, bridge, or drain, or any part of any such road, bridge, or drain, furnishing such security as the Superintendent may require for the due completion of such contract, and shall select such portion of rural land, whether or not such land shall have been included within a Hundred, as he shall be willing to accept by way of payment or compensation, or by way of part payment or compensation for such work, such person shall, on the completion of such contract, be entitled to a free grant of such land, or so much thereof as the Board shall adjudge, not exceeding one acre for every one pound sterling, which the Superintendent shall certify to the Waste Lands Board to be the *bona fide* value of the work so done by such person, according to the prices for work and materials at the time of performing such contract, current in the district: Provided that such selection shall be made within Hundreds, or in Blocks in the interior to be reserved for payment of such contracts."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 19.—Adam, Burns, Clark, Dyer, Gleeson, Haggitt, Haughton, Hughes, Lloyd, Macandrew, Miller, Mollison, Moss, Mouat, Richardson, Reid, Thomson ; Bell and Reynolds (Tellers).

NOES, 3.—Grant ; Blair and Rennie (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Bell further moved—"That no greater amount of land than 250 acres shall, under the provisions of this clause, be granted to any person under any such contract, unless in payment of work for which a vote has been passed by the Provincial Council."

Mr. Burns moved as an amendment—"That '250' be struck out, and '500' inserted in lieu thereof."

A division being called for on the amendment, there voted :—

AYES, 9.—Adam, Bell, Clark, Haughton, Macandrew, Miller, Reid ; Burns and Gleeson (Tellers).

NOES, 11.—Blair, Grant, Hughes, Lloyd, Moss, Mouat, Richardson, Rennie, Thomson ; Haggitt and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Original motion put and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Bell further moved—"That no greater amount of land than 1000 acres in the aggregate shall, in any one year, be granted under the provisions of this clause, without the special sanction of the Provincial Council."—*Affirmed*.

By permission of the House, Mr. Lloyd moved his notice of motion No. 13—"That the Memorial of David Andrew be referred to a Select Committee, to enquire and report ; with power to call for papers and persons ; Committee to consist of Messrs. Bell, Hughes, Miller, Macandrew, Kilgour, J. Cargill, and the Mover. Report to be brought up on Monday next." Seconded by Mr. Macandrew.

Question put and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Grant allowed his notice of motion No. 6 to lapse.

On the motion of Mr. Thomson, the Interim Reports Nos. 4 and 5, from the Select Committee on Private Petitions, were adopted.

Mr. Gleeson allowed his notice of motion No. 9 to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. Gleeson allowed his notice of motion No. 10 to lapse.

Mr. Miller moved, and Mr. Macandrew seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the sum of £3000 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to complete certain improvements in the Town of Oamaru, and also to subsidise the amount voted, for making the Main North Road through the Town of Oamaru.—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 6.—Gleeson, Grant, Macandrew, Mollison; Haggitt and Miller (Tellers).

NOES, 9.—Blair, Hughes, Lloyd, Moss, Rennie, Stevenson, Thomson; Reynolds and Walker (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill* was recommitted.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 3 (previously inserted in Committee) was ordered to be struck out, together with the Schedule of the Bill.

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

The House adjourned till twelve o'clock noon the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Saturday, December 16, at 12 o'clock noon.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Railway Resolutions to be resumed in Committee.
2. Message No. 3 to be considered.
3. Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
4. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton, on Mr. Dyer's motion (See notice of motion No. 5, page 12.)
5. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
6. Education Reserves Bill to be read a second time.
7. Committee of Supply.
8. Interpretation Bill to be read a second time.
9. Licensing Bill to be read a second time.
10. Road Districts Loan Bill to be read a second time.
11. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be read a second time.
12. Country Municipalities Bill to be read a second time.
13. Despatch respecting conveyance of Inland Mails to be considered.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Rennie to resume debate on Mr. Brodie's motion—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Education be adopted."
2. Mr. Burns to move—"That it is expedient the powers given under the 'Injuries by Dogs Act' passed last Session of Assembly, be delegated to the Superintendent of this Province; that a respectful Address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, that he be pleased to give effect to this Resolution; that in the event of such delegation, the amount collected from the Dog Tax be expended in giving practical effect to the before-mentioned Act."
3. Mr. Brown to move—"That a sum of money having been subscribed by the Inhabitants of Lawrence and Weatherstone's for the purpose of endeavouring to discover a Deep Lead at Weatherstone's, an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will cause the sum of £350 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates as a Grant-in-aid for prospecting purposes."
4. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Thistle Nuisance be adopted."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, (12 O'CLOCK NOON.)

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Thomson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Gleeson, Mr. Adam, and by Mr. Grant.

Notices of motions for Tuesday next were given by Mr. Bell, and by Mr. Thomson.

Message No. 5 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced and read.

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council, recommends that provision be made for the following services :—

Winch for Inch Clutha Ferry	..	..	..	..	£20	0	0
Compensation to Robert Gibson	..	..	..	..	33	6	8
Compensation to John Daly	..	..	..	..	100	0	0

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

16th December, 1865.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table the *Birds Protection Bill*, the *Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill*, the *Appropriation Bill*, 1865-6, and the *Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill*.—Bills severally read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

Mr. Thomson brought up Interim Report, No. 6 (John Cleverly), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went again into Committee on the Railway Resolutions.

IN COMMITTEE.

Debate on Resolution No. 1 (see page 37) resumed by the Provincial Treasurer.

Mr. Dyer moved as a further amendment—"That this Committee acknowledges the expediency of constructing a Railway from Dunedin to the Clutha River, but that such Railway should be undertaken and constructed by a Company receiving a Government guarantee."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Dyer asked permission to withdraw his amendment.—Permission withheld.

The question being put on Mr. Dyer's amendment, a division was called for, and there being no tellers on the side of the "Noes," it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Dyer moved—(2) "That such guarantee shall not exceed 8 per cent. per annum."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Dyer moved—(3) "That the cost of such line shall not exceed £450,000."

Mr. Adam moved as an amendment—"That the amount be £400,000.—*Affirmed*."

Mr. Reid moved—"Such guarantee to become payable so soon as the Line is open for traffic, and to extend over a period not exceeding five years."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 4.—Hughes, Macpherson ; Blair and Reid (Tellers).

NOES, 19.—Adam, Bell, Brodie, Burns, Cargill (J.), Clark, Dyer, Gleeson, Haggitt, Kilgour, Macandrew, Mollison, Morris, Richardson, Rennie, Thomson, Walker ; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"That an Ordinance be introduced during the present Session of the Council to carry out the above Resolutions ; and that the Government should obtain an Act at the next Session of the Assembly to authorise the construction of the said Line from Dunedin to the Clutha."

Motion, by permission of the Committee—*Withdrawn*.

Major Richardson moved—(4.) "That the guarantee shall extend over a period of 15 years, to commence on the completion of the first 10 miles, to the extent of the amount expended on that portion, and in the same proportion until the whole distance is completed. (5.) That Government be authorised to obtain the necessary powers for raising a loan to the amount of £400,000, for the purpose of constructing a Railway between Dunedin and the Clutha River ; such power to be exercised should the above Resolutions for a guarantee not be successfully carried out."—Question put and—*Affirmed*.

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The Provincial Treasurer moved—(6.) “That the Government be authorised to obtain an Act at the next Session of the Assembly for the construction of the said Line from Dunedin to the Clutha.”—*Affirmed*.

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

Resolutions—on motion of the Provincial Treasurer—adopted by the House as agreed to in Committee.

In reply to Message No. 3 (see page 41) the Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—“That this House respectfully assure His Honor of their desire to aid the General Government in the disposal of Maori Prisoners, and recommend that measures should be taken to render such assistance if found practicable.”

Mr. Brodie moved, and Mr. Blair seconded, as an amendment—“That in the opinion of this Council it is not expedient that the proposal of the General Government to transfer a portion of the Maori Prisoners to the charge of the Provincial Government of Otago should be acceded to.”—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment 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 Solicitor, the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill* was resumed in Committee.

The various clauses brought in in accordance with recommendation of Select Committee (see Reports of Select Committees, page 23) were agreed to as read.

IN COMMITTEE.

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

The Provincial Solicitor laid on the table the *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill*, and the *Otago Dock Trust 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 Treasurer, the House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

Message No. 4, Supplementary Estimates, No. 2, considered.—(See page 54)

Under head “Executive Council,” the items—“Provincial Secretary, £60,” “Provincial Treasurer and Secretary of Public Works, £60,” and “Provincial Solicitor, £60,” were agreed to as read.

Under the head “Provincial Treasury,” the items “Sub-Treasurer (Guarantee), £22, 10s.,” and “Clerk do., £7, 10s.,” were agreed to as read.

Mr. Bell moved the following to stand as additional items, viz. :—“Under Secretary, £50,” “Mr. Speaker, £20,” “Chairman of Committees, £10,” “Clerk of Council, £50.” After debate, the motion was (by permission of the Committee) withdrawn. The remaining items were agreed to as read, except the item “Eradication of Thistles on Reserves, £2000;” from which, the words “on Reserves” were struck out, and the item as thus amended agreed to.

Message No. 5 (see page 59) considered, and the items therein recommended agreed to as read.

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

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor, the *Education Reserves Bill*, the *Interpretation Bill*, the *Licensing Bill*, the *Road Districts Loan Bill*, the *Dunedin Reserves Management Bill*, and the *Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill*, were severally read a second time, and ordered to be committed at next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House adjourned till 12 o'clock noon on Monday next.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, December 18, at 12 o'clock noon.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Rennie to resume debate on Mr. Brodie's motion—“That the Report of the Select Committee on Education be adopted.”
2. Mr. Burns to move—(See notice of motion No. 2, page 58.)
3. Mr. Brown to move—(See notice of motion, No. 3, page 58.)

4. Mr.

4. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Thistle Nuisance be adopted."
 5. Mr. Mollison to move—"That in the opinion of this Council it is not desirable that Inspectors of Cattle should receive fees in addition to their Salaries."
 6. The Provincial Treasurer to move—"That the Land Resolutions, as amended, be adopted, and that the Government be instructed to prepare a Bill in accordance with the Resolutions to be brought before the Assembly at its next session."
 7. Mr. Thomson to move—"That the Interim Report No. 6 (John Cleverly), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions be adopted."
 8. Mr. Bell to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands be adopted."
 9. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the following sums be added to the Salaries of the Officers herein mentioned viz.—
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|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|
| Under Secretary | ... | ... | ... | ... | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Speaker | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Chairman of Committees | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Clerk of Council | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
10. Mr. Adam to move—"That the Message No. 4 of His Honor the Superintendent with Supplementary Estimates be recommitted for the purpose of moving that the sums of £60 to Provincial Secretary, Treasurer, and Solicitor, be struck out."
 11. Mr. Grant to move—"That it is exceedingly desirable that there should be recorded a very distinct expression of this Council's opinion of the conduct of such Members as voluntarily absent themselves from this House during the whole course, or at least the greater portion, of this Session."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Education Reserves Bill to be committed.
3. Committee of Supply.
4. Interpretation Bill to be committed.
5. Licensing Bill to be committed.
6. Road Districts Loan Bill to be committed.
7. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be committed.
8. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance Amendment Bill to be committed.
9. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton, on Mr. Dyer's motion—(See notice of motion No. 5, page 12.)
10. Despatch respecting conveyance of Inland Mails, to be considered.
11. Birds Protection Bill to be read a second time.
12. Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
13. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.
14. Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
15. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill to be read a second time.
16. Otago Dock Trust Bill to be read a second time.

REPORTS TO BE BROUGHT UP.

1. Report of Select Committee on Police Regulations.
2. Report of Select Committee on Petition of David Andrew.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 (12 o'clock noon.)

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Reid and by Mr. Mouat.

Mr. Mollison asked the Government—"What has become of the two boats, punt, and gear, handed over by the Lessee of the East Taieri Ferry to the Government on 1st January, 1864?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Mollison asked the Government—"Whether Cobb & Co., in August last, offered to do the Escort Service between Queenstown and Dunedin, *via* Shag Valley, furnishing horses to mounted constables, and giving seats on the mail coach to troopers and prisoners for £2,400; also, the Service from Tuapeka *via* Woolshed, for £300?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Debate resumed on Mr. Brodie's motion for the adoption of the Report of Select Committee on Education; resumed in the absence of Mr. Rennie by Mr. Haughton.

Mr. Hughes moved as an amendment, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee with reference to the repeal of the Assessment Clause of the Education Ordinance be adopted; and the other matters touched upon in the Report be referred to the Government for consideration during the recess."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for on Mr. Hughes's Amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 5.—Grant, Reid, Walker; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

NOES, 15.—Bell, Brown, Burns, Clark, Gleeson, Haughton, Kilgour, Lloyd, Macandrew, Macpherson, Miller, Mollison, Thomson; Brodie and Mouat (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

The Provincial Secretary moved, and Mr. Bell seconded—"That the House do now adjourn for two hours."—A debate ensued.

The Provincial Secretary asked permission to withdraw his motion for adjournment.—Permission withheld.

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

Debate on original motion for adoption of Report resumed, and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 17.—Bell, Brown, Burns, Clark, Dyer, Gleeson, Haughton, Kilgour, Lloyd, Macandrew, Miller, Mollison, Reid, Stevenson, Vogel; Brodie and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 6.—Grant, Rennie, Thomson, Walker; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

Paired—Morris, *Ayes*; Hughes, *Noes*.

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Under suspension of Standing Orders, Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Lloyd seconded—"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Speaker for the remainder of the Session."—*Affirmed*.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House adjourned till 12 o'clock noon the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Tuesday, December 19, at 12 o'clock noon

(Government Day.)

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Burns to move—
 2. Mr. Brown to move—
 3. Mr. Gleeson to move—
 4. Mr. Mollison to move—
 5. The Provincial Treasurer to move—
 6. Mr. Thomson to move—
 7. Mr. Bell to move—
 8. Gleeson to move—
 9. Mr. Adam to move—
 10. Mr. Grant to move—
- (See notices of motions Nos 2 and 3, page 58).
- (See notices of motions Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, page 61).

11. Mr.

11. Mr. Bell to move—"That if the Land Resolutions are passed into law, this Council will sanction the entering into contracts for Roads and Bridges under the Resolutions authorising such contracts to be paid for in land, to an amount not exceeding 3000 acres in the aggregate; the extent to be granted to any one person not to exceed 750 acres during the ensuing recess."
12. Mr. Thomson to move—"That with a view of preventing the loss of human life, the Government erect a foot-bridge over the Wyndham River, near Menzie's Station, for which this House will indemnify them."
13. Mr. Reid to move—"That with respect to the amount voted opposite the item 'Supplemented Roads and Unforeseen Contingencies,' it is desirable that all applications for Supplemented Roads received within three months be considered simultaneously; That in the event of the applications received exceeding the amount at the disposal of the General Road Board, then the supplement by the Board shall be *pro rata* to the contributions of each District."
14. Mr. Mouat to move—"That it is desirable there should be an early dissolution of the Provincial Council."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

(See Orders of the Day, page 61).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19—(12 O'CLOCK NOON).

Council met pursuant to notice of adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the absence of Mr. Speaker, read Standing Order No. 2, and intimated that the Chairman of Committees was also absent.

Mr. Moss moved, and Mr. Walker seconded—"That Mr. Stevenson do take chair for this sitting."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Stevenson took the chair accordingly.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. Moss and Mr. Brodie made statements respecting the Executive Council.

Mr. Brodie moved, and Mr. Brown seconded—"That this House do now adjourn till 12 o'clock to-morrow."—*Affirmed.*

The House adjourned accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, December 20, at 7 o'clock p.m.

(Government Day.)

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Brown to move—(See notice of motion No. 3, page 58).
2. Mr. Gleeson to move—(See notice of motion No. 4, page 61).
3. Mr. Moliison to move— (See notice of motion No. 5, page 61).
4. Mr. Thomson to move—(See notice of motion No. 7, page 61)
5. Mr. Bell to move—(See notice of motion No. 8, page 61).
6. Mr. Gleeson to move—(See notice of motion No. 9, page 61).
7. Mr. Adam to move—(See notice of motion No. 10, page 61).
8. Mr. Grant to move—(See notice of motion No. 11, page 61).
9. Mr. Thomson to move—(See notice of motion No. 12, above).
10. Mr. Reid to move—(See notice of motion No. 13, above).
11. The Provincial Treasurer to move—(See notice of motion No. 6, page 61).
12. Mr. Dillon Bell to move—(See notice of motion No. 11, above).

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. (See Orders of the Day, page 61).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, (12 O'CLOCK NOON).

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was absent.

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair, in accordance with Standing Order No. 2.

Mr. J. Cargill made a statement respecting the Executive Council.

Mr. J. Cargill moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—"That the House do now adjourn till 7 o'clock this evening."—*Affirmed.*

The House adjourned accordingly.

The House resumed at 7 o'clock, pursuant to motion of adjournment.

By permission of the House, Mr. J. Cargill moved, without notice, and Mr. Gleeson seconded—"That the Hon. Member for Matau (Mr. F. D. Bell) do take the Chair of this House during the remainder of the present Session."—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Bell took the Chair accordingly.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Gleeson and by Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Haughton brought up the Report of the Select Committee on Police Regulations.—Report received, and ordered to be printed. (See Reports of Select Committees, page 20).

On the motion of Mr. Lloyd, extension of time for bringing up the Report of Select Committee on the Petition of David Andrew was granted till next sitting.

Mr. Brown moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That a sum of money having been subscribed by the inhabitants of Lawrence and Weatherstone's for the purpose of endeavouring to discover a Deep Lead at Weatherstone's, an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will cause the sum of £350 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates as a Grant-in-aid for prospecting purposes."

By permission of the House, the motion was amended by adding thereto the following words, viz. :—"Under such conditions as the Government may prescribe for the purpose of securing the *bona fide* expenditure of the money voted."—Motion as amended—*Affirmed.*

Mr. Gleeson moved, and Mr. Macandrew seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Thistle Nuisance be adopted."—*Affirmed.* (See Reports of Select Committees, page 25).

In the absence of Mr. Mollison, Mr. Thomson, on his behalf, moved—"That in the opinion of this Council it is not desirable that Inspectors of Cattle should receive fees in addition to their Salaries."

Motion, by permission, amended by inserting after the word "cattle" the words "receiving salaries from Government," and as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Thomson, the Interim Report No. 6 (John Cleverley), from the Select Committee on Private Petitions, was adopted.

Mr. Bell being in the chair, Mr. Clark, on his behalf, moved, and Mr. Hughes seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands be adopted."

Motion, by permission of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Gleeson moved, and Mr. Hepburn seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the following sums be added to the Salaries of the Officers herein mentioned, viz. :—

Under Secretary	...	...	...	...	...	£50
Mr. Speaker	...	...	...	...	...	20
Chairman of Committees	...	...	...	...	...	10
Clerk of Council	...	...	...	...	...	50

A debate ensued, and a division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 14.—Brodie, Burns, Cargill (J.), Gleeson, Haggitt, Haughton, Hepburn, Miller, Moss, Mouat, Street, Vogel; Cargill (E. B.) and Walker (Tellers).

NOES, 10.—Blair, Brown, Clark, Grant, Hughes, Lloyd, Rennie, Thomson; Morris and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

Mr.

Mr. Adam's notice of motion, No. 7, lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Grant moved—"That it is exceedingly desirable that there should be recorded a very distinct expression of this Council's opinion of the conduct of such Members as voluntarily absent themselves from this House during the whole course, or at least the greater portion, of this Session."—*Withdrawn.*

Mr. Thomson moved, and Mr. Rennie seconded—"That with the view of preventing the loss of human life, the Government erect a foot-bridge over the Wyndham River near Menzie's station, for which this House will indemnify them."—Motion, by permission of the House—*Withdrawn.*

Mr. Reid allowed his notice of motion, No. 10, to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

The Provincial Treasurer (Mr. J. Cargill) moved, and the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Brodie) seconded—"That the Land Resolutions, as amended,* be adopted; and that the Government be instructed to prepare a Bill in accordance with the Resolutions to be brought before the Assembly at its next Session."

Mr. Lloyd moved, and Mr. Grant seconded, as an amendment—"That all the words after the word 'That' be omitted, with a view to insert, in lieu thereof, the words, 'the Land Resolutions be adopted this day six months.'"—A debate ensued.

Question put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question;" and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 15.—Brodie, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Gleeson, Haggitt, Hepburn, Hughes, Moss, Mouat, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Walker; Cargill (J.) and Reynolds (Tellers).

NOES, 2.—Grant and Lloyd (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

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

Motion, No. 12, was ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next sitting.

On the motion of Provincial Treasurer, the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill* was ordered to be re-committed on Friday next.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Education Reserves Bill* was committed, and reported without amendments. Bill read a third time; and the question being put by Mr. Acting Speaker "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

The House went into Committee on the *Interpretation Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

The several clauses (12) were agreed to as read, with the exception of clause 6, which was, on the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, ordered to be struck out.

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 on Friday next.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the House went into Committee on the *Licensing Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 1 to 5 were agreed to as read; 6 and 7 were ordered to stand over; 8 to 12 were agreed to as read; 13 was ordered to stand over; 14, 15, and 16 were agreed to as read; 17 was amended; 18, 19, and 20 were agreed to as read; 21 was ordered to stand over; 22 and 23 were agreed to as read; 24 was ordered to stand over; 25 to 28 were agreed to as read; 29 was ordered to stand over; 30 to 37 were agreed to as read; 38 was amended; 39 was ordered to stand over; 40 to 49 were agreed to as read; 50 was amended; 51 to 66 were agreed to as read.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, 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 12 o'clock noon the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, December 21, at 12 o'clock noon.

(Government Day.)

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Reid to move—(See notice of motion No. 13, page 63.)

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* See Appendix, page I.

2. Mr. Bell to move—(See notice of motion No. 11, page 63.)
3. Mr. Gleeson to move—"That this House has no confidence in the Executive as at present constituted."
4. Mr. Reynolds to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of sixty pounds on the Supplementary Estimates, as additional salary to the Clerk of the Police Department."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Committee of Supply.
2. Licensing Bill to be resumed in Committee.
3. Road Districts Loan Bill to be committed.
4. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be committed.
5. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance Amendment Bill to be committed.
6. Debate to be resumed by Mr. Haughton on Mr. Dyer's motion—(See notice of motion No. 5, page 12.)
7. Despatch respecting conveyance of Inland Mails to be considered.
8. Birds Protection Bill to be read a second time.
9. Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
10. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.
11. Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
12. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill to be read a second time.
13. Otago Dock Trust Bill to be read a second time.
14. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be re-committed.
15. Interpretation Bill to be read a third time.

REPORT TO BE BROUGHT UP:

1. Report of Select Committee on Petition of David Andrew.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, (12 O'CLOCK NOON.)

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

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

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Grant, and by Mr. Reynolds.

Notices of motions for "when in Committee on the Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill," were given by Mr. Moss and by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Lloyd brought up the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of David Andrew. Report read, received, and ordered to be printed. (See Reports of Select Committees, page 22).

Mr. Gleeson moved, and Mr. Moss seconded—"That this House has no confidence in the Executive as at present constituted."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Vogel seconded—"The previous question."

Motion put—"That the question be *now* put," and a division being called for there voted:—

AYES, 11.—Clark, Hughes, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Street, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Gleeson and Reynolds (Tellers).

NOES, 14.—Blair, Brodie, Brown, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Hepburn, Lloyd, Macpherson, Miller, Morris, Mouat; Haughton and Macandrew (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Hughes seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of sixty pounds on the Supplementary Estimates, as additional salary to the Clerk of the Police Department."—*Affirmed*.

The House went again into Committee on the *Licensing Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 6 (standing over) was agreed to as read.

Clause 7. Sub-clause 1, ("General License,") the Provincial Treasurer moved—"That the blank be filled in with the word 'twenty.'"

Mr. Rennie moved as an amendment—"That the amount be 'thirty pounds.'"—A debate ensued, and a division being called for on the amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 6.—Bell, Blair, Gleeson, Thomson; Clerk and Rennie (Tellers).

NOES, 10.—Brown, Burns, Cargill (J.), Hughes, Morris, Mouat, Stephenson, Vogel; Brodie and Grant (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Original motion put and *affirmed*; and blank filled in accordingly.

Sub-clause 2, ("Bottle License,") the Provincial Treasurer moved—"That the blank be filled in with the word 'twenty.'"

Mr. Vogel moved as an amendment—"That the amount be '£10'"—*Affirmed*, and blank filled in accordingly.

Sub-clause 3, ("Brewer's License,") the Provincial Treasurer moved—"That the blank be filled in with the word 'ten.'"

Mr. Gleeson moved as an amendment—"That the sub-clause be struck out."

Question put on the amendment and—*Negatived*.

Blank filled in with the word "five," and agreed to.

Sub-clause 4, ("Wholesale License,") the Provincial Treasurer moved—"That the blank be filled in with the word 'ten.'"—*Affirmed*; and blank filled in accordingly.

Sub-clause 5, ("Temporary License,") the Provincial Treasurer moved—"That the blank be filled in with the word 'three.'"—*Withdrawn*.

On the motion of Mr. Vogel the blank was filled in with the word "one" and agreed to.

Clause with remaining sub-clauses agreed to as amended.

Clause 39 (standing over) the blanks filled in the first with "ten shillings," the second with "five pounds;" and clause agreed to as thus completed.

The Schedules were held as read, agreed to, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

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

The House went into Committee on the *Road Districts Loan Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

The various clauses (18) were agreed to as read.

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

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

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 1 was agreed to as read.

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

Mr. Gleeson moved, and Mr. Clark seconded—"That the House be ordered to be called over on the 10th day of January, 1866."

Motion, by leave of the House,—*Withdrawn*.

The House went into Committee on the *Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 1 was agreed to as read.

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

Mr.

Mr. Haughton resumed the debate on Mr. Dyer's motion as follows:—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to reserve from sale, and set aside for public uses for the Township of Milton, Rural Section 148, Block XVIII., and 149, 150, 151, 152, Block XIX., Tokomairiro District."

The Question being put, and a division called for, there voted:—

AYES, 12.—Brown, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Hepburn, Mouat, Street, Thomson, Vogel; Haughton and Miller (Tellers).

NOES, 6.—Blair, Grant, Rennie, Stevenson; Hughes and Kilgour (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The House went again into Committee on the *Licensing Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 21 was amended in accordance with the Schedule as previously agreed to.

Clause 29 (standing over) was amended and agreed to.

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 *Birds Protection Bill* was read a second time, committed, and reported without amendments.—Bill read a third time and the question being put by Mr. Acting-Speaker, "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill* was read a second time; committed, reported without amendments, and ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Interpretation Bill* was read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Acting-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 12 o'clock noon the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, December 22, at 12 o'clock, noon.

(Government Day.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Licensing Bill to be read a third time.
2. Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
3. Road Districts Loan Bill to be resumed in Committee.
4. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
5. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be resumed in Committee.
6. Despatch respecting conveyance of Inland Mails to be considered.
7. Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
8. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill to be read a second time.
9. Otago Dock Trust Bill to be read a second time.
10. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be re-committed.
11. Committee of Supply.
12. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Reid to move—(See notice of motion No. 13, page 63.)
2. Mr. Bell to move—(See Notice of motion No. 11, page 63.)
3. Mr. Haughton to move—"That it is desirable there should be an early dissolution of the Council."

4. Mr. Haughton to move—"That the Executive Government be directed to appoint a Commission, in accordance with the Resolution of this Council on December 15th, with regard to Religious and Educational Trust Property."
5. Mr. Haughton to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, for the production of correspondence relating to the disallowance of moneys expended without authority by Sub-Inspector Sinccek in erecting Quarters for the Police at Hamilton diggings when the rush there first commenced about December, 1864."
6. Mr. Clark to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands be adopted."
7. Mr. Haughton to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that the provisions of the New Licensing Ordinance when adopted may be extended to the Gold Fields."
8. Mr. Lloyd to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of David Andrew be adopted."
9. Mr. Grant to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of fifty pounds on the Supplementary Estimates as additional salary to His Honor's Secretary."
10. Mr. Reynolds to move—"That the Government be requested to take into consideration the injustice which will be done to several Government Employés if their salaries are not raised in proportion to those of the Under Secretary, and Clerk of the Provincial Council."

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22, (12 O'CLOCK NOON.)

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Reid, Mr. Haughton (2), and by Mr. Vogel.

The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table the *Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That this House at its rising do "adjourn till 12 o'clock noon to-morrow."

Mr. Stevenson moved, and Mr. Thomson seconded, as an amendment—"That all the words after the word 'till' be omitted, with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words 'the first Thursday in the New Year.'—A debate ensued.

Mr. Hepburn moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That the debate be adjourned."—*Negative*.

The question being put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question," a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 11.—Blair, Burns, Cargill (J.), Grant, Haughton, Hepburn, Lloyd, Macandrew, Mouat; Brodie and Vogel (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Clark, Gleeson, Haggitt, Miller, Morris, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Hughes and Reynolds, (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Question put—"That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted."—*Negative*.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That the words 'Wednesday next, at 2 o'clock,' be inserted."—*Affirmed*.

Motion as amended put and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Acting-Speaker informed the Council that, on looking through the copy of the Land Resolutions before signing the same, he had found several points in which sections were at variance with each other; and requested the pleasure of the House as to whether, before certifying the copy, such notes should be added as would prevent mistake hereafter. It was resolved—"That Mr. Acting-Speaker make notes on the matter, and report the same "to the House for confirmation."

Mr. Reid asked the Government—"If it is still the intention of the Government that the Civil Service Commission should complete their labors and present a Report for the consideration of the next Session of the Provincial Council; and is it expected that such Report shall contain a recommendation as to the rates of salaries of the different heads of departments and other Government Officers?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Licensing Bill*, and the *Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill*, were severally read a third time; and the question being put by Mr. Acting-Speaker as to each Bill respectively, "that this Bill do now pass," it was in each case agreed to, and the Bills were passed accordingly.

Despatch respecting conveyance of Inland Mails considered. (See Council Paper No. IV.)

The Provincial Treasurer moved—"That it is not desirable that the number of Mail Services to the Interior should be reduced; that with a view to decrease the serious charge upon the Revenue of the Province, caused by the cost of conveyance of Inland Mails, there should be a postage charge on newspapers."

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Moss seconded—"That the Despatch be considered in Committee of the whole House."—*Negatived.*

Debate on the Provincial Treasurer's motion resumed.

Mr. Macandrew moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded, as an amendment—"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient that the Executive Government should take the whole question of the Inland Postal Arrangements into its careful consideration, with a view to making such suggestions to the General Government as may enable it materially to reduce the cost to the Province of the conveyance of such Mails.

"That such reduction may be effected in the following directions:—

"1st. By reducing the number of Mails where the cost of transmission has been found to be in undue proportion to the amount of correspondence.

"2nd. By making more economical arrangements for the conveyance of Mails.

"3rd. By making a small charge on newspapers, when such papers cannot be conveyed either by water or by a wheeled vehicle."

By permission of the House, Mr. Macandrew amended his amendment, by striking out therefrom all the words in sub-clause 3, after the word "newspapers."

The Provincial Treasurer, by permission of the House, withdrew his motion in favor of Mr. Macandrew's amendment as amended.—Debate resumed.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Thomson seconded—"That sub-section No. 3 (relative to newspapers) be omitted;" and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 2.—Haughton and Thomson (Tellers).

NOES, 17.—Blair, Brodie, Burns, Cargill (J.), Grant, Haggitt, Hepburn, Macandrew, Morris, Mess, Mouat, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Walker; Miller and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

Question put on Mr. Macandrew's motion as amended and—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of the Provincial Secretary, the *Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill* was read a second time, and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 1 was agreed to as read; Clause 2 was amended.

A new clause read and moved by the Provincial Secretary was agreed to, and ordered to stand as "Clause 3."

Clauses 3, 4, 5, and 6, were ordered to stand respectively as 4, 5, 6, and 7, and agreed to as read.

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

The *Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill* was resumed in Committee.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Vogel moved the following to stand as amended Clause 2:—

"The Superintendent of the Province of Otago, with the advice of his Executive Council, on the petition of not less than fifty persons, comprising a majority of the householders resident in any Township within the Province, shall, by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* of the said Province, extend the provisions of the 'Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1865,' to such Township, by such name or incorporation as he shall deem fit, with such modifications as to the names and number of the members of such proposed Corporation, and the office-bearers thereof, and any other Municipal matters and regulations as shall seem to such Superintendent and his Executive Council suitable for the area and population of such Municipality, and in accordance with such petition or otherwise shall define the boundaries of the Municipality so created, and declare the number of Wards into which such Municipality may be divided, and define the boundaries of such Wards respectively, and declare which of the provisions of the said Ordinance shall be applicable to and within the limits of such Municipality: Provided always that the Superintendent shall not have power to include a greater area than nine square miles within the boundaries of any such Municipality."

Mr. Reynolds moved—"That the word 'shall' in line 3 be omitted, and the word 'may' inserted in lieu thereof."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for on the amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 11.—Bell, Blair, Grant, Morris, Reid, Rennie, Street, Thomson, Walker; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

NOES, 10.—Brodie, Burns, Cargill (J.), Clark, Haggitt, Macandrew, Mouat, Vogel; Haughton and Miller (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Vogel moved—“That the Chairman do now leave the chair.”

Mr. Macandrew moved as an amendment—“That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again.”—*Affirmed*.

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

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Sheep Ordinance 1856 Amendment Bill* was re-committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clauses 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were (on the motion of Mr. Bell) amended, and as amended agreed to by the Committee.

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

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—“That with respect to the amount voted opposite the item ‘Supplemented Roads and Unforeseen Contingencies,’* it is desirable that all applications for Supplemented Roads received within two months be considered simultaneously: That in the event of the applications received exceeding the amount at the disposal of the General Road Board, then the supplement by the Board shall be *pro rata* to the contributions of each district.”—*Affirmed*.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Burns seconded, motion No. 2 (standing in the name of Mr. Acting-Speaker), as follows:—“That if the Land Resolutions are passed into law, this Council will sanction the entering into contracts for Roads and Bridges under the Resolutions authorising such contracts to be paid for in land, to an amount not exceeding 3000 acres in the aggregate, the extent to be granted to any one person not to exceed 750 acres during the ensuing recess.”—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 12.—Brodie, Brown, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Hepburn, Reid, Street, Stevenson, Walker; Haughton and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 5.—Grant, Haggitt, Morris; Blair and Rennie (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Haughton allowed his notice of motion No. 3 to lapse.

Mr. Haughton amended his notice of motion No. 4, and moved it as follows:—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to appoint a Commission, in accordance with the Resolution of this Council on December 15th, with regard to Religious and Educational Trust Property.”—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, for the production of correspondence relating to the disallowance of moneys expended without authority by Sub-Inspector Sincock, in erecting Quarters for the Police at the Hamilton diggings when the rush there first commenced about December, 1864.”—*Affirmed*.

Notice of motion No. 6 being read, it was (on the motion of Mr. Haughton) ordered—“That the Report of the Select Committee on Tokomairiro Auriferous Lands (see Reports of Select Committees, page 10) be considered in Committee of the whole House.”

The House went into Committee accordingly.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Bell moved—“That the Committee recommend the House to adopt the Report.”—*Affirmed*.

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

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Grant seconded,—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that the provisions of the New Licensing Ordinance when adopted may be extended to the Gold Fields.”—*Withdrawn*.

Mr. Lloyd's notice of motion No. 8 lapsed in his absence, and Mr. Miller on his behalf gave notice of the same for next sitting.

Mr. Grant moved, and Mr. Haggitt seconded—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place the sum of fifty pounds on the Supplementary Estimates as additional salary to His Honor's Secretary.”—*Negatived* on the voices.

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* See Ordinances (Appropriation), page 1199.

A division was called for; but notice being taken that thirteen members were not present, the House was counted by order of Mr. Acting-Speaker, who thereupon adjourned the House without a question first put.

Time, 11 p.m.—Members present: Messrs. Grant, Hughes, and Reynolds.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, December 27, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(Government Day.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
2. Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill to be read a third time.
3. Road Districts Loan Bill to be resumed in Committee.
4. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
5. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be resumed in Committee.
6. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill to be read a second time.
7. Otago Dock Trust Bill to be read a second time.
8. Education Reserves Management Bill to be read a second time.
9. Committee of Supply.
10. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Lloyd to move that the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of David Andrew be adopted.
2. Mr. Reynolds to move—(See notice of motion No. 10, page 69).
3. Mr. Reid to move—"That this Council do not proceed with the Appropriation Bill until the construction of the Executive is such as to command the confidence of this Council."
4. Mr. Haughton to move—"That in consequence of a notice of motion of want of confidence in the Executive Government having been given by the Honorable Member for Taieri (Mr. Reid), it is desirable that such motion shall be considered in a full House, and that a call of the House should be made accordingly for the 8th day of January, 1866."
5. Mr. Vogel to move—"That the Resolution in reference to the £35,000 Loan be read over in order to rescind it."
6. Mr. Haughton to move that the section known as the Maori Reserve, and decided by the General Assembly to be the property of the Province, shall not be made over to the Municipal Council of Dunedin."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Haughton (3.)

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton and by Mr. Reid.

Notices of motions for Friday next were given by Mr. Hughes and by Mr. Haughton.

Message No. 6 from His Honor the Superintendent was introduced, read, and ordered to be taken into consideration presently.

(MESSAGE.)

In conformity with the provisions of the 27th section of the Constitution Act, the Superintendent has made an amendment by way of an addition to clause 3 of the *Licensing Bill, 1865*, which has passed the Provincial Council.

The Bill with the Amendment is herewith transmitted for the consideration of the Provincial Council.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

December 27, 1865.

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The Provincial Treasurer made statement respecting the Executive Council.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the table Correspondence relative to the disallowance of certain moneys expended without authority by Sub-Inspector Sincock.—(Ordered on motion of Mr. Haughton, December 22nd.)

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill*, and the *Sheep Ordinance Amendment Bill* were severally read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Acting-Speaker as to each Bill respectively, "that this Bill do now pass," it was in each case agreed to, and the Bills were passed accordingly.

Message No. 6 considered :—

The Provincial Treasurer moved and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That the amendment recommended "in Message No 6 be agreed to, and ordered to be made in the Bill."—*Affirmed*.

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

IN COMMITTEE.

A new clause was read and moved by Mr. Burns, agreed to by the Committee, and ordered to stand as clause 2 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 Mr. Vogel, the *Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill* was resumed in Committee.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Vogel moved—"That clause 2 (as originally printed), be struck out, with the view of inserting in lieu "thereof clause 2 of the printed proposed amendments."—A debate ensued.

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

The House went again into Committee on the Bill.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Reynolds moved a further amendment on the amended clause 2.

Mr. Macandrew moved—"That the Chairman do now leave the Chair."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Vogel moved—"That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again."—*Affirmed*.

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

On the motion of Mr. Burns, the *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill* was read a second time, and ordered to be committed presently.

Mr. Burns moved, and the Provincial Treasurer seconded—"That the *Otago Dock Trust Bill* be now read a "second time."—A debate ensued

Mr. Adam moved, and Mr. Grant seconded as an amendment—"That the Bill be read a second time this "day six months."—*Negatived*.

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

Bill read a second time, and ordered to be committed presently.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer, the *Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill* was read a second time, and ordered to be committed presently.

The House went into Committee on the three Bills just read a second time.

IN COMMITTEE.

Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill :—

Clause 1 was amended and agreed to ; Clauses 2, 3, 4, and 5, were agreed to as read.

The title was amended, and together with the preamble, ordered to stand part of the Bill.—Bill ordered to be reported presently.

Otago Dock Trust Bill :—

The various clauses (18), were agreed to as read.

The title and preamble were agreed to, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.—Bill ordered to be reported presently.

The Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill :—

The various clauses (8), were agreed to as read.

The title and preamble were agreed to, and ordered to stand parts of the Bill.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill*, with amendments, and the *Otago Dock Trust Bill*, and the *Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill*, without amendments.

The *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill* was ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

The *Otago Dock Trust Bill* and the *Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill* were severally read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Acting-Speaker as to each Bill respectively, "that this Bill do now pass," it was in each case agreed to, and the Bills were passed accordingly.

Mr. Adam moved, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That Orders of the Day, Nos. 9 and 10, be postponed to enable the House to proceed at once to the motions on the paper."—*Affirmed*.

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

Mr. Reynolds allowed his notice of motion No. 2 to lapse, and gave notice of the same for next sitting.

In the absence of Mr. Reid, Mr. Adam on his behalf moved, and Mr. Dyer seconded (No. 3)—"That this Council do not proceed with the Appropriation Bill until the construction of the Executive is such as to command the confidence of this Council."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Macandrew seconded as an amendment—"That all the words after the word 'That' be omitted, with the view of inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, 'it is desirable any motion involving want of confidence in the Executive Government should be considered in a full House, and that a call of the House be made for the 8th of January next.'"

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Vogel seconded—"That the debate be adjourned till to-morrow."

Question put—"That the debate be now adjourned," and—*Affirmed*.

The question being put—"That the debate be resumed to-morrow;" a division was called for, when there voted:—

AYES, 15.—Adam, Blair, Clark, Grant, Haggitt, Hepburn, Kilgour, Mollison, Rennie, Reynolds, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Miller and Moss (Tellers).

NOES, 6.—Burns, Cargill (J.), Haughton, Macandrew; Brodie and Lloyd (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, December 28, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

(*Government Day.*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Debate to be resumed on Mr. Adam's motion and Mr. Haughton's amendment, as follows:—

Motion.—"That this Council do not proceed with the Appropriation Bill until the construction of the Executive is such as to command the confidence of this Council."

Amendment.—"That all the words after the word 'That' be omitted, with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz.:—'It is desirable any motion involving want of confidence in the Executive Government should be considered in a full House; and that a call of the House be made for the 8th day of January next.'"

2. Road Districts Loan Bill to be read a third time.
3. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill to be read a third time.
4. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
5. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be resumed in Committee.
6. Committee of Supply.
7. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Lloyd to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of David Andrew be adopted."
2. Mr. Reynolds to move—(See notice of motion No. 10, page 69.)

3. Mr. Haughton to move—"For leave to bring in a Bill to alter the designation of certain Provincial Electoral Districts."
4. Mr. Reid to move—"That the Resolutions respecting 'Supplementary Grants to formation of District Roads, adopted by this Council, Session XVI, be rescinded."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notice of motion for next sitting was given by Mr. Haughton.

Notices of questions for Tuesday next were given by Mr. Vogel (2.)

The Provincial Secretary laid on the table :—1. Report by Mr. Mining Surveyor Coates relative to the West Coast Route; 2. Departmental Report (Storekeeper's).

The Provincial Treasurer made statement respecting the Executive Council.

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether Government are aware that the Telegraph Posts between the Dunstan and Queenstown have proved to be perfectly worthless; and if so, what is the Department and name of the officer who passed the contract?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Haughton asked the Government—"What date Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block XXV, Township of Oamaru, were set aside as a Market Reserve, and by what authority such reservation was made?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Haughton asked the Provincial Secretary—"Whether the reward of £100, proclaimed for the apprehension of the perpetrator of the recent crime at the Waipori, was offered by the Government after due information that such a Proclamation was absolutely necessary for the end of justice?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Acting-Speaker informed the House, that he had not found himself at liberty to make the necessary corrections and notes in the Land Resolutions; as the responsibility of doing so would be greater than he had contemplated. It would be for the Council to decide what course should be taken in order to make the official copy correct.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That there be associated with Mr. Acting-Speaker, to attend to this matter, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Moss, and the Mover."—*Affirmed*.

Debate resumed on Mr. Adam's motion and Mr. Haughton's amendment, as follow :—

Motion.—"That this Council do not proceed with the Appropriation Bill until the construction of the Executive is such as to command the confidence of this Council."

Amendment.—"That all the words after the word 'That' be omitted, with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz :—'It is desirable any motion involving want of confidence in the Executive Government should be considered in a full House; and that a call of the House be made for the 8th day of January next.'"

Mr. Haughton asked permission to withdraw his amendment.—Permission withheld. Debate resumed.

Question put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question."—*Affirmed*.

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

AYES, 13.—Clark, Dyer, Haggitt, Hepburn, Hughes, Reid, Rennie, Reynolds, Stevenson, Thomson, Walker; Adam and Moss (Tellers).

NOES, 10.—Blair, Burns, Grant, Haughton, Lloyd, Macandrew, Mouat, Vogel; Brodie and Cargill (J.) (Tellers).

Paired: Morris—AYES. Cargill (E. B.)—NOES.

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

On the motion of the Provincial Treasurer (seconded by Mr. Burns), the House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, December 29, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Lloyd to move—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of David Andrew be adopted."
2. Mr. Reynolds to move—(See notice of motion, No. 10, page 69.)
3. Mr. Haughton to move—(See notice of motion, No. 3, above.)
4. Mr. Reid to move—(See notice of motion, No. 4, above.)

5. Mr.

5. Mr. Hughes to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to place upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £50 as additional salary to the House Steward at the Lunatic Asylum."
6. Mr. Haughton to move—"That it is desirable there should be an early dissolution of the Council."
7. Mr. Haughton to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to allow all correspondence on the subject of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block XXV., Oamaru, to be laid on the table."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Road Districts Loan Bill to be read a third time.
2. Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill to be read a third time.
3. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
4. Dunedin Reserves Management Bill to be resumed in Committee.
5. Committee of Supply.
6. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Two o'clock p.m. having arrived, Mr. Lloyd moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That Mr. Rennie do take the Chair."

The Clerk read the resolution of Council of 20th December, (see page 64), by which the hon. Member for Matau (Mr. F. D. Bell), was appointed Acting-Speaker "during the remainder of the present Session;" also Standing Order No. 2, relative to proceedings to be taken in the absence of Mr. Speaker: and informed the House that Mr. Acting-Speaker was absent. Mr. Rennie moved, and Mr. Lloyd seconded—"That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair during the present sitting."—*Affirmed.*

The Chairman of Committees took the Chair accordingly.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

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

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton (2), Mr. Mouat (2), Mr. Dyer, Mr. Grant, and by Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Dyer presented a Petition from Messrs. Mills and Dick.—*Petition read and received.*

Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Adam made statements respecting the Executive Council.

Mr. Adam moved, and Mr. Lloyd seconded—"That the House do now adjourn till 5 o'clock."—*Affirmed.*

The House adjourned accordingly.

(5 o'Clock p.m.)

The House having resumed, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Adam made further statements respecting the Executive Council.

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

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council transmits to the Provincial Council Supplementary Estimates No. 4, for the year ending thirtieth September, 1866; and recommends the Council to make provision for the services therein specified.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

29th December, 1865.

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(SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, No. 4.)

<i>Grants-in-Aid—</i>				
Prospecting Deep Lead at Weatherstones	.	.	£350	0 0
John Cleverley	.	.	8	6 8
<i>Salaries—</i>				
Under-Secretary, (increase of)	.	.	50	0 0 per annum
Mr. Speaker (do)	.	.	20	0 0 "
Chairman of Committee (do)	.	.	10	0 0 "
Clerk of Council (do)	.	.	50	0 0 "
Clerk of Police Department (do)	.	.	60	0 0 "
Road Inspector	.	.	250	0 0 "
District Police Stations	.	.	200	0 0
<i>Roads—</i>				
Lee Stream to Waipori	.	.	250	0 0
Horse allowance (Road Inspector)	.	.	50	0 0
Allowance to Postmasters for acting as Telegraphists, 4 for 9 months, @ £25 per annum	.	.	75	0 0
Instruction of do.	.	.	200	0 0
			1,573	6 8
			1,800	0 0
Additional for Education	.	.		
			Total	£3,373 6 8

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—"That this House do now adjourn till 2 o'clock on Wednesday next."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Brodie moved as an amendment, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That the House at its rising do adjourn till Wednesday next at 2 o'clock."—*Affirmed*.

The *Road Districts Loan Bill* and the *Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill* were severally read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Acting-Speaker as to each Bill respectively "that this Bill do now pass," it was in each case agreed to, and the Bills were passed accordingly.

Order of the Day No. 3 was ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next Sitting.

On the motion of the Provincial Solicitor the *Dunedin Reserves Management Bill* was resumed in Committee, and reported without amendments.—Bill read a third time, and the question being put by Mr. Acting-Speaker, "that this Bill do now pass," it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6 were ordered to be transferred to the Paper for next Sitting.

The Orders of the Day being disposed of, the House proceeded to consider the motions on the paper.

Mr. Acting-Speaker ordered "strangers to withdraw," and strangers having withdrawn—Mr. Lloyd moved, and Mr. J. Cargill seconded—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of David Andrew be adopted."—*Negatived*.

Strangers re-admitted.

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded *pro forma*—"That the Government be requested to take into consideration the injustice which will be done to several Government Employés if their salaries are not raised in proportion to those of the Under-Secretary, and Clerk of the Provincial Council."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Reid moved as an amendment, and Mr. Clark seconded—"That it is desirable that the Civil Service Commission continue their duties, in order to settle the question of Salaries on a satisfactory and permanent basis; and to report to the Government at the earliest possible date."—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Haughton moved "for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the designation of certain Provincial Electoral Districts."—Seconded by Mr. Mouat.—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Haughton accordingly brought up the *Otago Provincial Representation Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill*.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time at next sitting.

Mr. Reid moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—"That the Resolutions respecting "Supplementary Grants to formation of District Roads" adopted by this Council, Session XVI, be rescinded."—A debate ensued, and a division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 3.—Dyer; Reid and Stevenson (Tellers.)

NOES, 9.—Grant, Hughes, Moss, Mouat, Rennie, Reynolds, Street; Haughton and Miller (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Mr. Hughes allowed his notice of motion (No. 5) to lapse.

Mr. Haughton allowed his notice of motion (No. 6) to lapse.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded (No. 7)—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to allow all correspondence on the subject of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block XXV., Oamaru, to be laid on the table.”—*Affirmed.*

On the motion of Mr. Adam, the House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, January 3, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Vogel to move—“That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to represent to the General Government the claims which Otago has to be made the calling place of the steamers of the Panama Service on the homeward route, and the advantages which would accrue to the Service by such selection; and praying the Government to move for a Select Committee of both Houses of the Assembly to enquire into the subject.”
2. Mr. Vogel to move—
 - 1st. “That it is highly desirable the Provinces of Otago and Southland should agree to re-unite.
 - 2nd. “That the basis of such union should be the permanently appropriating to each Province its own Land Revenue, subject only to the liquidation of the liabilities they have respectively contracted.
 - 3rd. “That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to communicate with the Superintendent of Southland, with a view to the opinion of the Provincial Council of that Province being taken on the subject.
 - 4th. “That should Southland be favorable to the proposal, it is desirable that delegates should be appointed to confer upon the matter, and draw up a Bill to be introduced into the Assembly, after first being submitted for the approval of the Provincial Councils of the two Provinces.”
3. Mr. Haughton to move—“That the Government, as at present constituted, combines not only incongruous elements, but embraces within its numbers an hon. Member who has declared that he will not carry out the will of the Council, and that in consequence it is desirable that no Appropriation Bill should be passed until the present Ministry has been re-constructed; that further, this Council is of opinion that the up-country and Gold Fields Districts have been practically ignored in the formation of the Government.”
4. Mr. Mouat to move—“That it is not desirable the number of Members of the Executive Government should exceed the minimum required by law.”
5. Mr. Dyer to move—“That the Petition of Messrs Mills and Dick be considered.”
6. Mr. Mouat to move—“That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the circumstances connected with the refusal of Mr. Adam to pay the Education Tax on certain land at Tokomairiro, on the score of non-ownership, and afterwards claiming the right, on oath, to turn a number of miners off the same ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Street, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Vogel, Mr. Walker, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Blair, and the Mover.”
7. Mr. Grant to move—“That as there is a great probability of the arrival of large bodies of Chinese into this Province, it is desirable the Executive Government should express their ideas and intentions respecting so important a matter.”
8. Mr. Haughton to move—“That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to apply to His Excellency the Governor for a dissolution of the Provincial Council immediately after the close of the present Session.”
9. Mr. Reynolds to move—“That the payment to Country Members for this Session shall not extend beyond Saturday, the 6th January, 1866.”

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill to be resumed in Committee.
2. Committee of Supply.
3. Otago Provincial Representation Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
4. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3.

Two o'clock p.m. having arrived, the Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, and also of Mr. Acting-Speaker; and announced that in accordance with Standing Order No. 2 the Chairman of Committees had taken the Chair at the last sitting of Council for "that day only."

Mr. Hepburn moved, and Mr. Miller seconded—"That Mr. J. Cargill do take the Chair during the absence of Mr. F. D. Bell, who, by Resolution of this House, was appointed Acting-Speaker during the remainder of the present Session."

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded, as an amendment—"That the Chairman of Committees do take the Chair during the absence of Mr. F. D. Bell, Acting-Speaker."

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

AYES, 10.—Blair, Burns, Grant, Kilgour, Lloyd, Mollison, Mouat, Vogel; Brodie and Haughton (Tellers).

NOES, 9.—Adam, Clark, Hepburn, Hughes, Miller, Moss, Reid; Reynolds and Stevenson (Tellers).

So it passed in the affirmative, and the Chairman of Committees took the Chair accordingly.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of motions for next sitting were given by Mr. Burns, Mr. Haughton (2), Mr. Vogel, and by Mr. Mouat.

Notices of motions for Friday next were given by Mr. Brodie, and by Mr. Walker.

Mr. Vogel presented a Petition from James Bruce.—Petition received.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the table Correspondence relative to Reserves for Public Purposes at Oamaru, (ordered on motion of Mr. Haughton, December 29.)

Mr. Mouat asked the Government—"Whether any steps have been taken to secure to the holders of claims at Canada Reef any guarantee for the tenure of their claims, and what course they intend to take with reference to Mr. Hardy."—The Provincial Treasurer replied.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—"That this House do now adjourn."—A debate ensued. Motion by leave of the House withdrawn.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Burns seconded—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to represent to the General Government the claims which Otago has to be made the calling place of the steamers of the Panama Service on the homeward route, and the advantages which would accrue to the Service by such selection; and praying the Government to move for a Select Committee of both Houses of the Assembly to enquire into the subject."—A debate ensued.

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Reid seconded, as an amendment—"That after the word 'Government' in line 2, all the words of the motion be omitted, with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words,—'That it is advisable that the Government move for a Select Committee of both Houses of the Assembly to enquire as to whether the Port of Otago should not be made the Port of Departure of the steamers of the Panama Service.'"

Question put—"That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question," and—*Affirmed*.

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

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—

- 1st. "That it is highly desirable the Provinces of Otago and Southland should agree to re-unite.
- 2nd. "That the basis of such union should be the permanently appropriating to each Province its own Land Revenue, subject only to the liquidation of the liabilities they have respectively contracted.
- 3rd. "That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to communicate with the Superintendent of Southland, with a view to the opinion of the Provincial Council of that Province being taken on the subject.
- 4th. "That should Southland be favorable to the proposal, it is desirable that delegates should be appointed to confer upon the matter, and draw up a Bill to be introduced into the Assembly, after first being submitted for the approval of the Provincial Councils of the two Provinces."

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Rennie seconded—"the previous question."

By permission of the House, Mr. Vogel withdrew his second Resolution, and Mr. Reynolds withdrew his motion for "the previous question."

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

On the motion of Mr. Vogel, the House went again into Committee on the *Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill*.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Stevenson appointed Chairman of Committees during the present sitting.

Debate resumed on amended clause 2. Clause further amended, and as amended agreed to.

Clause 3 (of the Bill) was struck out.

Clause 4 (now 3), was agreed to as read.

Clause 9 (of "Amendments to be proposed"), moved by Mr. Vogel as follows:—"So soon as four Municipalities shall have been incorporated under the provisions of this Ordinance, all debts and interest on the same, due by the Corporation of the City of Dunedin and by the Town Board of Port Chalmers respectively, to the Provincial Government of Otago, shall be released, and the Superintendent of Otago shall immediately thereafter deliver up to be cancelled all bonds and other securities which he may hold on account of such debts, and the same shall be cancelled."

Mr. Reid moved as an amendment—"So soon as the sum of £80,000 shall have been paid towards the subsidising of Country Municipalities and District Road Boards, then all debts and interest on the same, due by the Corporation of the City of Dunedin and by the Town Board of Port Chalmers respectively, to the Provincial Government of Otago, shall be released, and the Superintendent of Otago shall immediately thereafter deliver up to be cancelled all bonds and other securities which he may hold on account of such debts, and the same shall be cancelled."—*Negatived*.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Brodie moved as a further amendment—"That the word 'four' (in line 1) be struck out, and the word 'eight' inserted in lieu thereof."

A division being called for on Mr. Brodie's amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 14.—Adam, Brown, Burns, Clark, Dyer, Haughton, Hughes, Miller, Mollison, Morris, Reid, Rennie; Brodie and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 8.—Grant, Haggitt, Hepburn, Kilgour, Moss, Vogel; Reynolds and Walker (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Mouat moved as a further amendment—"That the words 'and interest,' in line 2 be struck out, and words added to the clause as follow:—"Provided always that all interest owing on the aforesaid loans shall have been paid."—*Negatived*.

Clause agreed to as amended.

Clauses (of the Bill) 5, 6, and 7, as printed, were ordered to stand respectively as 4, 5, and 6, and agreed to as amended. Clause 8 (of the Bill) was agreed to as read, and ordered to stand as clause 7.

Clause 10 (of "Amendments to be proposed") was further amended by Mr. Vogel, and as amended moved as clause 8, and as such agreed to.

Mr. Vogel moved a new clause to stand as clause 10 of the Bill as follows:—"Clause 10—Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be held to apply to any township situated within 5 miles of Dunedin."

Mr. Reynolds moved—"That 3 miles be inserted in lieu of 5 miles."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Grant moved—"That 50 miles be inserted in lieu of 5 miles."—*Negatived*.

Mr. Lloyd moved—"That half a mile be inserted in lieu of 5 miles."

A division being called for on Mr. Lloyd's amendment, there voted:—

AYES, 6.—Brown, Haggitt, Moss, Mouat; Blair and Lloyd, (Tellers.)

NOES, 15.—Adam, Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Dyer, Grant, Hepburn, Kilgour, Miller, Morris, Reid, Rennie, Walker; Mollison and Vogel, (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Clause agreed to as read.

Mr. Miller moved the following to stand as clause 11—"That notwithstanding the 'Oamaru Town Board Ordinance, 1862,' and anything therein contained to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the Inhabitants of the Town of Oamaru to apply to be made a Municipality under the provisions of this Ordinance, and to receive the benefits and advantages hereof: And the said Ordinance shall, for the purpose of allowing such application to be made, and for all other purposes requisite to enable the Inhabitants of the said Town to obtain the benefit of this Ordinance, be, and the same is hereby, repealed."—*Affirmed*.

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The Provincial Solicitor moved a new clause to stand as clause 12 as follows:—"Notwithstanding anything in the 'Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1865,' to the contrary, no assessment shall be made, or levied, on any manse or parsonage, or on any Government schoolmaster's house, or on any glebe for the use of any officiating clergyman or Government schoolmaster: And any such manse, parsonage, house, or glebe, shall be exempt from all rates to be levied under the said Ordinance."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 17.—Adam, Blair, Burns, Cargill (J.), Clark, Haggitt, Hepburn, Hughes, Kilgour, Miller, Mollison, Moss, Reid, Reynolds, Walker; Cargill (E. B.) and Vogel (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Brown, Grant, Lloyd, Morris, Rennie; Haughton and Mouat (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

On the motion of Mr. Vogel the House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Vogel the Bill was re-committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Clause 2 was (on the motion of Mr. Vogel) further amended, and as amended agreed to.

Clause 9 was (on the motion of the Provincial Solicitor) further amended, and as amended agreed to.

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

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded—"That Orders of the Day, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, be transferred to the Paper for next sitting."—A debate ensued.

A division being called for, there were found to be no tellers on the side of the "Noes," and so it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

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

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded (No. 3)—"That the Government, as at present constituted, combines not only incongruous elements, but embraces within its numbers an hon. Member who has declared that he will not carry out the will of the Council, and that in consequence it is desirable that no Appropriation Bill should be passed until the present Ministry has been re-constructed; that further, this Council is of opinion that the up-country and Gold Fields Districts have been practically ignored in the formation of the Government."

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Dyer seconded—"That a division be now taken, in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 9."

A division being called for on Mr. Reynolds's motion, there voted:—

AYES, 12.—Adam, Blair, Clark, Dyer, Hughes, Miller, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson; Reynolds and Walker (Tellers.)

NOES, 8.—Brown, Burns, Cargill (J.), Grant, Lloyd, Vogel; Brodie and Mouat (Tellers).

Paired—AYES, Haggitt; NOES, Haughton.

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

The question being put on the original motion, it was on the voices declared to be "negatived."

A division being called for, there were found to be no tellers on the side of the "Ayes," and so it passed in the—*Negative*.

The House adjourned till 2 o'clock the following day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Thursday, January 4, at 2 o'clock p.m.

(Government Day.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Committee of Supply.
2. Otago Provincial Representation Ordinance 1864 Amendment Bill to be read a second time.
3. Appropriation Bill to be read a second time.
4. Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill to be read a third time.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Mouat to move—
 2. Mr. Dyer to move—
 3. Mr. Mouat to move—
 4. Mr. Grant to move—
 5. Mr. Haughton
 6. Mr. Reynolds to move—
- (See notices of motions, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, page 78).
7. Mr. Burns to move—"That leave of absence be granted to Mr. Macandrew for the remainder of the Session."
 8. Mr. Haughton to move—"That the correspondence relative to certain unauthorised expenditure incurred by Sub-Inspector Sincock be taken into consideration, with a view to the re-imbusement of that officer."
 9. Mr. Haughton to move—"That this Council should be placed in possession of the facts with regard to the grant of a special right to prospect for Cinnabar over a very large area of country, and that all correspondence and memoranda upon the subject be laid upon the table."
 10. Mr. Vogel to move—"That the petition of James Bruce be referred to the Executive Government, with a recommendation that the matter of said Petition be referred to arbitration."
 11. Mr. Mouat to move—"That the Government be instructed to cause a Bill to be introduced into the General Assembly during next Session, to enable it to resume possession of the land at Canada Reef, sold to Mr. Hardy."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Notices of questions for next sitting were given by Mr. Haughton and by Mr. Mouat.

Notice of motion for next sitting was given by Mr. Mouat.

Message No. 8, from his Honor the Superintendent, was introduced, read, and ordered to be considered in Committee of Supply.

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Council, transmits to the Provincial Council Supplementary Estimates No. 5 for the year ending 30th September, 1866, and recommends the Council to make provision for the services therein specified.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

4th January, 1866.

(SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES No. 5.)

<i>Grant-in-Aid—</i>		
Municipalities	.	£7500 0 0
<i>Provincial Council—</i>		
Expenses of Country Members	.	400 0 0
<i>Roads—</i>		
Cromwell to Queenstown	.	1200 0 0
		<u>£9100 0 0</u>

Message No. 9, from his Honor the Superintendent, was introduced, read, and ordered to be considered to-morrow.

(MESSAGE.)

The Superintendent finds that the "Bridge Ordinance Amendment Bill" does not deal with the whole of a Resolution passed at the last Session on the subject, and therefore returns it with the following amendment, viz:—

"That no Toll shall in any case be taken of, or from, any child or person going to attend, or returning from attending, as pupil at any public school."

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

4th January, 1866.

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The House went again into Committee of Supply.

IN COMMITTEE.

Supplementary Estimates No 4 transmitted in Message No. 7 (see page 76) considered.

Grants-in-Aid.—The item under this head was agreed to as read.

Salaries.—The item “Under-Secretary, increase of £50,” was negatived.

The item “Mr. Speaker, increase of £20,” being moved, Mr. Lloyd moved as an amendment—“That the item stand £220.”—*Negatived.*

The question being put on the item as moved, it was (on the voices) declared to be “affirmed.”

A division being called for, there were found to be no tellers on the side of the “Noes,” and so it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

The items “Chairman of Committees, increase of £10,” and “Clerk of Council, increase of £50,” were agreed to as read.

The item “Clerk Police Department, increase of £60,” being moved, was (on the voices) declared to be “affirmed.” A division being called for, there were found to be no tellers on the side of the “Noes,” and so it passed in the—*Affirmative.*

The item “Road Inspector, £250,” and the item “Districts Police Stations, £200,” were agreed to as read.

The item “Horse Allowance, Road Inspector, £50,” was agreed to as read.

The item “Additional for Education, £1800,” was, by the Provincial Treasurer, amended to £2000, and as amended agreed to.

The remaining items were by the Provincial Treasurer withdrawn.

Message No. 8 (page 82) considered, and the various items contained therein agreed to as read.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Estimates as amended.

On the motion of Mr. Reid, (and by permission of the House), Supplementary Estimates No. 4 were re-committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Reid moved—“That the item ‘Under-Secretary, increase of £49 10s.’ be inserted.”—A debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Mouat, the House resumed, and the Chairman reported progress.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—“That Order of the Day, No. 4, do take precedence of No. 2.”—A debate ensued.

Mr. Brodie moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded—“That a division be now taken.”—*Affirmed.*

The House having divided, (on Mr. Vogel’s motion) there voted :—

AYES, 5.—Brodie, Mollison, Mouat; Haughton and Vogel (Tellers).

NOES, 14.—Adam, Clark, Haggitt, Hughes, Kilgour, Lloyd, Morris, Reid, Rennie, Reynolds, Stevenson, Walker; Miller and Moss (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative.*

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded—“That the *Otago Provincial Representation Ordinance* “1864 *Amendment Bill* be now read a second time.”—*Affirmed.*

Bill read a second time and committed.

IN COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. Haughton, the various clauses, together with the title and preamble, were 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. Acting-Speaker “that this Bill do now pass,” it was agreed to, and the Bill was passed.

The Provincial Treasurer moved, and Mr. Adam seconded—“That the Appropriation Bill be now read a second time.”

Mr. Grant moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded, as an amendment—“That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.”—A debate ensued.

A division

A division being called for on Mr. Grant's amendment, there voted :—

AYES, 2.—Grant and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 16.—Adam, Brown, Burns, Cargill (E. B.), Clark, Dyer, Hughes, Kilgour, Morris, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Walker; Miller and Reynolds (Tellers).

Paired.—AYES, Haughton; NOES, Haggitt.

So it passed in the—*Negative*. Debate resumed on the original motion.

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded as a further amendment—"That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next."

A division being called for on Mr. Mouat's amendment, there voted :—

AYES, 2.—Brodie and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Adam, Cargill (E. B.), Clark, Dyer, Hughes, Kilgour, Miller, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Walker; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

Paired.—AYES, Haughton; NOES, Haggitt.

So it passed in the—*Negative*. Debate on original motion resumed.

Mr. Dyer moved, and Mr. Stevenson seconded—"That it is desirable to proceed with the second reading of the *Appropriation Bill* forthwith, and that the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow (Friday).—*Withdrawn*."

Question put on the original motion and—*Affirmed*. Bill read a second time, committed, reported without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time at next sitting.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Haughton seconded—"That the *Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865 Amendment Bill* be now read a third time."

Mr. Lloyd moved, and Mr. Grant seconded, as an amendment—"That the Bill be read a third time this day six months."—*Negatived*.

On the motion of Mr. Reynolds, a new clause was read a first and second time, and ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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

The Orders of the Day being disposed of, the House proceeded to consider the motions on the Paper.

Mr. Mouat's motion No. 1* was ruled by Mr. Acting-Speaker to be at variance with Standing Order No. 72, and therefore not admissible.

Mr. Dyer moved, and the Provincial Secretary seconded *pro forma*—"That the Petition of Messrs. Mills and Dick be considered."

Mr. Reynolds moved as an amendment—"That the Petition of Messrs. Mills and Dick be referred to the Government for consideration."—*Lapsed*, no member seconding the motion.

Mr. Dyer asked permission to withdraw his motion.—Permission withheld.

Question put and—*Negatived*.

Mr. Mouat proceeded to move his notice of motion No. 3.†

Mr. Acting-Speaker ruled that the motion was inadmissible.

The ruling of the Chair having been questioned, Mr. Acting-Speaker put to the House the following question—"Those who concur in the ruling of the Chair will say 'aye.'"

A division being called for, there voted :—

AYES, 9.—Cargill (E. B.), Cargill (J.), Clark, Hughes, Miller, Reid, Stevenson; Moss and Reynolds (Tellers).

NOES, 6.—Brodie, Grant, Lloyd, Rennie; Mouat and Vogel (Tellers.)

Paired.—AYES, Haggitt; NOES, Haughton.

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Grant proceeded to move motion No. 4,‡ when notice being taken that thirteen members were not present, the House was counted by order of Mr. Acting-Speaker, who thereupon adjourned the House without a question first put.

Time, 11.25 p.m.—*Members present*: Messrs. Grant, Haggitt, Haughton, Miller, Moss, Mouat, Reynolds, and Hepburn (in the chair).

NOTICES

* See motion No. 4, page 78.

† See motion No. 6, page 78.

‡ See motion No. 7, page 78.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, January 5, at 2 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS.

1. Mr. Grant to move—
 2. Mr. Haughton to move—
 3. Mr. Reynolds to move—
 4. Mr. Burns to move—
 5. Mr. Haughton to move—
 6. Mr. Haughton to move—
 7. Mr. Vogel to move—
 8. Mr. Mouat to move—
- (See notices of motions Nos. 7, 8, and 9, page 78.)
- (See notices of motions Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, page 82.)
9. Mr. Brodie to move—"That the Executive, as at present constituted, does not possess the confidence of the Provincial Council."
 10. Mr. Walker to move—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, praying that he will be pleased to cause a sum of £100 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of providing a Queen's Plate to be run for at the ensuing Dunedin Races."
 11. Mr. Mouat to move—"That considerable inconvenience has arisen by the withdrawal of the means of Postal communication from certain country districts and the gold fields; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to cause enquiry to be made, and the attention of the Hon. the Postmaster-General called to the matter."

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Message No. 9 (Bridge Ordinance Amendment Bill) to be considered.
2. Appropriation Bill to be read a third time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5.

Prayer. Minutes—read and confirmed.

Mr. Haughton asked the Secretary for Public Works—"Whether it is the intention of the Government to take immediate steps to cause a Track to be constructed in Skipper's Gully, so as to render it possible for machinery to be conveyed to the Reefs; and whether the Secretary for Public Works is not in possession of estimates of the necessary expense?"—The Provincial Treasurer (as Secretary for Public Works) replied.

Mr. Mouat asked the Government—"Whether there is any probability of the township allotments surveyed at Waipori being sold at an early date?"—The Provincial Secretary replied.

Mr. Grant moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded—"That as there is a great probability of the arrival of large bodies of Chinese into this Province, it is desirable the Executive Government should express their ideas and intentions respecting so important a matter."

A division being called for, there voted:—

AYES, 4.—Brown, Mouat; Grant and Haughton (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Clark, Dyer, Haggitt, Hughes, Kilgour, Morris, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Stevenson, Walker; Blair and Reynolds (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

A question being raised as to the admissability of motion No. 2, Mr. Acting-Speaker put to the House the following question, viz:—"Those who are of opinion that motion No. 2 should be allowed to be put, will say 'Aye;' and those who are of opinion that it should not be so put, will say 'No;'" and the voices being favorable to the motion being put:—

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Blair seconded (No. 2)—"That His Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to apply to His Excellency the Governor for a Dissolution of the Provincial Council immediately after the close of the present Session."—A debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, it was resolved that "the question be now put."

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

AYES, 12.—Blair, Brodie, Brown, Clark, Dyer, Grant, Kilgour, Morris, Mouat, Rennie; Burns and Vogel (Tellers).

NOES, 7.—Adam, Hughes, Reid, Stevenson, Walker; Miller and Reynolds (Tellers).

Paired—AYES, Haughton. NOES, Haggitt.

So it passed in the—*Affirmative*.

Mr. Reynolds allowed his notice of motion No. 3 to lapse.

On the motion of Mr. Burns, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Macandrew for the remainder of the Session.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—“That the correspondence relative to certain unauthorised expenditure incurred by Sub-Inspector Sincock be taken into consideration with a view to the re-imbusement of that officer.”—*Withdrawn*.

Mr. Haughton allowed his notice of motion No. 6 to lapse.

Mr. Vogel's notice of motion No. 7 lapsed in his absence.

Mr. Mouat amended his notice of motion No. 8, and moved it as follows :—“That the Government be instructed to take whatever steps they consider advisable, to enable them to resume possession of the land at Canada Reef, sold to Mr. Hardy.” Seconded by Mr. Haughton and—*Affirmed*.

Mr. Brodie allowed his notice of motion No. 9 to lapse.

Mr. Walker amended his notice of motion No. 10, and moved it as follows :—“That the Superintendent be authorised to expend a sum of £100 for the purpose of providing a Queen's Plate to be run for at the ensuing Dunedin Races.”—Seconded by Mr. Dyer, and—*Negatived*.

Mr. Mouat moved, and Mr. Brodie seconded—“That considerable inconvenience has arisen by the withdrawal of the means of postal communication from certain country districts and the gold fields; and that an Address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, requesting that he will be pleased to cause enquiry to be made, and the attention of the Hon. the Postmaster-General called to the matter.”—A debate ensued.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Reynolds seconded *pro forma* as an amendment—“That this Council regrets the reductions made in the Up-country Postal Service, and is of opinion that the raising a Postal Revenue should be a secondary consideration to affording Postal facilities; that his Honor the Superintendent be respectfully requested to communicate this Resolution to the Postmaster-General.”

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

(MESSAGE.)

In accordance with the Resolutions adopted by the Provincial Council for the guidance of the Executive Council,* the Superintendent forwards the following extract from the Minutes of the Executive Council.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

5th January, 1866.

(EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Executive Council of the Province of Otago, 5th January, 1866.)

PRESENT—His Honor the Superintendent, and all the Members except Mr. Street.

“The Superintendent consents to forward the Resolution of the Provincial Council, requesting a dissolution of that body at the close of this Session, but cannot agree to recommend it, for the following reasons :—

“1st. That those who voted for the Resolution are not quite one-third of the Members of Council.

“2nd. That a similar Resolution proposed at an earlier period of the Session in a full House was negatived.

“3rd. That it appears unfair to the many Members of the Council who have left, that such a Resolution should be carried out.

“4th. That the Superintendent cannot accept of this Resolution, so important in its character, carried at the close of the Session in a very thin House, as sufficient to warrant his recommending its adoption by His Excellency the Governor.”

(True copy)

J. LOGAN, Secretary to Superintendent.

Mr. Vogel gave notice, that he would move consideration of Message No. 10 presently.

Debate on Mr. Vogel's amendment resumed.

Mr.

* See Votes and Proceedings, Sess. XVI, page 41; and Appendix to same, page xx.

Mr. Mouat asked permission to withdraw his motion.—Permission withheld.

The question being put on Mr. Vogel's amendment, there voted :—

AYES, 5.—Brown, Grant, Vogel; Haughton and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 12.—Adam, Blair, Burns, Clark, Miller, Morris, Moss, Reid, Rennie, Walker; Haggitt and Stevenson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

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

By permission of the House, Mr. Vogel took up motion No. 7 (previously lapsed in his absence), and moved it as follows—"That the Petition of James Bruce be referred to the Executive Government." Seconded by Mr. Reynolds, and—*Affirmed*.

Message No. 10 (on motion of Mr. Vogel) considered.

Mr. Vogel moved, and Mr. Mouat seconded :—

- 1st. "That the Council having weighed the reasons adduced by the Superintendent for refusing to give his support to the Resolution of the Council recommending a dissolution, respectfully begs His Honor to reconsider his determination, and desires to urge the following arguments as replies to the reasons submitted to the Council in his Honor's Message.
- 2nd. "That the number of members who voted represented more than one-half of the Council, and fully a third of the Council voted in favor of the Resolution, since there were twelve votes and one pair; and besides the Speaker there are only thirty-seven members in the Council."
- 3rd. "That the Resolution negatived in the earlier part of the Session was not similar to the Resolution passed this day, which had avowedly many supporters on account of what had occurred in the Council since the Resolution first alluded to was submitted."
- 4th. "That his Honor's remarks regarding the similar nature of a Resolution previously considered, concerning the unfairness to absent members, and concerning the nearness of the close of the Session, are practically an interference with the manner in which the business of the Council is conducted, and amounting as they do to a censure on the Council, are a reason why the Superintendent should willingly dissolve it."

A debate ensued.

Mr. Reynolds moved, and Mr. Dyer seconded *pro forma*—"The previous question."—Motion, by leave of the House, withdrawn.—Debate resumed.

Mr. Haughton moved, and Mr. Dyer seconded—"That the Resolutions be considered *seriatim*."

A division having been called for, there were found to be no tellers on the side of the "Ayes," and so it passed in the—*Negative*.

Question put on the Resolution in *globo*, and a division called for, when there voted :—

AYES, 6.—Brodie, Burns, Dyer, Haughton; Brown and Mouat (Tellers).

NOES, 13.—Adam, Blair, Clark, Haggitt, Hughes, Miller, Reid, Rennie, Reynolds, Street, Walker; Moss and Stevenson (Tellers).

So it passed in the—*Negative*.

Notice of motion for next sitting was given by Mr. Brodie.

Message No. 9 (see page 82) considered, and the amendment therein recommended agreed to by the House, and ordered to be made in the Bill.

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

Mr. Brodie moved, and Mr. Grant seconded—"That this House do now adjourn :"—

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—

At the close of a lengthened Session, I have to congratulate you on the results of your labors, and to thank you for the consideration you have given to the various matters brought under your notice.

The Resolutions passed by you embrace subjects of considerable importance to the Province, and will receive the most careful attention during the recess.

I have

I have to thank you for the liberal supplies you have voted for the public service, which will be administered with a due regard to the wishes of the Council.

The following Bills which you have passed I now assent to on behalf of the Governor, namely :—

Superintendent's Indemnity Ordinance, No. 2, 1865.

Medical Practitioners' Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1865.

Roads Diversion Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1865.

Bridge Ordinance 1864 Amendment Ordinance, 1865.

Town and Country Police Ordinance Extension Ordinance, 1865.

An Ordinance to Repeal an Ordinance to Reserve from Sale certain Waste Lands of the Crown, and to set the same aside as a place for the Acclimatisation, Domestication, and Propagation of Animals, Birds, Fishes, and Insects.

Otago Roads Ordinance 1865 Extension and Amendment Ordinance 1865.

Licensing Ordinance 1865.

Fencing Ordinance 1856 Amendment Ordinance 1865.

Birds Protection Ordinance 1865.

The Turnpikes Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1865.

Education Reserves Ordinance 1865.

Sheep Ordinance 1856 Amendment Ordinance 1865.

Education Ordinance 1864 Amendment Ordinance 1865.

Otago Provincial Representation Ordinance 1864 Amendment Ordinance 1865.

An Ordinance to Amend the Otago Municipal Corporations Ordinance 1865.

Appropriation Ordinance 1865-6.

The following Bills which you have passed I now reserve for the signification of the Governor's pleasure thereon :—

Oamaru Reserves Bill 1865.

Oamaru Town Reserves Management Bill 1865.

Oamaru Mechanics' Institute Reserve Management Bill 1865.

Frankton Mill Reserves Bill 1865.

Roads Diversion Bill (No. 2), 1865.

Interpretation Bill 1865.

The Education Reserves Management and Leasing Bill 1865.

Otago Dock Trust Bill 1865.

Southern Trunk Railway Guaranteed Interest Bill 1865.

Dunedin Reserves Management Bill 1865.

Road Districts Loan Bill 1865.

I have now the pleasure to relieve you from your legislative duties, and declare this Council prorogued until Thursday, the 13th day of September, 1866.

THOMAS DICK,
Superintendent.

Jan. 5, 1866.

APPENDIX

TO

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

SESSION XXI., 1865-6.

LAND RESOLUTIONS, 1865.

(ADOPTED DECEMBER 20.)

WASTE LANDS BOARD CONSTITUTED.—POWERS DEFINED.

I. There shall be a Board of Commissioners to be called the "Waste Lands Board of the Province of Otago," and the said Board shall consist of one Chief Commissioner and of not less than two nor more than five other Commissioners, all of whom shall be appointed and be removable by warrant under the hand of the Superintendent. And the Chief Commissioner of the said Board shall be the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Otago, under the "Crown Lands Act, 1862."

II. The Salaries of the Commissioners and Officers of the Board, appointed by the Superintendent or by the Board, shall be paid by the Superintendent out of the revenues of the Province.

III. The Board shall have an office in Dunedin, at which office the Board shall sit.

IV. The Chief Commissioner, when present, and in his absence then some member selected by those present at any meeting of the Board, shall preside thereat, and shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote in all questions coming before the Board.

V. All questions coming before the Board shall be decided by a majority of the Commissioners present thereat.

VI. All meetings of the Board shall be attended by at least three Commissioners, and shall be open to the public.

VII. All business connected with the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands shall be transacted by the Board, subject however to the provision in the fifteenth section of this Act; * and every act, matter, or thing done by the Chief Commissioner shall be subject to revision by the Board, and the Board shall be empowered to disallow any such act, matter, or thing.

VIII. It shall be lawful for the Board, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, to create districts for the sale and disposal of land; and for the purposes of this Act such districts shall be called Land Districts, and wherever in this Act the term "district" is used it shall be taken to mean a Land District hereby constituted. And it shall be lawful for the Board to appoint offices at such places as may be most convenient for the sale and disposal of land within such districts, and also to appoint officers or other persons for conducting such sales, and for receiving applications for the sale, letting, disposal, or occupation of Waste Lands, and for generally carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

IX. Every application for the letting, purchasing, disposal, or occupation of Waste Lands, and all the routine business of the Board, shall be transacted by the Chief Commissioner, subject to such regulations as may be made by the Board in that behalf.

X. Every dispute and difference relating or incident to the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands, or to anything done under this Act, or to the interpretation or meaning thereof, shall be heard and determined by the Board at meetings of the Board.

XI. It shall be lawful for the Board, at its discretion, to charge and receive for the decision of any disputed question which it is authorised to determine by the provisions of this Act, a fee not exceeding five pounds, to be paid by the party against whom its decision shall be made, to be recovered in a summary way; and the Board may require such fee to be deposited by each party before entering on the question; and the fee deposited by the party in whose favor the decision shall be, shall, after the decision, be returned to him.

XII. The decision of the Board on all matters to be by it heard and determined, shall, subject to right of appeal to the Supreme Court, as hereinafter provided, be final and conclusive: Provided always that the Board may on the application of any person grant a re-hearing of any case decided by it, if it shall think that justice requires it; and on such re-hearing may reverse, alter, modify, or confirm any previous decision in the same case.

XIII.

* See Resolution IX

XIII. All applications for the purchase, leasing, occupation, or disposal of Waste Lands made before the coming into operation of this Act, under the Acts, Ordinances, and Regulations hereby repealed, to the Waste Lands Board constituted and established by such Acts, Ordinances, or Regulations, and not decided upon by such last-mentioned Waste Lands Board at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, and all matters, questions, disputes, and differences relating to or arising out of any such application, or any sale, lease, or license made or granted before the coming into operation of this Act under the said repealed Acts, Ordinances, and Regulations, and as to which the said last-mentioned Waste Lands Board has made no final decision, shall be decided upon and by the Board hereby constituted, according and subject to the provisions contained in such repealed Acts, Ordinances, and Regulations: And in the decision and determination of all such applications, matters, questions, disputes, and differences, the Board hereby constituted shall have the powers and authorities conferred on and vested in the Waste Lands Board established by the said repealed Acts, Ordinances, and Regulations, or any of them.

XIV. The Board shall keep a record of all its proceedings, in which shall be entered a full and particular account of all business transacted by it, and a minute of the opinion of the members of the said Board in cases where they differ; and which record shall be open to the inspection of any person, at all reasonable hours, on payment of a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each inspection.

XV. There shall also be kept in the office of the Board at Dunedin, in a convenient form for reference, every letter, application, report, and communication received thereat, and written therefrom, every order made by the Board and by the Chief Commissioner thereof, and a convenient index shall be made thereto, all of which shall be open to inspection by any person, at all reasonable times, on payment of a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each inspection.

XVI. It shall be lawful for the Chief Commissioner or the Board, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, to give any notice, make any claim or demand, and to make any entry, or to authorise any person to make any entry, which may be requisite or expedient to be given or made, by or on behalf of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, for the purpose of compelling any occupier of any part of the Waste Lands to quit, or deliver up the possession thereof, or to compel the performance of any contract in relation thereto, or to recover possession on non-performance of any contract, or to compel the payment of any sum of money which ought to be made in respect thereof, and do any other act, matter, or thing, which may be expedient on behalf of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, touching any of the said lands of the Crown, and every act, matter, or thing done, or authorised to be done, by the Board, or the Chief Commissioner, shall be deemed and taken to be done on behalf of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

XVII. It shall also be lawful for the Board, or for any person whom it shall for that purpose depute to make distress for any rent which shall be due, in arrear, or unpaid, from any lessee, tenant, or occupier of any of the Waste Lands, and the goods, chattels, and effects distrained, to impound, sell, and dispose of as in ordinary cases of rent in arrear.

XVIII. All rents, fees, assessments, purchase moneys, and other sums of money payable under the provisions of this Act shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue for the time being, unless otherwise herein expressly provided.

XIX. That a statement specifying the area and locality of all the surveyed lands of the Province (excepting Town and Village Lands) open for selection, be published and circulated upon the 1st day of every month, such statement to exhibit as near as may be the distance and direction of such lands from the nearest Town, Village, Navigable River, or Public Road, and to specify as near as may be the quality of the land, whether bush or open land, and if open, the distance from bush.

CLASSIFICATION OF WASTE LANDS.

XX. The Waste Lands shall be and are hereby divided into two classes as follows, viz. :—

1. *Town Land*—being the sites heretofore reserved, or which shall be hereafter reserved for Towns and Villages.
2. *Rural Land*—being lands not reserved for Towns or Villages, or other public purposes.

XXI. It shall be lawful for the Board, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, at any time, and from time to time, to declare by notice in the *Provincial Gazette*, that any land which may belong to either of the said classes shall thenceforth cease to belong to such class.

SALE OF TOWN LANDS.

XXII. All Town Lands, except as hereinafter provided, shall be sold by auction, according to the provisions hereinafter contained relating to sales by auction of Town Lands, and the upset price of allotments of such lands shall be fixed by the Board, subject to the approval of the Superintendent and his Executive Council: provided that it shall be lawful for the Board, if it should to the Board seem expedient so to do, to sell otherwise than by auction any sections of Town Land which, having been put up for sale by auction, have either been withdrawn from sale, or have not been sold from want of buyers; or which, having been sold at such auction, the purchasers have failed to complete their purchases. If the Board shall, under this proviso, sell any Town Lands otherwise than by auction, the price at which such lands shall be sold shall be such price as the Board shall determine, not being less than the highest sum bid for such lands at the auction held thereof; and if no bid has been made, then the price shall not be less than the price at which such lands were put up for sale at the auction held thereof.

XXIII. In all cases wherein parties shall apply by petition to the Board, setting forth the circumstances of their case, it shall be lawful for the Board, with approval of the Superintendent and Executive Council first obtained, to sell Town Land, except lands within the limits of the Towns of Dunedin and Port Chalmers, without exposing the same to auction, at such price as shall be fixed by the Board and approved of as aforesaid; such price not being less than the upset price if such land had been exposed to sale by auction.

XXIV.

XXIV. If any Trustees for any religious body shall so apply for liberty to purchase a site for a Church or other buildings for religious purposes in any Town, it shall be lawful for the Board, with the approval of the Superintendent and Executive Council first obtained, to sell to such Trustees for such purposes, not exceeding one acre of land in any Town without exposing the same to auction, at such prices as would have formed the upset price if the land had been exposed to sale by auction.

AUCTION OF TOWN LANDS.

XXV. The Board shall give notice of the time and place at which any auction of Town Lands is intended to be held, in which notice the allotments of land which shall then be offered for sale or lease shall be specified, and such notice shall be published in the *Provincial Gazette*, or a newspaper published in the Province, not more than three months nor less than one month before such auction shall take place.

XXVI. No such lands shall be included in any such notice unless the same shall have been previously surveyed and have been distinguished by an appropriate mark upon a map to be exhibited in the Waste Lands Office for public inspection during usual office hours.

XXVII. The land shall be offered for Sale by Auction by some person to be appointed for that purpose by the Board.

XXVIII. Immediate payment of one-tenth part of the purchase-money shall be a condition of every such sale by auction, and the remaining nine-tenths of the purchase-money shall be paid by the purchaser within one calendar month next after the time of such sale, otherwise the part of the purchase-money so paid by way of deposit, as aforesaid, shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land shall thenceforward be null and void.

SALE OF RURAL LANDS.

XXIX. All Rural Lands shall hereafter be open for sale or disposal, except such as at the time application is made for the purchase of the same, are leased or reserved for leasing, or included or comprised within any license to depasture stock, or reserved from sale by virtue of any power or authority in that behalf given by any Act, Ordinance, or Regulations, for the time being in force; but it shall be lawful for the Board, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, to reserve or withdraw from sale, or refuse to grant any application for any land, the sale or disposal of which may appear to them to be, or likely to be, prejudicial to the public interests.

XXX. The price at which Rural Land shall be offered for sale shall be twenty shillings per acre, and in the event of two or more applications for the same land being made on the same day, the upset price at which such land shall be put up at auction, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be twenty-shillings per acre: Provided always, that after the lands within any Hundred, either already proclaimed, or which shall be hereafter proclaimed under the provisions of this Act, shall have remained open for selection and sale for the full period of three years from the time of the same having been first open for selection and sale; the portion thereof remaining unsold after such period of three years may, with the sanction of the Superintendent and Provincial Council, be offered for sale by public auction to all bidders at the upset price of ten shillings per acre, upon the terms and under the provisions contained in Sections 53, 54, 55, and 56, of this Act.*

XXXI. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time, if he shall see fit, on the receipt of a recommendation to this effect from the Superintendent and the Provincial Council, to order that an augmentation or reduction shall be made in the price at which the Waste Lands shall be offered for sale, either by selection or auction, to such an amount as shall be expressed in the said recommendation; and from and after a date to be fixed in the Order in Council, the price shall be raised or reduced accordingly.

XXXII. Any person desirous of purchasing Rural Land shall make an application in writing for the purchase thereof, at the Land Office of the district in which the land applied for is, and in a form to be by the Board prescribed; and the decision of the Board on such application shall, if such land shall have been previously surveyed, be given within four days after such application has been received at the Land Office in Dunedin, if there be no more than one applicant for the same land on the same day. And if such land shall not have been previously surveyed, then such decision shall be given on such day as the Board shall appoint, not being more than six months from the receipt of the application; but in the event of two or more persons having made application for the same land on the same day, such land shall be put up for sale by public auction, open to all bidders, in the manner hereafter mentioned; and any application may, at the option of the applicant, be enclosed in a sealed cover, which shall not be opened till after the office hours on the day it is made.

XXXIII. No application for a less quantity than fifty acres of Rural Land shall, except as hereinafter provided, be granted by the Board, and the land specified in every such application shall, so far as the features of the country and the survey of the Province will admit, be of a rectangular form, and when fronting a river, lake, road, or coast, be of a depth not less than twice the length of the frontage: Provided always that the Board may divide any of the Waste Lands into blocks and sections, of any size, and offer the same for sale, and may also permit owners of lands desirous of making an addition to lands already purchased, to apply for and purchase adjoining lands of irregular shape and of small extent, if such purchase shall not unduly interfere with the advantageous division of adjoining land into convenient allotments.

XXXIV. When any land shall have been surveyed and mapped, and divided into blocks and sections, by the Board, no application shall be received for any less quantity than the whole of the land contained in any such section; subject, however, to the proviso contained in the *thirty-eighth* section of this Act, † whereby the purchase of small parcels of land is permitted to be made by owners of land adjoining thereto.

XXXV. The Board, as soon as conveniently may be after any application for unsurveyed land has been received, and within thirty days thereafter, shall inform the applicant whether the land applied for by him will be surveyed by the Board. If no more than one application shall have been received upon the same day for the land or any part of the land contained in any application, the Board may require the applicant to have the land surveyed

* See Resolutions XLIX, L, LI, and LII.

† See Resolution XXXIII.

surveyed at his own expense by a surveyor to be approved of in writing by the Board. Every survey made by such surveyor shall be approved of by the Board, before the applicant shall be declared the purchaser thereof, or of any part thereof.

XXXVI. When any applicant shall have had the land surveyed at his own expense, as aforesaid, he shall be entitled, if declared the purchaser, to an allowance at the rate of ten acres for every hundred acres surveyed and purchased, as compensation for the cost of survey.

XXXVII. Any person making application for any land, which at the time of making such application shall not have been surveyed, shall, at the time of making such application, deposit with the Board a sum of two shillings per acre, as the cost of the survey of such land, to be retained by the Board, and to go in reduction of the purchase-money of the land applied for, as hereinafter mentioned: provided, that if the Board shall determine that the survey shall be made at the expense of the applicant, the said deposit shall then be forthwith returned to the applicant; there shall also be deposited with the Board by the applicant, at the time of making the application, one-tenth part of the price of the land applied for, such price, but for the purposes of such deposit only, to be calculated at twenty shillings per acre, unless the price at which the Waste Lands may be offered for sale shall, at the time of such application have been augmented or reduced by the Governor, and in that case the price, for the purposes of such deposit, shall be calculated at the augmented or reduced price. If the applicant shall not pay to the Board the purchase-money of the land applied for at the time appointed by this Act or by the Board for that purpose, both the sums so deposited shall be forfeited. If the applicant shall upon the day so appointed pay the purchase-money of the land so applied for, he shall be entitled to have such deposits deducted therefrom, and returned to him.

XXXVIII. Every survey to be performed at the expense of an applicant shall be completed and delivered at the Waste Lands Office within four months after the day on which his application was received; and in default thereof, it shall be lawful for the Board either to have the land surveyed and declare the applicant the purchaser of the land, or to retain and declare forfeited the said tenth part of the price of the land deposited by such applicant at the time of making his application.

XXXIX. Notwithstanding that the Board may have received such application for unsurveyed land, and have decided to have the survey made, and have required to have the survey made at the applicant's expense, it shall be lawful for the Board, if it shall by the Board be deemed prejudicial to public interest, to grant the application either as to the whole or to any part of the land applied for, to refuse to grant the application, either as to the whole or as to part of the land, and to return the moneys deposited for survey and on account of purchase-money, or such part thereof as has been deposited on account of the portion of land applied for and not granted; and if the survey shall have been made at the expense of the applicant, the Board shall repay to such applicant the expenses of the survey of the land, or such part of the whole expense of the survey as the quantity of land applied for and not granted is proportionate to the quantity of land surveyed.

XL. Where no more than one such application shall have been made for the same Rural Land on the same day, and the Board shall have decided that the land shall be sold, and shall have declared such applicant to be the purchaser thereof, then such applicant shall, if the application be for land previously surveyed, pay to the Receiver of Land Revenue the purchase-money of the land applied for, immediately on his being declared the purchaser thereof. If the application be for land not previously surveyed, then the applicant shall pay to the Receiver of Land Revenue the purchase-money thereof within fourteen days after a notification shall have been published in the *Provincial Government Gazette* and sent by post to the applicant, that the applicant has been declared the purchaser; and if in either case the purchase-money is not paid at the time hereby fixed, such application shall be deemed withdrawn, cancelled, and void.

XLI. In the event of two or more persons making application for the same land on the same day, the said land shall be offered for sale by public auction, open to all bidders, at such time and place as the Board shall appoint, and in the manner hereinafter provided relating to sales by auction of land and leases of land.

XLII. It shall be lawful for the said Board, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, to receive and grant applications for the purchase of any Rural Land upon which timber may be standing, in such quantities as the Board shall see fit, and subject in all other respects to the provisions herein contained relating to ordinary Rural Land.

XLIII. Whereas it is possible that applications may be made for the purchase of unsurveyed Waste Lands in remote parts of the Province, and it might happen that if applications for such lands were not specially provided for, that the cost of the survey of such land might be greatly disproportionate to the price obtained as the purchase-money thereof: Be it therefore enacted that when any application shall be made for the purchase of any Rural Waste Lands which the Board shall, upon such application being made, decide to be situate so far from the settled districts of the Province, that the cost of the survey of such lands would be greatly in excess of two shillings per acre, it shall be lawful for the Board, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, to refuse, on the ground of its remote situation, to grant such application, and thereupon such application shall be deemed to be absolutely refused: but, if in such case, only one application shall have been made on the same day for the same land, and if the applicant, within fourteen days after such refusal shall have been signified to him, do deposit with the Board such sum of money as the Board may estimate to be the probable cost of the survey of such lands, it shall be lawful for the Board to cause a survey of the lands so applied for to be made, and to grant the application either as to the whole land applied for, or to such part thereof as the Board may determine: provided, that in such case, if the whole land applied for is granted, the sum to be deducted from the purchase-money as the expenses of the said survey shall be the actual cost of the survey, if it do not exceed two shillings per acre of the land granted, or shall be two shillings per acre, if the cost of the Survey amount to two shillings per acre, or exceed two shillings per acre, the difference between the actual cost of the survey and the sum of two shillings per acre shall, if the cost of the survey exceed two shillings per acre of the land granted, be borne by the applicant. If part only of the land applied for is granted, the sum to be deducted from the purchase-money of the land granted, as the cost of the survey, shall be either a sum not exceeding two shillings per acre of the whole land applied for and surveyed, or shall be the actual cost of the survey of the whole land applied for or surveyed, whichever sum shall be the less.

XLIV. If any person shall contract with the Superintendent to make and complete within a given time any public road, bridge, or drain, or any part of any such road, bridge, or drain, furnishing such security as the Superintendent may require for the due completion of such contract, and shall select such portion of rural land, whether or not such land shall have been included within a Hundred, as he shall be willing to accept by way of payment or compensation, or by way of part payment or compensation, for such work, such person shall, on the completion of such contract, be entitled to a free grant of such land, or so much thereof as the Board shall adjudge, not exceeding one acre for every one pound sterling which the Superintendent shall certify to the Waste Lands Board to be the *bona fide* value of the work so done by such person, according to the prices for work and materials at the time of performing such contract, current in the district: provided that such selection shall be made within Hundreds or in Blocks in the interior, to be reserved for payment of such contract: Provided also that no greater amount of land than 250 acres shall, under the provisions of this clause, be granted to any person under any such contract, unless in payment of work for which a vote has been passed by the Provincial Council; and that no greater amount of land than 1000 acres in the aggregate shall, in any one year, be granted under the provisions of this clause, without the special sanction of the Provincial Council.

LEASES OF MINERAL LANDS.

XLV. It shall be lawful for the Board, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, to grant to any person applying for the same a lease of land containing or supposed to contain minerals, or possessing or supposed to possess any special value, upon the following terms and conditions, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board shall deem necessary:—

1. That the lease shall comprise so much land, not being more than eighty acres, as shall, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary for the efficient working of the minerals, or the beneficial use of the land supposed to possess special value.
2. The term to be granted shall be any number of years, not to exceed twenty-one, at the option of the Lessee.
3. That in all leases a money rent be reserved.
4. That the lease may contain any or all of the following clauses: 1.—For securing payment of the royalty or rent. 2.—For enabling some person on behalf of the Lessor to enter and examine the mine. 3.—For securing the regular, proper, and efficient mining and working of the minerals. 4.—For making void the lease on breach by the Lessee of the covenants therein contained. 5.—For delivering up the property at the termination of the lease in good tenantable repair. 6.—For enabling the Lessee to abandon the working of the minerals whenever he shall find the same unprofitable to work, and to surrender the lease.

XLVI. Every application for lease shall be sent in by the applicant to the Land Office, in Dunedin, in a form to be prescribed by the Board; and it shall be lawful for the Board either to grant or refuse the lease, or put the lease of the land up to auction, and in the event of an auction taking place, the upset price for any lease not exceeding the term of twenty-one years, at a rent to be fixed by the Board.

XLVII. The land comprised in any lease may, at the request of the lessee, at any time after an occupation of three years, be put up to sale by auction, subject to the lease thereof already granted, at an upset price to be fixed by the Board, with the concurrence of the Superintendent and his Executive Council.

XLVIII. Every applicant for any such lease shall furnish to the Board, within a time to be fixed by the Board after the application shall have been agreed to, a description of the land to be leased; with a plan, which shall be made and prepared by a surveyor, to be approved of by the said Board, at the expense of the applicant.

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO SALES AND LEASES OF RURAL AND MINERAL LANDS.

XLIX. The Board shall give such notice of the time and place at which any auction of Rural Land, or of any lease of Rural or Mineral Lands is intended to be held, as shall be by it determined, in which notice the allotments of land which shall then be offered for sale shall be specified, and such notice shall be published in the *Provincial Gazette*, or a local newspaper, not more than three, nor less than one, month before such auction shall take place.

L. No land shall be included in any such notice unless the same shall have been previously surveyed, and have been distinguished by an appropriate mark on a Map, to be exhibited in the Office, in Dunedin, and in the District Land Office, if the land be situate in any land district, for public inspection, during the usual office hours.

LI. The land shall be offered by auction by some person to be appointed for that purpose by the Board, and at such place in Dunedin or elsewhere as the Board may deem most convenient.

LII. Immediate payment of one-tenth part of the purchase-money shall be a condition of every sale by auction of Rural or Mineral Lands, or of leases thereof, and the remaining nine-tenths of the purchase-money shall be paid by the purchaser within one calendar month next after the time of such sale, otherwise the part of the money so paid by way of deposit as aforesaid shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land shall thenceforth be null and void.

LIII. If any land surveyed at the expense of any applicant for a lease thereof be afterwards put up for sale by auction, and be sold to some other person than the original applicant, the purchaser shall, in addition to the amount bid for the same at the sale, pay to the Board, for the purpose of being paid over to the original applicant as the cost of the survey, such sum as the Board may determine; and before the auction shall commence, such sum shall be publicly declared.

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LIV. When land unsurveyed at the time of application is sold by auction, the aforesaid deposit of two shillings per acre, paid to the Board by the applicants for such land, shall be returned to the applicants who have made the deposit, except such one as is declared the highest bidder and purchaser.

RESERVES.

LV. It shall be lawful for the Board at any time, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, by resolution published in the *Provincial Gazette*, to reserve and set aside for any purpose of public profit, advantage, utility, convenience, or enjoyment, any Waste Land, although under license or lease, or under application for sale, lease, or license, and such reserve shall be dealt with by Ordinance of the Superintendent and Provincial Council, and shall be subject to the "Public Reserves Act, 1854," and the "Public Reserves Act Amendment Act, 1862."

LVI. A full and complete description of every such Reserve made by the Board, and of the purposes to which it shall have been dedicated, shall as soon as possible, after it shall have been made, be published in the *Provincial Gazette*, and set forth on the authenticated Maps in the Land Office.

LEASE OR SALE OF LANDS OF SPECIAL VALUE.

LVII. It shall at any time be lawful for the Board, with the consent of the Superintendent and his Executive Council, to offer for sale by auction, or to dispose of by lease in any manner, and subject to such terms and conditions, and at such price as the Board may think fit, any land which may be deemed to possess special value.

ISSUE OF CROWN GRANTS OF TOWN AND RURAL LANDS; ISSUE AND FORMS OF LEASES OF MINERAL LANDS, AND LANDS HAVING SPECIAL VALUE.

LVIII. As soon as conveniently may be, after the payment of the purchase-money of Town or Rural Waste Lands, of which the fee-simple has been sold by the Board, the purchaser shall be entitled to receive a grant from the Crown in fee-simple of the land of which he shall have been declared the purchaser; and on the delivery of such grant there shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue a fee of one pound.

LIX. As soon as conveniently may be, after it has been determined to grant any application made under any of the provisions hereinbefore contained for a Lease of Mineral Lands or lands having a special value, and as soon as conveniently may be, after any person has been declared the purchaser of any such Lease of Mineral or other Lands, the Board shall, if payment has been duly made of all such sums of money as are hereinbefore made payable as deposit-money, purchase-money, or rent in advance, issue and deliver to the applicant or purchaser, as the case may be, a Lease in a form to be by the Board prescribed; and on the delivery of such Lease there shall be paid to the Receiver of Land Revenue by the applicant or purchaser a fee of £5.

LX. As to all Rural Lands sold under the Land Regulations 1856, before the coming into operation of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, No. 2, 1863," the holder of any certificate of occupation of any such lands granted under the said Regulations shall, as soon as conveniently after the coming into operation of this Act, be entitled to receive a grant from the Crown in fee-simple thereof, whether the improvements entitling to a Crown Grant shall have been effected or not. And in case such improvements shall not be effected, neither the original purchaser or any other person whomsoever shall be bound to make any such improvements, anything in the said Land Regulations to the contrary notwithstanding. And every such Crown Grant shall bear date on the day when the person therein named as Grantee first became entitled to such grant, and shall be of the same force and validity as if it had been sealed on the day on which it shall be so dated, and shall be issued in the name of the person or persons who shall be the holder or holders of the certificate of occupation thereof at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, though such person or persons may in the meantime have died, or transferred his or their interest.

LXI. As to all Rural Lands sold under the Land Regulations 1856, after the coming into operation of the "Otago Waste Lands Act, No. 2, 1863," on which the improvements entitling to a Crown Grant have not at the time of the coming into operation of this Act been made, the tax imposed on such lands under the said Act shall cease to be payable immediately after the coming into operation of this Act, and anything in the said Act or in any Crown Grant issued, subject to the provisions thereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the said tax shall from thenceforth cease to be payable in respect to such lands.

LEASES OF PASTORAL LANDS OUTSIDE OF HUNDREDS.

LXII. That every holder of a License to occupy Waste Lands for Depasturing purposes granted under the "Land Regulations, 1856," may at any time within six months after the coming into operation of the Act to be based on these Resolutions elect to surrender such license, and receive from the Board a license under the said Act of the lands held thereunder. And upon receiving from any licensee a notice in writing of his election to surrender his license, and to come under the provisions of the said Act, the Board shall cancel such license, and shall grant him a license under the said Act for the occupation of the lands held under the former license, for the purpose of depasturing stock thereon for the remainder of the term which was unexpired at the time of the cancellation of such former license, at a rent payable annually in advance, on the first day of October in every year, of 7d. for every head of sheep, and 3s. 6d. for every head of great cattle, which shall be actually depasturing on such Run; such rent to be taken and calculated in each and every year upon the number of sheep shewn in the Annual Return furnished by the owner of such Run, under the provisions of the seventh section of the "Sheep Ordinance, 1856." And the Board shall offer to every such licensee who shall apply for and obtain a license under the said Act, a lease subject to the annual rent and the conditions hereinafter mentioned, and for a term of ten years from the granting thereof of the Waste Lands held under such license; and such offer shall be made by the Board at any time not being earlier than the commencement of the last eighteen months, and not later than the commencement of the last twelve months of the period for which such license shall have been granted; and the offer shall be made to the original holder or licensee, unless the license shall have been transferred to some other person

* See Resolution LXV.

person by consent of the Board; and if such license shall have been so transferred, then such offer shall be made to the last person to whom the license shall have been transferred before the commencement of the said period of eighteen months by consent of such Board, or to the legal personal representatives of such person: Provided always that no licensee of any existing Run who shall neglect or fail to apply for and obtain a license under this clause, shall be entitled to receive a lease hereunder; but a lease or leases of the lands held by every such licensee so failing as aforesaid, shall be put up for sale by public auction in manner provided in clause 79,* in the same manner as if such licensee had applied for and obtained a license under this clause, and had failed to signify his acceptance of the offer of a lease for three months after an offer had been made him by the Board.

LXIII. The Superintendent shall at any time, and from time to time, appoint such and so many properly qualified persons to be Assessors of Pastoral Lands as he shall think fit, and shall fix and determine the salaries or remuneration to be paid to such persons; and it shall be lawful for the Superintendent at any time to remove such persons and appoint others in their place, and such persons shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Superintendent: provided that no appointment of an Assessor made by the Superintendent, and no act by the Superintendent, done under the powers conferred by this section, shall have any force or validity until confirmed by the Provincial Council.

LXIV. Before the Board shall offer as aforesaid any such lease of lands held under any such license for depasturing purposes, existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, the number of sheep and great cattle respectively which such lands are capable of carrying shall be estimated by one of the Assessors appointed as aforesaid, and the estimate of such Assessor shall be communicated to the person to whom such offer is made at the time of making the offer; and every such lease shall be offered and granted, subject to the payment of a rent or rate, payable annually in advance, of sevenpence for every head of sheep, and three shillings and sixpence for every head of great cattle which may be depastured on the said lands during the year: provided always that if the Board are satisfied that any Run has remained understocked for a period of twelve months, then the Board may appoint Assessors to assess such Run, and to fix the rental according to the carrying capacity.

LXV. Should any holder of any such license for depasturing purposes, existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, to whom any such offer of a lease shall have been made by the Board, not signify in writing to the Board his acceptance of such offer within three calendar months after the offer shall have been made to him, the Board shall cause a lease or leases of the lands held under such license, or such part thereof as the Board shall determine, to be offered for sale by public auction, for the same term and at the same rental as offered to such licensee, subject to such conditions for payment of deposit and purchase-money and otherwise as the Board shall determine; and such lease shall be sold to the highest bidder. If no sale of any such lease is effected at such assessed rental, or at a premium upon the same, it shall be lawful for the Board to offer at public auction for sale a lease or leases of the lands contained in any such license, or any part or parts thereof, in any quantities, and at such annual rental or rentals, as the Board shall determine.

LXVI. The rents payable for the occupation of Pastoral Lands, whether the leases be sold by auction or granted to the holders of depasturing licenses, shall be payable annually and in advance; and in every sale by auction of a lease of Pastoral Lands, a deposit of ten pounds per centum of the annual rent and of the premium shall be paid immediately by the person declared the purchaser, and if the purchaser shall not on the day appointed by the Board for the purpose pay the balance of the first year's rent, and the premiums, if any, at which the lease was sold, the deposit shall be absolutely forfeited, and it shall be lawful for the Board again to put up for sale by auction a lease of the lands.

LXVII. It shall be lawful for the Board to grant leases for the purpose of depasturing cattle on Waste Lands situate outside the boundaries of proclaimed Hundreds, the licenses or leases of which have expired or been cancelled, and of which no lease has been granted or sold under the provisions hereinbefore contained, or of which no license or lease exists; such lease shall be for such term as the Board shall in each case determine, not exceeding a term of ten years, and shall be granted at such annual rent, and subject to such terms and conditions as are hereinafter mentioned.

LXVIII. Any person requiring a lease of any such last-mentioned Waste Lands, shall lodge with the Board a description of the lands of which he requires a lease, as near as may be in the form contained in the second Schedule hereto annexed,* shewing the acreage or supposed acreage of such lands, together with a tracing of the lands applied for; and the applicant shall at the time of lodging such description pay to the Board a cash deposit according to the following scale, namely:—

Five pounds for a lease of lands described as under three thousand acres.

Ten pounds for a lease of lands described as under six thousand acres.

Fifteen pounds for a lease of lands described as under ten thousand acres.

Thirty pounds for a lease of lands described as under twenty thousand acres.

Fifty pounds for a lease of lands described as under thirty thousand acres.

Seventy pounds for a lease of lands described as under forty thousand acres.

And in the event of the application for the lease not being granted by the Board, such deposit shall be returned to the applicant.

LXIX. If no objections exist to a lease being granted of any such last-mentioned Waste Lands so applied for, the Board shall cause an estimate to be made by one of the said Assessors of the carrying capacities of the lands applied for, and shall within three months from the receipt of such application, inform the applicant of the estimate so made by such Assessor, and of the term for and during which the Board is willing to grant a lease of the

* Schedule struck out in Committee.

the lands so applied for ; and shall also notify in the *Provincial Gazette* that a lease of the Waste Lands specified in the application has been applied for, and the Board shall at the same time publish in the *Provincial Gazette*, and in such manner as the Board shall think fit, a description of the lands applied for, and the name of the person applying for such lease.

LXX. Any person desiring to object to the grant of any such lease, may do so by lodging with the Board, within three months after the first publication in the *Provincial Gazette* of the said application, a statement in writing of the grounds of his objection, and no objection made after the said period of three months shall be entertained by the Board.

LXXI. The Board shall, for the hearing and determining of any objections duly made within the prescribed time, appoint a day, and shall give notice to the parties objecting and to the applicant of such appointment, by publication in the *Gazette*, and in such other manner as the Board shall determine.

LXXII. If the Board, notwithstanding any such objection, shall determine to grant to the applicant the lease of the lands applied for by him, the Board shall, as soon as practicable after it shall have determined to grant such lease, furnish to the applicant a lease of the lands applied for by him, or of such part thereof as the Board shall have determined to grant, subject to the following rent, terms, and conditions :—

1. The term, which shall be for such period as the Board shall determine, not exceeding ten years.
2. A rent for the lands comprised in every such lease shall be payable by the lessee or transferee of the lease annually in advance, at the rate of sevenpence for every head of sheep and three shillings and sixpence for every head of great cattle, which the lands comprised in the lease, according to the estimate made by such Assessors as aforesaid, under the provision contained in the 78th section of this Act,* shall be capable of carrying.

LXXIII. Notwithstanding an application may have been made under the provisions hereinbefore contained, for a lease of any such last-mentioned Waste Lands, and no objection made to the grant thereof, it shall be lawful for the Board to refuse the application if it shall appear to the Board expedient to do so, and either decline to lease the lands applied for, or to put up for sale at public auction, open to all bidders, a lease of the lands applied for ; and every such lease so put up for sale, shall be for the term and subject to the conditions contained in the 82nd section of this Act.†

LXXIV. It shall be lawful for the Board to offer to any person who shall be the holder of a lease granted under this Act of Pastoral Lands situate outside the boundaries of proclaimed Hundreds, a renewal of the lease of such lands, or such part thereof as the Board shall determine, at the annual rent hereinafter provided, and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter provided, and for such term as the Board shall determine, not exceeding a term of ten years from the expiration of such lease. The Board shall make such offer at any time, not being earlier than the commencement of the last eighteen months, and not later than the commencement of the last twelve months, of the term of such lease proposed to be renewed ; and the offer shall be made to the lessee, unless such lease shall have been transferred to some other person by consent of the Board ; and if such lease shall have been transferred, then such offer shall be made to the last person to whom the lease shall have been transferred before the commencement of the said period of twelve months by consent of the Board, or to the legal personal representatives of such person, provided that the Board shall only once renew any such lease.

LXXV. Before the Board shall offer as aforesaid a renewal of any such lease as aforesaid of Pastoral Lands granted hereunder, the number of sheep and great cattle respectively which such lands shall at the time of such offer be capable of carrying shall be estimated by one of the Assessors appointed as aforesaid, and the estimate of such Assessor shall be communicated to the person to whom such offer is made at the time of making such offer, and every such renewed lease shall be offered and granted subject to the payment of a rent or rate, payable annually in advance, of sevenpence for every head of sheep and three shillings and sixpence for every head of great cattle, which the lands to be held under such renewed lease shall have been estimated by such Assessor to be capable of carrying, or at such other increased rent as may by any Act of the General Assembly hereafter passed be prescribed ; and should the holder of any lease granted hereunder, to whom any such offer of a renewed lease shall have been made, fail to signify in writing to the Board his acceptance of such offer within three calendar months after the offer shall have been made to him, it shall be lawful for the Board to cause a lease of the lands held under such lease to be put up for sale by public auction, in the manner and subject to the same terms and conditions as are provided in the 79th and 80th sections of this Act,‡ with reference to sales of leases of lands held under license for depasturing purposes. And the Board shall appoint one of the said Assessors to value the improvements, consisting of necessary buildings, and of plantations, fences, ditches for draining, made and being on the lands held under any lease of Pastoral Lands granted hereunder of which the holder has not accepted a renewal ; such valuation shall in no case exceed three times the amount of the average annual rent paid under the expiring lease during the term thereof ; and the amount of such valuation shall be added to the price at which the renewed lease shall have been sold, and shall be paid by the in-coming tenant to the Board, and the Board shall pay over the same to the person who, at the expiration of the old lease, was the lessee or transferee and holder of such lease. And if there be no sale by auction of a new lease of the lands on which such valued improvements are, and if after the expiration of the old lease any person shall apply for and obtain a lease of the lands on which the improvements are, such applicant shall pay as valuation for such improvements to the Board, and the Board shall pay over to the person who at the expiration of the old lease was the holder thereof, such sum of money as the Assessor appointed to make such valuation shall decide : provided always that no lessee shall have any claim for valuation or compensation for or on account of any such improvements against the Crown or the Board ; but when and so soon

* See Resolution LXIV.

† See Resolution LXVII.

‡ See Resolutions LXV. and LXVI.

soon as any sum of money shall be received by the Board from any new lessee in payment for such improvements, such sum shall be paid over by the Board to the person who at the expiration of the old lease was the holder thereof.

LXXXVI. The beneficial interest in any lease of Pastoral Lands granted hereunder may at any time after the grant of such lease be transferred by the lessee or the transferee thereof. In order to render such transfer valid, it shall be necessary that all the conditions upon which the lease was granted shall have been complied with as to payment of rent or otherwise, and that notice shall have been given to the Board of such transfer within one month after such transfer shall have been made and recorded by the Board.

LXXXVII. If at any time during the currency of any Pastoral Lease granted hereunder, the annual rent payable in respect thereof shall not have been paid by the holder of such lease in the manner and at the time required by this Act, then and in that case the said lease shall cease and determine, and the Board shall thereupon be empowered to notify in the *Provincial Gazette* the forfeiture of such lease, and to let the land comprised in such lease by public auction to the highest bidder for the residue of the term, subject to the provisions of this Act.

LXXXVIII. If at any time during the currency of any lease of Pastoral Lands granted under the provisions of this Act, the lands comprised in such lease or any part thereof shall be included within the boundaries of any Hundred proclaimed by the Governor, such lease shall cease and determine as to so much of the lands as shall be included within such boundaries from and after a day to be named in the Proclamation by which such Hundred shall be constituted: provided that no portion of the land as to which such lease shall have so ceased, and on which a homestead shall have been erected or improvements made, shall be offered for sale until the offer of purchasing such land shall have been made to the holder of the lease at the upset price of one pound per acre, but such leaseholder shall not be entitled under this provision to purchase a larger block than eighty acres containing his homestead: provided also that the leaseholder shall receive compensation for improvements made by him on all land without the boundaries of the said eighty acres included in such Hundred; such compensation to be assessed in like manner, and under the like conditions, as are prescribed in the cases provided for by section 90 of this Act.*

LXXXIX. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to give any licensee, or lessee, or applicant for a lease, any right or claim to have a lease or renewal of lease of Pastoral Lands granted to him at the annual rent of sevenpence per head for every head of sheep and three shillings and sixpence for every head of great cattle, which the lands have been estimated by an Assessor to be capable of carrying, if there shall hereafter be passed any Act providing for any augmentation of the rent at which such leases or renewal of leases may be granted by the Board.

LXXX. During the currency or term of any lease of Pastoral Lands situate outside the boundaries of any Hundred granted under this Act, if the terms and conditions of such lease, and the provisions herein contained, be, and continue to be, duly performed and complied with; and if no hundred be proclaimed including such lands, the lands comprised in such lease shall not be liable to be sold without the consent of the holder of such lease: provided, however, that it shall be lawful for the Board, with the consent of the Superintendent, notwithstanding any lease to reserve for any purpose of public profit, advantage, convenience, or enjoyment, any part of such lands comprised in any such lease, and thereupon the lease as to such Reserves shall cease and determine, and the rent be reduced proportionately; the amount of such reduction shall be determined by the Board.

LXXXI. It shall be lawful for the Superintendent to authorise the Board to refuse to grant leases for Pastoral purposes of any Waste Lands which he may deem it inexpedient to lease, or of any Waste Lands within any District, the boundaries of which he shall, by proclamation in the *Provincial Gazette*, at any time, and from time to time, determine.

LXXXII. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to alter or in any way affect the power of the Governor from time to time to proclaim Hundreds.

LXXXIII. As to all Hundreds proclaimed, or to be proclaimed, by the Governor at any time after the coming into operation of the "Otago Waste Land Act, 1863 (No. 1)," the right of pasturage over any such lands as at the time of such proclamation were or shall be held under lease or license for depasturing purposes, and have been or shall be by such proclamation included within such Hundred, shall remain with the leaseholder or licenseholder until the appointment of Wardens for such Hundreds, by the persons to whom licenses shall be granted, as provided by section 101 of this Act.†

LXXXIV. All leases of Pastoral Lands granted under the provisions of this Act shall be in a form to be by the Board prescribed, and for every such lease there shall be paid, upon the delivery thereof, a fee of ten pounds, and a fee of ten pounds on any notice of transfer of any lease being given to the Board; failing which, such notice of transfer shall not be received by the Board or recorded. No such lease shall be held to preclude miners from prospecting for gold over any of the land comprised therein, although the same may not be within the limits of a proclaimed Gold Field.

MANAGEMENT OF CROWN LANDS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF A HUNDRED.

LXXXV. The Waste Lands within Hundreds already proclaimed, or which may hereafter be proclaimed, by the Governor, shall be managed and regulated solely under and in accordance with the provisions herein contained; and subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained, the rights of pasturage on Waste Lands in any such Hundred and the apportionment of the same shall be exercised and enjoyed exclusively by the persons who shall take out a depasturing License, as hereinafter provided, being pensioners enrolled for service in New Zealand, or persons of the Native race, or half-castes respectively, or others occupying land within the Hundred, with the permission of the Government or of the Board.

LXXXVI. A depasturing License shall be granted to every such occupant who shall apply for the same to the Board

* See Resolution LXXXV.

† See Resolution LXXXVI.

Board on or before the first day of January in each year, provided that he shall have deposited with the said Board a Return in the form of the third Schedule hereunto annexed † of the number of acres occupied by him as aforesaid.

LXXXVII. Every such license shall commence and take effect on the first day of January, and shall continue in force one year.

LXXXVIII. For every such license there shall be paid to the Board the sum of ten shillings.

LXXXIX. As soon as conveniently may be after the first day of January in each year, the said Board shall publish in the *Provincial Gazette* a list of the persons to whom, and the names of the Hundreds, in respect of which such licenses shall have been granted, and at the same time and in like manner the said Board shall call a meeting of such persons in each Hundred for the purpose of electing from amongst themselves, by a majority of votes, any number of persons to act as Wardens, not being less than three, as the said Board shall in such notice direct and appoint; and such persons shall continue in office until the election of their successors, and shall have the regulation and apportionment of the right of pasturage within the Hundred for the then current year, or until some other regulation and apportionment thereof shall be lawfully made in that behalf.

XC. The persons whose names shall be comprised in such lists shall have the exclusive right of pasturage on the Waste Lands within the Hundred in respect of which they shall hold such license.

XCI. At every meeting to be held for the election of Wardens, a person appointed by the Board shall preside; and in case of an equality of votes at any such election, such person shall have a casting vote.

XCII. In the event of the death, resignation, or refusal to act, of any of the persons so elected as aforesaid, the vacancy shall be filled up by an election, to be conducted in manner hereinbefore provided.

XCIII. It shall be lawful for the Wardens at any time, within two calendar months after their election, to compute the quantity of Cattle capable of being depastured on the Waste Lands within the Hundred, to determine the description of cattle to be depastured thereon, and to apportion the number of great cattle and small cattle which may be depastured for the then current year by each person holding such license as aforesaid.

XCIV. The regulations so to be made shall be agreed to by a majority of the Wardens, and a copy of the same under their hands shall, as soon as conveniently may be, be furnished to the Board for publication in the *Provincial Gazette*.

XCV. In case the Wardens shall neglect to make such Regulations within the period aforesaid, all the powers hereinbefore given to such Wardens shall be held and exercised by the Board.

XCVI. For the purpose of providing for the safety of the cattle to be depastured within any Hundred, for improving the Common Lands, for preventing the intrusion and the depasturing thereon of cattle belonging to or under the charge of any unlicensed person, it shall be lawful for the Wardens, or a majority of them, from time to time, to make such bye-laws (not being repugnant hereto) as to them may seem meet, and by such bye-laws to impose any fine not exceeding five pounds, to be recovered in a summary way, upon any person offending against the same; and such bye-laws shall extend and be applicable not only to persons to whom such licenses as aforesaid may have been issued, but to persons to whom no such licenses shall have been issued, and to all unenclosed lands situated within the limits of the Hundred: provided always that no such bye-laws shall come into operation until they shall have received the assent of the Board.

XCVII. It shall be lawful for the Wardens of any Hundred, or the majority of them, to authorise the transfer of any such license as aforesaid from the person to whom the same may have been issued to any other person being an occupant of land as aforesaid, situated within the limits of the Hundred, in respect of which such license may have been originally issued: provided also that the notice of such transfer shall be given to the Board.

XCVIII. It shall also be lawful for the Board to issue such depasturing licenses as aforesaid on payment of a fee of 10s. at any time for the remaining portion of the then current year.

XCIX. For the purpose of providing the means for carrying into effect all or any of the powers hereby given to the Wardens of any such Hundred, and defraying the expenses incident thereto in the erection and maintenance of Pounds, the appointment of Rangers or other officers, or otherwise, it shall be lawful for such Wardens, if they shall deem it expedient so to do, to levy and raise for the then current year, for and in respect of all cattle depastured on the Waste Lands within the Hundred an assessment not exceeding—

For every head of Great Cattle, 5s.

For every head of Small Cattle, 1s.

To be paid by the person depasturing such cattle at the time and in manner to be appointed by the Wardens imposing any such assessment.

C. In case any person liable for the payment of any such assessment shall neglect or refuse to pay the amount due in respect thereof, it shall be lawful for the Wardens, or any two of them, to issue a warrant under their hands, directed to some constable, to levy the amount so due by distress and sale of a sufficient part of the cattle and other goods and chattels of the party liable in like manner as in case of rent in arrear between landlord and tenant.

CI. Within one calendar month after the election of the Wardens for any Hundred, the Board shall pay over to any person such Wardens may appoint for that purpose, all moneys that it shall have received for licenses in such Hundred, which sums shall be applicable under the direction of the Wardens to all or any of such purposes as the assessment they are authorised to levy may be applied.

CII. The

† Schedule struck out in Committee.

CII. The Wardens shall in a book to be kept by them for that purpose, enter true accounts of all sums of money by them received and paid under the authority of this Act; and at the close of the year for which they shall have been elected, the said Wardens shall furnish a copy of such book to the Board, for publication in the *Provincial Gazette*, and shall pay over to the Wardens for the ensuing year the balance of such moneys (if any) remaining in their hands, and shall conform to and observe all such Rules and Regulations as may from time to time be made by the Board for securing the due application of the moneys to be raised under the authority hereof.

CIII. If any person, not being so licensed as aforesaid, shall depasture any cattle on the common Waste Lands within any Hundred, or being so licensed, shall depasture on such Waste Lands as aforesaid, a greater number of cattle than shall have been apportioned to him, every such person shall be liable to the same penalties and proceedings as are hereinafter provided for the unlawful occupation of Crown Lands.

CIV. If any cattle shall be found unlawfully trespassing upon any lands or public roads within the limits of a Hundred, whether such lands shall be the property of the Crown, or shall belong to any private person, and whether such lands shall be fenced or not, it shall be lawful for any of the Wardens of such Hundred, or for any person authorised by them, to impound the cattle so trespassing in any public Pound, to be dealt with according to law, as if such cattle had been found trespassing on fenced lands, the private property of such Wardens, and the owner of such cattle shall be liable to pay to the Wardens the same damages as if such cattle had trespassed on fenced land, the property of the Wardens.

OCCUPATION LICENSES FOR CUTTING TIMBER AND OTHER PURPOSES.

CV. It shall be lawful for the Board to issue licenses, in forms to be by the Board prescribed, authorising the holders to occupy, for any period not exceeding seven years from the granting thereof, so much of the Waste Lands of the Crown as shall be specified therein, for any of the undermentioned purposes, namely:—

- Cutting and felling of Timber.
- Raising of Lignite or Coal.
- Removal of Clay for Bricks or Pottery.
- Removal of Sand, Gravel, or Stone.
- Working of Quarries.
- Sites for Saw Mills, Flour Mills
- " Tanneries, Fellmongers' Yards.
- " Slaughter Yards, Brick Kilns.
- " Potteries, Ferries, Jetties.
- Sites in thinly inhabited districts for Inns and Accommodation Houses.

and generally such other purposes as may be decided by the Board to come within the scope and intention of this Section: provided that the licenses hereby authorised to be granted shall not in the case of Inns and Accommodation Houses authorise the sale of fermented or spirituous liquors. For such purposes the law in force regulating the sale of fermented or spirituous liquors shall not be affected hereby.

CVI. Every such license shall be drawn so as to expire on the last day in each year, and for licenses granted after the first day of July in any year, one-half of the fee hereafter mentioned only shall be paid.

CVII. The fee chargeable for every such license shall be fixed by the Board.

CVIII. The Board shall determine the extent of land to which such license shall give a right of occupancy, and the licenses shall have effect only within the district specified in them.

CIX. Any unlicensed person occupying or using any Waste Lands for any of the before-named purposes, shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, to be recovered in a summary way.

CX. No such license shall preclude the Board from selling or reserving, or the Governor from including within a Hundred or reserving, or shall in any way affect the rights of the Crown to the land occupied in virtue of such license. All disputes between holders of such licenses shall be heard and decided by the Board.

CXI. Such licenses may be transferred from one person to another, with the consent of the Board, on payment of a fee to be fixed by the Board.

GOLD FIELDS.

CXII. Except where expressly provided to the contrary, nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal, alter, or effect the provisions of the "Gold Fields Act, 1862," and the "Gold Fields Acts Amendment Acts, 1863 and 1865."

CXIII. Notwithstanding anything in the "Gold Fields Act, 1862," and the "Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1865," to the contrary, lands situated within any portion of a Gold Field over which a Pastoral License does not exist, or has been cancelled or suspended, may be sold or otherwise dealt with in the same manner as lands of the same class not within a Gold Field; but it shall not be necessary to proclaim such lands into Hundreds for the purposes of such sale or other disposal.

CXIV. Any person, being the holder of an Agricultural Lease under the provisions of the "Gold Fields Act, 1862," and the "Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1865," and the Regulations from time to time made and issued in accordance therewith, shall at any time after he shall have held such lease for three years, and during the currency of such lease, be permitted to purchase the lands held thereunder, without competition, at the upset price per acre for the lands so leased: provided, however, that the Board may refuse to sell such land; and in such case the Board shall, if required by such lessee, cancel the lease of such lands, and pay to such lessee the value of any improvements that may have been effected thereon, such value to be settled by agreement between the lessee and

and the Board; or if such value be not settled by agreement, then it shall be settled by arbitration, in manner provided by the 40th Section of the "Gold Fields Act, 1862," except that one arbiter shall be named by the Board in lieu of being named by the Governor: provided also, that all leases made under the provisions of the said Gold Fields Acts, or the said Regulations, shall bear date on the day on which they shall be signed by the Superintendent; but the term for which the land shall be granted shall commence from the day of the date of the receipt for the deposit-money paid by the applicant on making application for a lease of the lands comprised in such lease.

CXV. The holder of any Miner's Right, who has constructed, or who has acquired the right to use any race, dam, or reservoir flowing on, through, or upon, or being upon any Waste Land which shall hereafter be conveyed under this Act, or any land which, after the first day of July, 1865, has been or shall hereafter be conveyed under the Waste Land Regulations, 1856, and the "Otago Waste Lands Act, 1863, (No. 1)," may at all times enter upon any such land, and may cleanse and clean and keep in efficient repair such race, dam, or reservoir, and may deposit the matter removed therefrom upon the land immediately adjoining such race, dam, or reservoir to a distance not exceeding five feet therefrom without making any compensation to the owner of such land.

UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.

CXVI. If any person shall occupy any Waste Lands, either by residing or erecting any hut or building thereon, or by clearing, enclosing, or cultivating any part thereof, or shall fell, remove, or sell the timber growing or being on any such land, or otherwise unlawfully occupy the same without having a lease or license for such purpose respectively, every such person shall, on conviction of any of the offences hereinbefore mentioned, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding fifty pounds, to be recovered in a summary way: provided that no person shall be convicted of any of the offences aforesaid except on the information or complaint of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or of some person by him duly authorised in that behalf.

CXVII. If any person so convicted as aforesaid, shall, for the space of one calendar month continue in possession or occupation of such land, or otherwise persist in the unlawful act for which he shall have been so convicted, every such person shall, upon conviction of any such further offence, upon such information or complaint as aforesaid, forfeit and pay any sum not less than five pounds nor more than fifty pounds, to be recovered in a summary way.

CXVIII. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any lessee or licensed occupier of Crown Lands, or his agent or servant, from cutting for his own use such timber on the lands so occupied by him as is ordinarily used, and as may be necessary for domestic purposes, for firebote, fencing, stock-yards, or other conveniences for the enjoyment of the said lands, unless such timber be reserved by the Superintendent or the Board for public purposes, and the licensed occupier or lessee shall have been warned of such reservation.

CXIX. No possession or occupation of any Crown Land had or taken by virtue of any lease or license as aforesaid, or by depasturing under the provisions of this Act or otherwise shall be construed to give any title whatever against the Crown, or to alter or affect in any respect the rights of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, in respect of any such lands.

CXX. If any cattle shall be found unlawfully trespassing upon any Crown Lands, whether the same shall be fenced or not, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or for any person by him authorised in that behalf, either generally or in the particular case, to impound the cattle so trespassing in any public pound, to be dealt with according to law: provided that the Commissioner of Crown lands shall not, nor shall any person acting under his authority, be authorised or required to impound cattle trespassing upon lands forming any part of any defined run unless such cattle shall be found trespassing in defiance of an adjudication made by the said Board with respect to such land.

CXXI. In any action, suit, or proceeding against any person for or in respect of any alleged unlawful occupation, trespass, or use of or upon any Crown Lands, the proof that the occupation or use in question was authorised by the provisions of this Act, or of any order or regulation made in pursuance thereof, shall lie on the defendant. And the averment that any lands in question are Crown Lands, shall be sufficient without proof of such fact, unless the defendant prove the contrary. And all maps, plans, licenses, certificates, and office copies certified as true under the hand of the Chief Surveyor of the Province, or of the proper officer of his department, or of any member of the Board, shall in all matters relating to the said respective offices be sufficient evidence of their contents, without production of original record, and without the personal attendance of such officers or proof of their signatures.

CXXII. In case any person shall unlawfully intrude upon, occupy, or take possession of any Waste Lands, and shall refuse or neglect to deliver up and quit possession of the same for the space of ten days after personal service upon him, or his agent or overseer, of a notice to quit the same, signed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to enter upon the said lands, with such assistance as may be necessary, and to take possession of the same on behalf of the Crown, together with any houses or other improvements which may have been made thereon, and to deal with the same as he shall deem most expedient, for the purpose of expelling such persons therefrom, and also to expel and remove all persons found trespassing thereon.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

CXXIII. All fines and penalties hereby or by any rule, regulation, or bye-law made hereunder, imposed, or made recoverable, shall be recovered in a summary manner before any Resident Magistrate, or two or more Justices of the Peace of the Colony.

CXXIV. All Crown Grants and Leases which may be issued after the commencement of this Act shall bear date on the day when the persons named therein as grantees or lessees respectively first became entitled to such grants or leases, and shall be of the same force and validity as if they had been sealed on the day on which the same bear date, and shall be issued in the name of the person or persons who became originally entitled, though such person or persons may in the meantime have died or transferred their interest.

LETTER FROM PROVINCIAL AUDITOR, TRANSMITTING GENERAL
BALANCE SHEET, &c.

(LAID ON THE TABLE BY MR. SPEAKER, NOVEMBER 17.)

Audit Office, 15th November, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to enclose a Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the half-year ended 30th September, 1865,* with the Unauthorised Expenditure separately shown.† I have certified in the usual way to its correctness, but it is necessary that the Council should be made aware that many of the warrants are not signed by the Superintendent, as required by the Constitution Act, it being supposed that neither the acting Superintendent for the time, nor the present Superintendent, was qualified legally to sign warrants during the vacancy which occurred between the resignation of Mr. Harris, 23rd June, and the entrance upon office of Mr. Dick, 11th August. The warrants in question were countersigned by the Auditor, and by two Members of Executive.

After three years observation and experience in the Audit Office, I may be permitted to make a remark or two in reference to the system of keeping accounts in the Treasury. The headings of the accounts in the ledger, being the names of the different votes in each successive Appropriation Ordinance, the system of book-keeping is necessarily so devised as to show exact conformity to the Ordinance; but in accomplishing this object, it does not show fully and accurately as it ought, if possible to do, the amount of money expended on each work undertaken. This will be best shown by examples.

Example 1st.—A road is to be formed from A to B, for which there is a sum voted. After proceeding so far, it is found that a creek has to be bridged. Upon this bridge a sum of £300 is spent, which must be charged to the road. At the next meeting of Council a sum of £700 is voted for the bridge separately. On reference to the ledger at a future time, it will appear that the bridge cost but £700, the £300 having been charged against the road.

Example 2nd.—A sum of £1400 is voted for “Work for the Unemployed.” The greater part of this money is spent (say) upon the road Dunedin to Waikouaiti, but charged to “Work for the Unemployed.” If a return is called for of the whole expense of the road, there will be an error in the return of about £1400.

Example 3rd.—A certain district makes application for the building or extension of a school. The sum of £100 is placed upon the Estimates, and passed. Another district, during the currency of the Appropriation Ordinance, makes application for £100. The claim is considered a good one, and there being a vote available, the sum is granted, and paid out of “Schools not provided for.” In the one case the district is debited with the £100, in the other case the district is fortunate in getting a like sum without its being charged to the locality.

It will be evident that neither the Executive nor the Treasurer is to blame. The framing of the Ordinance necessitates this course.

The remedy is not difficult, but I propose it with great deference, as its adoption would involve changes which it is hardly within the province of the Auditor to suggest to the Council.

Let the Ordinance be so framed as to permit the splitting of a vote into two or more. Let the power be recognised in the Executive to transfer (within limits) from one vote to another.

If it should be objected that the making of such changes would be transferring a power and a discretion to the Executive which ought properly to be exercised by the Council, it may be answered, that this objection does not appear to have much weight, so long as so many votes are allowed partially or wholly to lapse, and so much expenditure has to be covered by an Indemnity Bill. Provision would be made that every transference from one vote to another should first be notified to the Auditor, and that a full statement of such transferees should be made by that officer to each meeting of Council. The discussion which takes place upon the Indemnity Bill would be transferred to the Transference Sheet, (for the Indemnity Bill would almost if not altogether be dispensed with), and such discussion, instead of as now taking place upon payments *illegally made*, would take place upon expenditure of which the worst that could be alleged would be that it was *injudiciously made*.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. LIVINGSTON,

Provincial Auditor.

The Hon. the Speaker of
The Provincial Council, Otago.

STATEMENT

* See General Balance Sheet attached.

† See Statement of Unauthorised Expenditure &c., on next page.

STATEMENT OF UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE FOR HALF-YEAR FROM 1ST APRIL TO
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1865.

(ENCLOSED IN AUDITOR'S LETTER.)

	£	s.	d.
Executive Department ...	28	6	8
Provincial Council ditto ...	220	16	4
Provincial Secretary's ditto ...	0	8	8
Provincial Solicitor's ditto ...	49	5	0
Crown Lands ...	70	1	11
Police ...	245	13	3
Esoort ...	360	11	7
Harbor ...	10	8	5
Gold Fields ...	596	18	3
Treasurer's Department ...	4	16	1
Immigration ...	1	9	7
Education ...	7	3	6
High School ...	33	17	4
Hospital ...	141	10	4
Lunatic Asylum ...	20	4	10
Storekeeper's Department ...	7	7	1
Treasurer's Miscellaneous ...	322	16	9
Loan to Dunedin Town Board ...	1499	19	9
Roads and Works Contingencies ...	82	15	3
Commission on Roads and their Deviations ...	50	0	0
Dredge Engineer ...	114	10	0
School Buildings ...	10	18	6
Miscellaneous Works and Buildings ...	498	10	1
Roads ...	449	12	6
	<u>£4828</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

A. LIVINGSTON,

Provincial Auditor.

Audit Office, 15th November, 1865.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE "SURPLUS REVENUE ACT, 1858," FROM 1ST JULY, 1858, TO 30TH JUNE, 1864.

(LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER, NOVEMBER 20.)

Year ending June 30	No. and Date of N.Z. "Gazette."	ORDINARY REVENUE.		AMOUNT CHARGED TO OTAGO.		Balance of Ordinary Revenue returned to Otago.	Amount per cent. of the Ordinary Revenue of Otago, paid to the General Government, for the general purposes of the Colony.	Amount per cent. of the Ordinary Revenue of Otago, expended by General Government for local administration of its Departments in the Province.	Amount per cent. Refunded for Appropriation by the Provincial Council.										
		Otago.	New Zealand.	Towards the general purposes of the Colony.	For local administration of General Govt. Departments within the Province.														
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
1859	1, Jan. 3, '60	16,816	12	10	6,414	16	5	6,533	15	1	38	0	0	23	0	0	39	0	0
1860	3, " 23, '61	27,230	18	5	9,308	19	9	14,270	18	5	34	0	0	13	0	0	53	0	0
1861	1, " 3, '62	39,576	7	5	18,467	12	4	15,551	3	7	47	0	0	14	0	0	39	0	0
1862	2, " 23, '63	148,479	5	2	53,801	4	4	76,388	17	8	36	0	0	12	0	0	52	0	0
1863	4, Feb. 11, '64	239,268	15	8	90,604	1	10	103,832	11	1	38	0	0	19	0	0	43	0	0
1864	12, April 8, '65	278,797	0	9	107,299	8	8	114,235	5	2	39	0	0	20	0	0	41	0	0

Compiled from the Accounts published by the General Government in the various New Zealand "Gazettes" above-mentioned.

ALFRED F. OSWIN, Provincial Sub-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

(LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER, NOVEMBER 21.)

1. That it is desirable a Bill should be introduced forthwith to authorise the issue of 6 per cent. Debentures to an extent not exceeding £400,000, for the purpose of constructing a line of Railway from Dunedin to the Clutha Ferry.
2. That the Colonial Guarantee should, if possible, be obtained for such Debentures, and that they should, in addition, be made a first charge on the said Railway.
3. That as security to the General Government for such guarantee, the amount of said Debentures, together with the amount of all Provincial Debentures previously negotiated, shall be made a charge on the Land Revenue of the Province; provided always that so long as the Interest and Sinking Fund be regularly paid, the administration of said Revenue by the Province shall remain undisturbed.
4. That the Government be authorised to apply at the next Session of the Assembly for an Act for the construction of said Railway.
5. That land to the extent of 10 acres or thereabouts be obtained from the Harbor Reclamation for a Central Railway Terminus in Dunedin.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE LAND QUESTION.

(AS GIVEN NOTICE OF BY MR. MACANDREW, NOVEMBER 20.)

Whereas the great object of Land Regulations ought to be the speedy and beneficial occupation of the country by men and women; and whereas a moderate number of individuals or of families occupying extensive landed estates, would tend to promote the future greatness and safety of the body politic; and whereas the existing Land Regulations of this Province are not conducive towards these objects, it is therefore expedient to amend the same as follows, that is to say—

The lands of the Province, exclusive of sites for towns and villages mineral and other reserves, shall be divided into three classes, *A*, *B*, and *C*, as under

Class *A*—Agricultural Freehold

Class *B*—Pastoral Freehold

Class *C*—Pastoral Leasehold.

- A*.—The land classified under this head after having been proclaimed into Hundreds shall be sold for cash, at a fixed price of 20s. an acre, in allotments of not less than 10, nor more than 320 acres each, with an immediate Crown Title; or, at the option of the purchaser, on deferred payment of 30s. an acre, one-fifth of which shall be paid in cash, and the balance at any period within four years thereafter, bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, Crown Grant to be issued on completion of purchase.

After the lands within any Hundred shall have remained open for selection for a period of not less than three years, the unsold portion thereof may be offered for sale by public auction at an upset price of 10s. an acre, and if the period during which such lands shall have been open for selection exceeds seven years, then they may be offered for sale at an upset price of 5s. an acre; and such auction shall be held at such places, at such times, for such sections, and in such manner as the Superintendent and Executive Council may from time to time determine.

- B*.—The land classified under this head shall consist of two millions of acres of the best Pastoral Lands of the Province, to be divided into blocks of not less than 1000, nor more than 10,000 acres each. At the expiration of the existing Pastoral Licenses such blocks shall be sold by public auction to the highest bidder at an upset price of 10s. an acre, Crown Grants to be issued forthwith: provided always that full particulars of such sale by auction shall be published throughout the Colony for at least three months prior thereto.

Such blocks shall be laid off with a due regard to the physical features and conformation of the country as respects boundaries, roads, bush, and such like, and with a due regard to each block containing a modicum of such land as may be rendered available for agricultural purposes.

In the event of one or more purchasers applying for a block of land situated within any Licensed Run, prior to the expiration of such License, it shall be competent for the Government, if it shall see fit, to dispose of the same by auction as hereinbefore specified, provided the purchaser so applying shall have previously arranged with the Licenseholder as to any compensation in respect of the unexpired period of such License, and provided that the payment of such compensation shall be made a condition of purchase at such auction, over and above the upset price, and the highest bid thereon.

- C*.—The land classified under this head shall comprise the whole of the residue of the Pastoral Lands of the Province, over and above those which may be set aside under class *B*, and shall be let in Runs, not exceeding _____ acres each, for a period not exceeding 14 years, such letting to be by public auction to the highest bidder, at such upset price, and upon such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Executive Government, and confirmed by Resolution of the Provincial Council.

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With regard to those lands which have been sold under any terms and conditions of purchase which have been heretofore in force, it is expedient that Crown Grants be forthwith issued in respect of all such lands, notwithstanding anything contained in such terms and conditions to the contrary.

That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Act to be submitted to the General Assembly at its next Session; and that with a view to the different constituencies throughout the Province having an opportunity of pronouncing an opinion upon the Resolutions, by conference with their representatives, or otherwise, a special meeting of the Council be held previous to the next Session of the General Assembly, for the purpose of finally ratifying the same.

Resolved further—That inasmuch as no Land Regulations can be satisfactory or effective unless they are administered with wisdom and discretion, and inasmuch as there is great room for improvement in the administration of the Land Laws of this Province :—

It is expedient to appoint a Commission for the purpose of enquiring and reporting thereon, with the view to the introduction of such reform as may be found necessary and beneficial.

Resolved also—That a statement specifying the area and locality of all the surveyed Lands of the Province (excepting Town and Village Lands) open for selection, be published and circulated upon the 1st day of every month; such statement to exhibit as near as may be the distance and direction of such Lands from the nearest Town, Village, Navigable River, or Public Road, and to specify as near as may be the quality of the Land, whether Bush or Open Land, and if Open, the distance from Bush.

RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

(LAID ON THE TABLE BY THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER, NOVEMBER 23)

1. That Scholarships be founded in connection with the High School of Dunedin.
2. That the holders for the time being of the said Scholarships shall be called Provincial Scholars, and be entitled to the privileges and advantages hereinafter specified.
3. That of such Scholarships shall be Town Scholarships, and shall be open to competition to all boys who may not have been more than ten years of age on the January preceding the examination hereinafter mentioned, whose parents or guardians shall reside in the City of Dunedin, or within a radius of three miles therefrom. That the remaining Scholarships shall be Country Scholarships, and shall be open to competition to all boys of the specified age, whose parents reside elsewhere in the Province of Otago than above-mentioned.
4. That the possession of a Town Scholarship shall entitle the holder for the time being thereof to receive a free education at the High School during the time he holds such Scholarship, together with a sufficient allowance for books and stationery.
5. That the possession of a Country Scholarship shall entitle the holder for the time being thereof, in addition to the above-mentioned privileges, to receive an allowance towards his maintenance of £ per annum, but during such time only as the parents or guardians of the holder of such Scholarship shall continue to reside beyond the limits of a Town Scholarship.
6. That such Scholarships respectively shall continue five years, but that the Education Board shall be empowered to suspend or terminate any Scholarship on account of wilful misconduct or neglect, or to extend the time in any case on account of extraordinary proficiency, or any other sufficient cause.
7. That the said Scholarships respectively shall be awarded to such candidates as shall show the greatest proficiency at a Public Examination, to be conducted in such manner, at such times and places, and by such persons, as the Education Board shall appoint, and such Public Examination shall refer to the following subjects only :—
 - (1.) The Geography of Europe.
 - (2.) The History of England.
 - (3.) The Old Testament.
 - (4.) Dictation to be dictated by the Inspector of Schools or other person appointed by the Education Board to superintend the examination from the selection of the Examiner.
 - (5.) A simple narrative, selected by the Examiner, to be read aloud to the candidates, and reproduced by them.
 - (6.) An original description or essay, the subject to be selected by the Examiner.
 - (7.) Handwriting as shewn by the papers on the subjects before-mentioned, preference to be given to a plain round hand, undisfigured by flourishes.
8. That it shall not be necessary to present the best or any other candidate, if the Examiner certifies that none of the candidates are worthy of the distinction.
9. That the Education Board shall, from time to time, make Rules and Regulations for the conduct of such Examination, and the details connected with such Rules and Regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette* of the Province, one month at least before the same shall come into operation.

(END OF APPENDIX TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, SESSION XXI.)

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

1. RELATION BETWEEN GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.

(*Brought up by Mr. Macandrew, November 27.*)

THE COMMITTEE recommend the following Resolutions. As stated in the Note at foot, about certain portions of them (in brackets), the Committee are equally divided :—

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.

1. That to secure the North Island from interference with its internal government, to enable it more effectively to deal with the natives, to preserve the Middle Island from an indefinite increase of liabilities for native purposes, and to secure the better administration of government within the Colony, it is desirable there should be a financial separation between the Islands or between their respective Provinces, and that the political relations between the General and Provincial Governments should be remodelled; and with these objects :—
2. That “The New Provinces Act, 1858,” be repealed, and provision made to enable any two or more Provincial Governments to unite for purposes of defence, should they desire to do so.
- *[3. That the Province of Taranaki be abolished, and the territory therein comprised be added to the Province of Auckland.] *[3. That provision should also be made to enable any two or more Provinces to unite permanently under one Provincial Government, on the decision of a majority of delegates specially nominated by the registered electors of such Provinces*]
4. That there be three departments of the General Government, viz, those of the Colonial Secretary, Treasurer, and Attorney-General.
5. That the administration of native affairs within the various Provinces and the future charges connected therewith, be delegated to, and be borne by, the Provincial Governments of such Provinces respectively; and that all lands heretofore, or which may be hereafter confiscated, shall be administered by and for the benefit of the Province within which such lands may be situated.
6. That the legislation of the General Assembly be confined to the purposes specified in the 19th section of the New Zealand Constitution Act, and that an Act be applied for to the Imperial Parliament to enable the Assembly to concede to the Provincial Councils the power to legislate for the purposes specified in sub-clauses—11 and 10 *[and part of sub-clause three] of the said section.
7. That all public revenue, from whatever source derived, shall be held to be the revenue of the Province within which it accrues, and that that portion of it collected by the General Government shall be handed over to the Provinces, subject only to deductions for Loan obligations, and for their respective contributions towards the cost of maintaining the General Government.
8. That

* There were equal votes in the Committee about retaining or striking out the passages marked in brackets [] thus.

8. That each Province shall contribute the same proportion towards the maintenance of the General Government that its Customs revenue bears to the whole Customs revenue of the Colony.
9. That in consideration of their release from further liabilities for native purposes, the Middle Island Provinces shall undertake a considerable proportion (to be agreed upon) of the past liabilities of the Colony.
10. That the Executive functions of the General Government be confined to matters of purely federal concern, and that the Executive functions of the Provincial Governments be largely increased.
11. That, consistently with existing liabilities, and with the prerogative of the Crown, the utmost control over their respective Waste Lands be vested in the Provincial Governments.
12. That the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to his Excellency the Governor, together with a respectful address, that he may be pleased to give effect thereto by legislative enactment, or otherwise, as may be deemed necessary.

JULIUS VOGEL.

DISSENT.

I wish to record my dissent as a Member of the Committee, on the following points, viz:—

- Clause 1.—Because, in order to ensure the fulfilment of existing pecuniary obligations to each other, it is necessary that financial separation between the “Middle and North Islands” should be avoided.
- Clause 4.—Because it involves a question of Executive detail that should be left to the consideration of the Assembly.
- Clause 5.—Because, in addition to the temporary delegation of larger powers to the Provinces, it is desirable that such increase of powers should be made permanent by an amendment of the *Constitution Act*; and further, because with reference to the Confiscated Land, the Committee are not in possession of sufficient information to come to a decision on the subject.
- Clause 6.—Because it does not give to the Provinces sufficient power in view of the new and great responsibilities to be thrown upon them; and further, because it excludes from their control the management of internal mail services.
- Clause 9.—Because this is also a subject on which the Committee are not in possession of sufficient information to come to a definite conclusion.

FREDERICK J. MOSS.

II.—COUNTRY MUNICIPALITIES.

(*Brought up by Mr. Brodie, November, 28.*)

After investigating all the evidence obtainable, the Committee present the following Resolutions, as embodying their recommendations:—

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That it is desirable to encourage the formation of Municipalities throughout the country.

2. That

2. That such encouragement should be afforded by money grants, commencing with a certain fixed sum to start with—further subsidies to be granted, in proportion to the local revenue raised, and, after a certain term, to cease altogether.
3. That liberal land endowments should be given to Country Municipalities ; and that such Townships as may have been formed upon private property be dealt with on their own merits.
4. That as the 115th clause of the Municipalities Act of last Session, which purports to sanction the formation of country Municipalities, is defective, on account of the word "ratepayers" being used instead of "householders," the same should be amended. Instead of a majority of two-thirds of the householders being required to warrant the formation of Municipalities, the Committee recommend that the petition of not less than fifty householders—the same being a majority—resident within a district of not more than nine square miles—should be sufficient to entitle them to Municipal Institutions : Provided that after the formation of a Municipality, no further Municipality should be constituted within a distance of eight miles, without a special Ordinance.
5. The Committee recommend that an Ordinance should be introduced, putting apart a sum of £7500, to be expended in subsidies to newly-formed Municipalities, said subsidies to range from £300 to £500, according to the number of householders ; and that provision should further be made for giving to such Municipalities, for two years, two pounds for every pound they raise by rates ; and for the next three years one pound for every pound they raise.

For JULIUS VOGEL,

GEO. BRODIE,

Interim Chairman.

III.—NEW POST OFFICE.

(*Brought up by Mr. Macandrew, December 5th.*)

[COMMITTEE appointed to enquire and Report generally into the circumstances connected with the erection of the New Post Office, and as to the expediency of devoting any portion of that building to other objects.]

YOUR COMMITTEE has the honor to report that the Building now in course of erection for the Post Office is altogether beyond the present requirements of that department, notwithstanding the vast increase of correspondence which is now passing through the same.

That making every allowance for a steady and continuous increase of the business of the department for many years to come, there is ample accommodation for it all in the lower floor of the building, and that the upper storey, with its numerous and extensive apartments, must remain unoccupied, in as far as the necessary requirements of the Post Office are concerned.

After some enquiry as to how the vacant floor can be turned to some good account, and be made most advantageous to the Public, the Committee finds that one side of the same would be sufficient as a Hall and Offices for the City Council, and that the City would in all probability be willing to pay an annual rental for it. The numerous apartments remaining might be devoted to various objects—such as a Provincial Museum—Public Reference Library and Reading Rooms—Mercantile Exchange, or Hall for the Chamber of Commerce ; or arrangements might be made for the occupation of these apartments by the Dunedin Athenæum, there being much more available space than that Institution at present possesses.

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The floor in question can be rendered accessible by a distinct entrance, and so as not in any way to interfere or come into contact with the Post Office; in fact, the respective entrances would be from different streets. The necessary alterations can be effected at a cost within £600; and so as not to interfere with the original object or design of the building, should the exigencies of the public service at any future time require the whole for Post Office purposes. In the event of a part of the upper floor being devoted to a Museum, Public Library, and Reading Room, the rental which might be derived from the other portion would suffice to defray the cost connected with these, as well as the amount involved in effecting the necessary alterations.

The Committee would therefore recommend that the Executive Government be requested to take the necessary steps towards giving effect to the foregoing suggestions.

JAMES MACANDREW,
Chairman.

IV.—CONSTRUCTION OF DRY DOCK.

(Brought up by Mr. Macandrew, December 6.)

[COMMITTEE appointed to consider and Report as to the speediest means of procuring a Dock or Ship-lift, for the Examining and Repairing of Vessels of a large class in the Port of Otago.]

COMMITTEE.

John Cargill.	Arthur John Burns.
Francis Dillon Bell.	James Kilgour.
Frederick Moss.	James Macandrew.

Your Committee, after very careful and minute investigation—having taken a considerable amount of evidence from those who are most practically conversant with the question—have the honor to report as follows:—

1. The construction, within the Port of Otago, of a Dry Dock, or other appliance for the examining and repairing of large vessels, is a work which is imperatively necessary, as affecting not only the interests of this Port, but those of the Province, and of the whole Colony, and ought not to be delayed for a single day. The absolute pecuniary loss to underwriters and others which has been incurred within the past few years, from the want of some such appliance—in consequence of a number of ships having been condemned, which otherwise would have been rendered seaworthy—and the loss to the Province which has been sustained within the same period, in consequence of the large steamers and other vessels frequenting the Port having been compelled to go elsewhere for repairs, cannot be estimated at less than £25,000. Such is the positive loss which has been sustained; the negative loss may be set down at a very much larger figure.

2. Various forms of appliance have been suggested to your Committee, as being best calculated to meet the end in view. It appears, however, taking all the circumstances into consideration, that the choice must rest between two—that is to say, either a *Floating Dock*, or a *Stone Graving Dock*. With regard to the first, it may be constructed either of iron or of timber; if of timber, the whole of the materials, or nearly so, can be procured within a few miles of the Port, and the work completed within a comparatively short space of time. As to the probable cost of a Floating Dock of wood, the Committee have had estimates varying from £12,000 to £20,000, such dock to be 320 feet long; and if constructed of iron, and the same dimensions, the cost would probably be about £25,000. With regard to the second, or Stone Graving Dock, it appears that in ordinary circumstances, a dock of this description, and of equal capacity, would cost three or four times as much as a Floating Dock. From the peculiar facilities, however—the combination of advantages which this Port presents for such an erection, a combination rarely to be met with—it appears that a Graving Dock could be constructed for about double the price of an iron Floating Dock.

3. As to the relative merits of the two kinds of docks, it is almost unnecessary for your Committee to make any remark, opinion being pretty much at one upon the point. Suffice it to say, that the one is a permanent work, which will endure for ages, and as it is free from the contingencies to which the other is more or less exposed, it affords the best security of the two, upon which to raise money; it has the further advantage of being more convenient, and less expensively worked than the other—a most important consideration in every respect.

4. For these reasons your Committee is decidedly in favor of a Stone Graving Dock, as being the cheapest, and the most economical in the long run, provided the necessary funds can be raised for its construction. Should this be found impracticable, there appears to be no alternative but to fall back upon the other, in which case the Committee would recommend that it be constructed of timber, which, it appears in evidence, if properly sheathed, will last for many years, and which involves almost the whole of the outlay being expended on labor within the Province.

5. Assuming the cost of a Graving Dock to be £50,000, which it is believed is somewhat over the mark, and assuming that £20,000 of the amount can be obtained from the Imperial Exchequer, at 4 per cent., in terms of the "Colonial Dock Loan Act, 1865," there is every reason to believe that the dock dues would cover working expenses, interest, and sinking fund; at all events the deficiency, if any, would only be for the first year or two, and would be but trifling.

6. As to the most speedy mode of bringing the matter to a practical issue, the Committee is of opinion that a *Dock Trust* should be constituted forthwith, with necessary borrowing powers, and duties defined by statute—the Legislature to guarantee the price of the loan, or such portion thereof as may not be covered by the revenue derived from the dock.

From the evidence before the Committee it is felt that such a Trust—representing, as it should do, the principal merchants, shipowners, and nautical men in Dunedin and Port Chalmers—with properly defined powers and duties, would experience little difficulty in raising the necessary funds on the security of the dock itself and the revenue accruing from it, while the difficulty would be greatly diminished if there were the collateral security of the Government as well. As to the constitution of such a Trust, that is a matter which may be fairly dealt with by the Government while framing the necessary enactment; the Committee, may, however, be permitted to indicate its views upon the subject, which are as follows:—

In the first instance, the whole number of trustees might be fixed by the Legislature at say 16, and their names embodied in the Act of Incorporation. One fourth might go out of office annually, or biennially, by rotation—their places being filled up; one to be nominated by the Superintendent, one by the Dunedin City Council, one by the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce, and one by the Municipal Body of Port Chalmers.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the necessary action be at once taken to institute a Trust, as hereinbefore indicated, and that said Trust be invested with the necessary powers to proceed to the construction of a Graving Dock of masonry, failing in its being able to accomplish which, it should be empowered to provide a Floating Dock, to be built of wood, coppered, and copper-fastened.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to report further, that, inasmuch as it is probable that the estimated cost of a Stone Graving Dock, as hereinbefore stated, may be considerably modified by the nature of the ground at the entrance, they have requested the Government to procure from Mr. Balfour, Marine Engineer, a Report as to this, the result of which will be known in a few days.

JAMES MACANDREW,

Chairman.

V.—EDUCATION.

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(*Brought up by Mr. Brodie, December 12.*)

The Select Committee have the honor to report that they have carefully enquired into the working of the Education Ordinance, 1864, and that they have arrived at the conclusion that it should be amended.

They have been mainly induced to come to this conclusion from the fact, that there is a growing feeling throughout the country against the levying of the tax upon property for the maintenance of schools, as well as against the great disproportion which exists between the cost of collection of the tax, and the balance left to be applied to purely educational purposes.

In proof of this statement it may be mentioned, that answers have been received by Mr. Hislop, Inspector of Schools, from the Committees of the various District Schools, as to the working of the assessment clauses of the Education Ordinance. In almost every instance they report unfavorably, and further state, that the cause of education has been seriously injured by the levying of what is looked upon as an obnoxious tax. In some districts the amicable relations between the Teachers and the School Committees have been disturbed, on account of the levying of a direct tax in payment of the Teachers' salaries. The position of some of the Teachers has thus become uncomfortable, and their usefulness in carrying on the education of the young is retarded in proportion. Not only do the Teachers become unpopular, but the School Committees share with them in the general odium that seems to be attached to the tax-gatherer.

Mr. Hislop thus describes the prevailing feeling—"In every district there are generally found a few active public-spirited persons, willing to give their services in aid of education and other subjects of public utility (for it is generally the same men who are found on all the local committees.) These men, at the outset of the new Education Scheme, were anxious to give it a fair trial, and gave much of their time and their services towards this object. Those upon whom the more arduous part of the work fell found their duties so unpleasant, so unpopular, and so invidious, that when their term of office expired they were glad to transfer the work to others; these, in their turn, were glad to be relieved of the work, so that the duty of serving on the School Committee having gone the round of the more zealous and willing settlers of the several districts, there is reason to fear that few or none will be found willing to take the work in hand next year; indeed, I have been assured of this by some of the very best friends of the cause of education." In fact, in some districts the Committees have refused to act, and Commissioners have in consequence been appointed, while in others the Committees were only elected on the express understanding that *no rate* would be levied. This unsatisfactory state of things is rendered all the more aggravating, from the fact that after the unpleasant duty of collecting the tax has been performed, the amount left for the payment of the teacher's salary, &c., is exceedingly small, and is out of all proportion to the cost of the collection of the said tax.

Thus the amount of rates collected in the City of Dunedin, for the year ending September 1865, is £1418 2s. 2d.; while the cost of collection is over twenty-four per cent. on the gross amount collected.

From information supplied to your Committee, they are of opinion that this large expense (nearly one-fourth of the entire sum raised) could be saved, as they are assured on undoubted authority, that the salaries now paid to Clerks, and included in the charge above referred to, would be rendered unnecessary, if the scheme which they have the honor to recommend, be adopted by the Council.

The Committee believe that if the scheme they recommend be adopted, the duties now performed by paid Clerks would, in almost every instance, be done gratuitously.

Seeing therefore that the working of the assessment clauses has rendered the cause of education so unpopular with many of those gentlemen, whom it would be desirable to have placed on School Committees, and who under present circumstances refuse to act, and also that the rates operate unequally, many owners of property being

being compelled to pay the tax, although not deriving the slightest benefit from the Schools which they are thus required to support.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the assessment clauses of the "Education Ordinance, 1864," should be repealed, and that an Ordinance be introduced providing for the payment of £100, out of the general revenue of the Province, as a portion of the salary to be paid to each schoolmaster of a Main School—under teachers to be paid in proportion. That, save the payment of a sum for the education of orphan and destitute children, and in addition a proportion of the annual amount required for repairing and insuring the school buildings, the Provincial Government should be relieved from any further charge for educational purposes. Your Committee being of opinion that the school fees should supply the balance of money required for the maintenance of each school—of course in this estimate the Committee do not include the sums required for the erection of new and permanent schools.

The difference of the cost of the present system as compared with that suggested by the Committee would amount to £2325

ESTIMATE FOR A YEAR BY THE PRESENT SCHEME.				ESTIMATE FOR A YEAR BY THE SCHEME NOW PROPOSED.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
50 Teachers at £50 ...	2500	0	0	45 Teachers at £100 ...	4500	0	0
New Schools ...	150	0	0	12 do. at £50 ...	*600	0	0
Gold Field Schols ...	700	0	0	New Schools ...	325	0	0
New School ...	175	0	0	Rent Allowances, Sites, &c.	650	0	0
Rent Allowances, Sites, Repairs, &c. ...	450	0	0	Fire Insurance ...	125	0	0
Balance ...	2325	0	0	Orphan and Destitute Scholars ...	100	0	0
Total ...	6300	0	0	Total ...	6300	0	0

The foregoing estimate shows a probable demand upon the Provincial Revenue of £2325, and it may be therefore objected, that the means of providing funds for the increased salaries recommended by the Committee are so limited, that although the system may be desirable, the depressed state of the finances of the Province will not at present permit of its being carried into effect.

The Committee however beg to draw the attention of the Council to the fact, that a large amount of land is now set aside for educational purposes, and the certainty that a considerable revenue will be eventually derived from this source.

Already no less a quantity than over 18,000 acres of valuable land has been set aside for educational purposes, and although it is at present only bringing in a revenue of about £600 a year, the Committee believe that there is every probability that the funds from this source will rapidly increase, and the Provincial chest will thus be relieved of a large portion of the payment now proposed to be charged under the system recommended.

Your Committee recommend that in future grants of land for educational purposes should be made, if possible, in one block, as although the allotments now scattered over the various townships may eventually become valuable, yet, for the present, they may be regarded as waste lands, and thus the educational fund, while liberally endowed, is practically impoverished.

Your Committee suggest that the lands at present set aside for educational purposes, should, where practicable, be exchanged for lands in a block, which might be let with advantage, and an immediate revenue derived from a source at present not available.

If the Council agree with the recommendation of the Committee, it will be necessary that an Ordinance should be introduced to accomplish the above object.

In reference to the question of Provincial Scholarship, remitted to them by the Council, the Committee have to recommend the adoption of the suggestions as printed and annexed, with the following alterations:—

* This item has not been increased in proportion to the first as the Committee had no data before them upon which to found a fair estimate; and as the sum required is small, the Education Board can easily deal with it.

In reference to the question of Provincial Scholarships remitted to them by the Council, the Committee have to recommend the adoption of the suggestions as printed and annexed, with the following alterations:—

In clause 3.—“That the word ‘ten’ in the second line be struck out, and the word ‘twelve’ be inserted in lieu thereof; that all Scholarships should be Provincial Scholarships, and that there should be no distinction between Town and Country Scholarships; that the number of the said Provincial Scholarships shall be fixed by the Education Board, to be increased at their discretion; that the rest of the resolutions be altered where necessary, in order to carry out the above suggestions.”

While upon this subject your Committee would observe, that their attention has been forcibly directed to the advisability of the High School being constituted into a corporate body, so as to impart to the Institution a permanence and stability which it cannot possess, so long as its existence depends on annual appropriation, which must be subject to the political accident of the moment.

Were the School established by statute upon a permanent basis, there is every probability that valuable endowments for the purpose of establishing Scholarships, would be conferred upon it by private individuals.

A reference to any of the Public Schools or Universities, will show that this has invariably been the case in the home country, and to such an extent, that many of the most valuable prizes are the Scholarships originally given by private individuals.

That your Committee further consider it expedient that there should be held Evening Classes at the High School, and at least two of the Public Schools in the town of Dunedin, for the purpose of enabling young men whose time is engaged during the day, and others, to take advantage of the opportunities which may thus be afforded them of improving themselves, or completing their education in whatever branches it might be deemed advisable to teach at those classes. The rector of the High School has agreed to take a general supervision of the classes to be thus formed, and to give lectures to the scholars occasionally, but it is not expected that he, or those under him, should undertake the tuition of those classes—their duties during the day being already arduous enough.

In reference to the education of girls, your Committee have to report that they have carefully perused the petition forwarded to them, and they have further considered the resolutions arrived at by the ladies of Dunedin, at a meeting held in St. George’s Hall on Tuesday the 18th November.

The suggestions contained in the petition and resolutions are most valuable, and the Committee therefore draw the attention of the Government to the desirability of carrying them into effect, if the financial position of the Province will permit of their doing so.

Your Committee have to report generally, that so far as their investigations extended, they have found that, save the objections to which they have referred to in the report, and to which they ask the attention of the Council, the “Education Ordinance,” has, as a rule, worked well.

It has been suggested to the Committee that in dealing with the proposals which they have submitted to the Council, it would be desirable that the town of Dunedin should be dealt with separately.

Your Committee have been informed that the collection of the Education Rate is not generally objected to by the citizens.

The Secretary of the Dunedin School Committee, Mr. H. F. Hardy, informs the Committee that he has no difficulty in collecting the rates, that upon two occasions only has he been compelled to resort to the law in order to recover the amount due by those rated.

Under such circumstances, it would appear that so far as the city of Dunedin is concerned, the Ordinance does not require to be amended, but your Committee refrain from making any decided recommendation on the subject.

In conclusion, the Committee have to thank Mr. Hislop, Inspector of Schools, for the valuable information and the assistance which he has afforded them in their enquiry; and they have further to express their thanks to the Rector of the High School, whose suggestions, while very valuable, are of a character to be dealt with by the Executive Government, without the interference of the Provincial Council.

They have also to express their obligations to Mr. Halliwell and Mr. McLachlan, who were deputed by the Teachers’ Association to furnish information to the Committee. Their reports, which are annexed, are valuable, and the Committee beg to direct the attention of the Council to their contents.

GEO. BRODIE, Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS

SUGGESTIONS RESPECTING PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
REFERRED TO IN THE REPORT.

1. That Scholarships be founded in connection with the High School of Dunedin.
2. That the holders for the time being of the said Scholarships shall be called Provincial Scholars, and be entitled to the privileges and advantages hereinafter specified.
3. That of such scholarships shall be Town Scholarships, and shall be open to competition to all boys who may not have been more than ten years of age on the January preceding the examination hereinafter mentioned, whose parents or guardians shall reside in the City of Dunedin, or within a radius of three miles therefrom. That the remaining Scholarships shall be Country Scholarships, and shall be open to competition to all boys of the specified age, whose parents reside elsewhere in the Province of Otago than above-mentioned.
4. That the possession of a Town Scholarship shall entitle the holder for the time being thereof to receive a free education at the High School during the time he holds such Scholarship, together with a sufficient allowance for books and stationery.
5. That the possession of a Country Scholarship shall entitle the holder for the time being thereof, in addition to the above-mentioned privileges, to receive an allowance towards his maintenance of £ per annum, but during such time only as the Parents or Guardians of the holder of such Scholarship shall continue to reside beyond the limits of a Town Scholarship.
6. That such Scholarships respectively shall continue five years, but that the Education Board shall be empowered to suspend or terminate any Scholarship on account of wilful misconduct or neglect, or to extend the time in any case on account of extraordinary proficiency, or any other sufficient cause.
7. That the said Scholarships respectively shall be awarded to such candidates as shall show the greatest proficiency at a Public Examination, to be conducted in such manner, at such times and places, and by such persons as the Education Board shall appoint, and such Public Examination shall refer to the following subjects only :—
 - I. The Geography of Europe.
 - II. The History of England.
 - III. The old Testament.
 - IV. Dictation to be dictated by the Inspector of Schools or other person appointed by the Education Board to superintend the examination from the selection of the Examiner.
 - V. A simple narrative, selected by the Examiner, to be read aloud to the candidates, and reproduced by them.
 - VI. An original description or essay, the subject to be selected by the Examiner.
 - VII. Handwriting as shewn by the papers on the subjects before-mentioned, preference to be given to a plain round hand, undisfigured by flourishes.
8. That it shall not be necessary to present the best or any other candidate, if the Examiner certifies that none of the candidates are worthy of the distinction.
9. That the Education Board shall, from time to time, make Rules and Regulations for the conduct of such Examination, and the details connected with such Rules and Regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette* of the Province, one month at least, before the same shall come into operation.

VI.—TOKOMAIRO AURIFEROUS LANDS.

(Brought up by Mr. Bell, December 15.)

[The Select Committee, to whom it was referred to inquire into the circumstances connected with the purchase of certain auriferous lands at Tokomairo, have considered the matters to them referred, have taken evidence thereon, and have agreed to the following Report]:—

THE purchases into which the Committee have inquired were made in the Table Hill District, situate within the Tokomairo Hundreds. The land in question was originally included in a Gold Field, but was withdrawn from the Gold Field on the 5th February last, and opened for application on the 20th April. The Committee have limited their inquiry to the applications made by Mr. John Hardy and Mr. Henry Howorth, at the place where a Quartz Reef, known as the Canada Reef, has been discovered, which is supposed to be of some value.

Two questions only of any public importance seem to be raised by the evidence which the Committee append.

In the first place it appears that, although the land was duly withdrawn from the Gold Field, and notice thereof given to the local Warden, applications for mining leases were being entertained and protection given by the Warden under the Gold Fields Act at the same time that the land was being disposed of under the Waste Lands Act. Sufficient precaution does not appear to have been taken to guard against this conflict of departmental action, which may even now be the cause of difficulty to the Government. Again, it seems that the custom in the Survey office is to mark out on the plan of a given district the applications put in, but that if the application be not granted or the land taken up, a sufficient interchange of information does not take place between the Waste Lands Office and the Survey Office to secure the public against mistake as to the exact land which is open. In the case of one of the sections inquired into, an application put in by Mr. Hardy for that section, through which there seems little doubt the Canada reef runs, was not paid for and taken up by him within the prescribed time, but the section still remained marked in the Survey Office as applied for. Another applicant, Mr. Kerr, put in an application for land adjoining that section, when he would probably have taken the section if he had known it was open; and some time afterwards Mr. Hardy was enabled to take up the section himself.

The second point is, how far Mr. Hardy was justified, as a Government officer, in making the purchases he did. There is no doubt that he took up the section to which reference has just been made after he became aware of the existence of the reef in the immediate locality if not on the section itself. This knowledge he did not communicate to the Government, but he did communicate it to Mr. Howorth, who thereupon put in an application for the land where the reef has been traced, and where mining leases have been applied for, and granted under error. It will be seen by Mr. Hardy's evidence that he justifies this course on the ground that he desired to complete his property, so as to make a farm there; and the Committee invite attention to his evidence, because it is fair to make reasonable allowance for this motive, especially as the existence of the reef had been noticed three weeks before in the *Daily Times*. But the Committee cannot doubt that it was Mr. Hardy's duty to give immediate information to the Government of the existence of the reef. He was well aware that the probable result of giving that information would be the withdrawal of the land from sale; and they cannot agree with him that his interest should be preferred to that of the public, whose servant he is. But if any excuse existed in the case of his own land, there does not seem to be any for his giving the information to a private gentleman, while he concealed it from the Government. A public officer has so many opportunities of getting information, the use of which to his private advantage would be an injury to the public, that it is impossible to admit of any exception to the rule, that wherever he knows information to be valuable to the public, it is his paramount duty to communicate it to the Government. The admission of any exception would obviously open the door to all kinds of jobbery, from even the suspicion of which every public servant should be removed.

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In your Committee's opinion the Waste Land Board acted rightly in postponing a decision on the application for the land where the reef was situated; and under the circumstances, if it legally can be done, Mr. Hardy's money for section No. 1, Block V. should be returned, and that section reserved, with the rest of the land, till the true value of the reef has been ascertained.

There are several minor points on which a good deal of conflicting evidence was given, but the Committee do not think them of sufficient consequence to notice in this Report.

15th December, 1865.

F. D. BELL, Chairman.

MR. VINCENT PYKE, Gold Fields Secretary :—

I am not aware of the present locality of the Canada Reef, with respect to any particular section, but I produce a tracing, showing its locality nearly accurately, by the Assistant Mining Surveyor at Tuapeka.

This Reef was first discovered in March, 1863. I produce Reports from the Warden and Mining Surveyor, upon the subject, of that date—they speak doubtfully of it. It was tried, and afterwards abandoned, by Jenkyns and another. Nothing more was heard of it officially until November 11, 1865, when Mr. Warden Worthington reported in his usual weekly Report, which appeared in the *Times*:—"Three applications for leases have been made on the Quartz Reef in Canada Bush, and as the Reef has been struck in each claim, and found to be of the width of 4 feet, with fine gold regularly distributed through it, the parties anticipate a successful issue."

This was the only information forwarded to my Office.

There was some uncertainty as to the exact position of the Reef, with regard to Canada Bush, the miners having been in the habit of calling another bush, near Table Hill, Canada Bush; and in the latter this Reef seems to have been originally laid down.

Towards the end of November, I was privately informed of Mr. Hardy's application, and immediately wrote to the Warden of the District a letter, a copy of which I now produce (marked A), and also the Warden's answer (marked B.)

Some time ago, I furnished to the Waste Land Office a tracing (marked C), showing the limits of the land on the Tuapeka Gold Field, within which there were no workings. I had proposed that application for land within any Gold Field should be referred to my Office before being granted, but some difficulty was thrown in the way, and I was instructed to send in the tracing (C), referred to. The Canada Bush is within the limits of that tracing.

The applications for leases, referred to in Mr. Worthington's Report, have not reached my Office, but Mr. Worthington has protected the applicants, under the impression that the land is still within the Gold Field. I was not aware, until after the 15th November, that any application was made, or was about to be made, for any of the land in question.

I was then made aware, officially, of it by Mr. Hardy, who called upon me, and complained of the refusal of his application by the Board, of which I am a member, but I had not been present on the day on which his application was heard. He complained of injustice. I told him that, if the reports which had reached me privately were correct, he would not only not get the land that he was applying for, but that he would also, in all probability, have to disgorge what he had already obtained. I knew nothing further of the matter, except from private information.

I distinctly understood Mr. Hardy to refer to his application for land in the vicinity of Canada Bush, which had been refused by the Board, owing to some statement of Mr. Robert Gillies. I understood Mr. Hardy to say that a portion of the Reef ran through the ground he had already obtained.

I hand in certain letters (numbered respectively 1, 2, and 3), which prove that I made the Warden of the District thoroughly acquainted with the reservation of the lands upon which a portion of the the Reefs are situated.

VINCENT PYKE.

7th December, 1865.

Waitahuna,

Waitahuna, March 19th, 1863.

SIR—I have the honor to forward a Report, received from Mr. Mining Surveyor Drummond, on the Quartz Reef situated on a branch of the Tokomairiro River.

The Company consists of only three men at present, who are engaged in sluicing in the immediate neighbourhood of the reef, not having funds to carry on the necessary works in a proper manner; they, however, purpose to commence operations in about a month's time.

There seems to be no regular defined reef struck in either of the two shafts, but to all appearance they have hit the junction of a few thin leaders of white quartz. Mr. Drummond and myself were unable to discover any gold in the pieces on the surface, and the works being flooded, we could not search below.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WORTHINGTON.

Vincent Pyke, Esq.,
Secretary of the Gold Fields.

Gold Fields Department,
Waitahuna, 14th March, 1863.

SIR—I have the honor to report, that in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 9th instant, I have visited the quartz claim applied for by

2. The claim is situated on a branch of the Tokomairiro River, bearing in a southerly direction about five miles from the new Court-house, Waitahuna, Main Gully.

3. I have been unable to form an opinion of the nature of the reef, owing to the present works being flooded with water.

4. Two shafts have been sunk, to the respective depths of twenty and fourteen feet, the stone being found at a depth of six feet in each, from the surface.

5. In the present state of the works, I am quite unable to say whether the Main Reef has been struck, or merely a series of leaders. The quartz shows for a considerable distance in a north and south direction.

6. The Company purpose resuming operations in a month's time, by erecting a small water wheel and battery.

7. I may state that the stone is of a totally different description from that of the Waipori Reef, being technically termed by the miners "milky quartz." The casing consists of a hard blue sandstone.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN DRUMMOND,
Mining Surveyor.

Vincent Pyke, Esq.,
Secretary of the Gold Fields.

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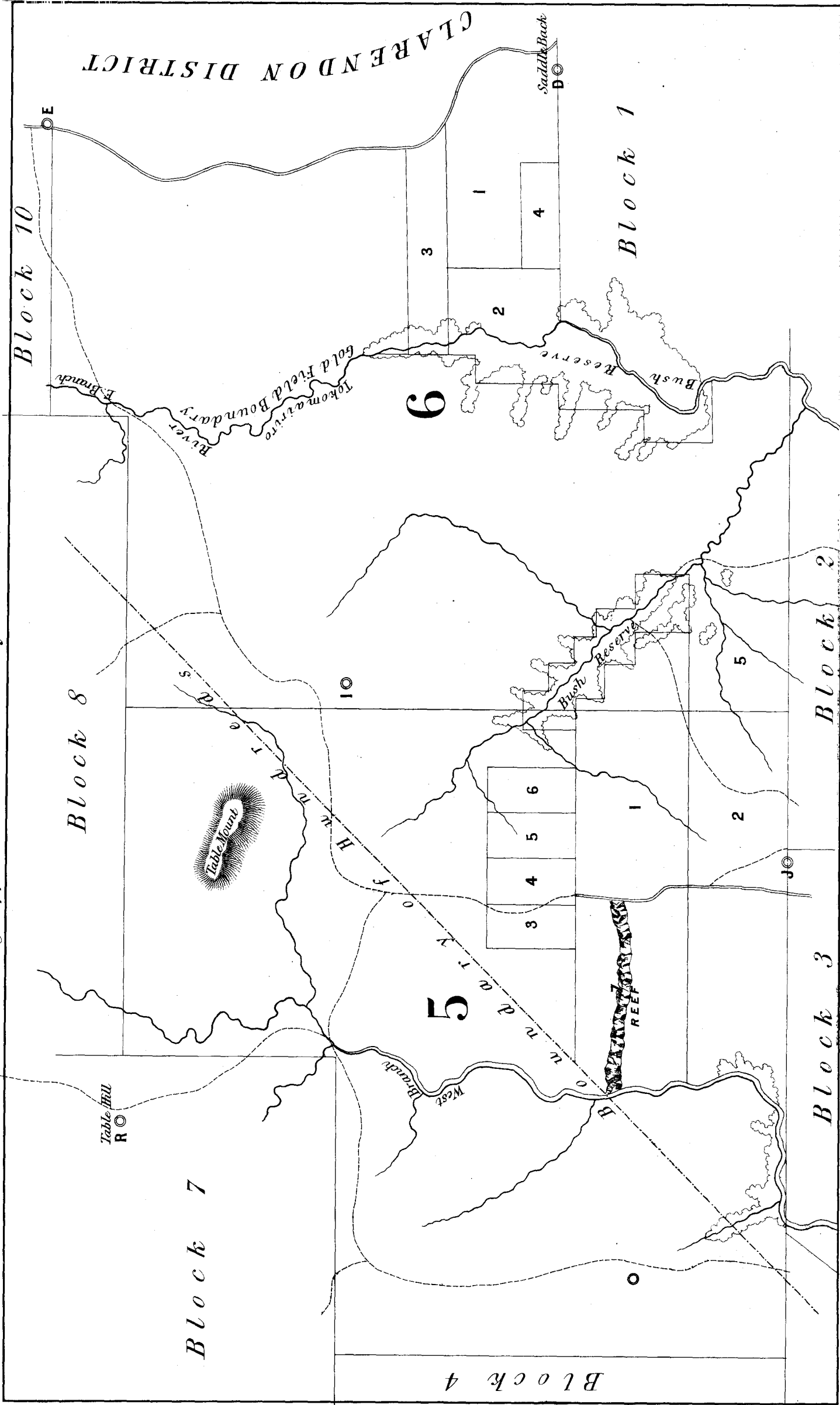
Secretary's Office, Gold Fields Department,
Dunedin, November 29th, 1865.

SIR—

I HAVE the honor to request that you will be so good as to inform me of the exact locality of the Quartz Reef reported as being or having been discovered in Canada Bush. If this description be correct, the locality is beyond the boundaries of the Gold Field, which will in that case require to be enlarged.

But if I am correctly informed, the precise locality is about five miles north-west of Canada Bush, on a branch of the Tokomairiro River, and between Table Mound and Table Hill. If this is so, considerable mischief has occurred through the want of accurate information, which should always in such cases be forwarded to this office *immediately*. Some persons have applied for and obtained the freehold of land which, it is believed, is of a highly valuable character, in consequence of several lodes

Plan showing Applications in unsurveyed lands, Table Hill District.



lodes of auriferous quartz running through the property. Still more of this land has been applied for by the same parties; and I have now to request that you will forward, *per return of post*, such information as will prevent the further alienation of such valuable public property.

(Signed) VINCENT PYKE,

C. Worthington, Esq., R.M.,
Warden.

B.

Gold Fields Department,
Warden's Office, Waitahuna, 30th November, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to forward you herewith a tracing, showing the exact locality of the Canada Bush Reef; it is, I am sure you will allow, almost impossible to give *immediate and accurate information* in these matters, as, of course, a survey has to be made in the first instance.

I have examined the Gazettes, and cannot find that the spot has been withdrawn from the operations of the "Gold Fields Act." It certainly is within the limits of Gold Fields, as originally proclaimed.

The Reef has been traced for a distance of half a mile, and is found at a depth of about three feet from the surface; it seems, as far as can be judged at present, to have a dip or inclination towards the north. Greatest width yet discovered is about four feet, and the least three.

Timber and water can be obtained within an easy distance, and at reasonable cost.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WORTHINGTON,
Warden.

(1.)

Gold Fields Department,
Secretary's Office, Dunedin, 8th February, 1865.

SIR—I herewith have the honor to forward a tracing, showing the boundary of land (by a red color) situated within the Agricultural Lease Reserve, which will shortly be offered for sale, and I therefore beg to inform you that no Leases of Land applied for as Agricultural Areas, within this space, will be granted by the Government.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) VINCENT PYKE,
Secretary.

Charles Worthington, Esq., R.M.,
Warden, Waitahuna.

(2.)

Warden's Office,
Waitahuna, 24th July, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to forward you the attached plan, showing certain applications made for Agricultural Leases within the Reserve recently withdrawn from the operations of the Gold Fields Act.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WORTHINGTON,
Warden.

The Gold Fields Secretary, Dunedin.

Dunedin,

(3.)

Memo.

Dunedin, 15th July, 1865.

Will Mr. Drummond be good enough to forward, by return of post, a tracing, showing the position of Agricultural Leases within the boundaries of the land recently withdrawn from the operation of the Gold Fields Act.

The information is wanted immediately; and such a tracing has never been received in the Gold Fields Secretary's Office.

(Signed)

CHARLES WORTHINGTON,

Warden.

The Mining Surveyor, Tuapeka.

MR. THOMSON, Chief Surveyor, examined:—

I remember the meeting of the Waste Land Board, at which the application for Section 7, referred to, was entertained. Mr. Howorth's name was called by the Chief Commissioner in the usual routine. Mr. Short, Chief Clerk, said that he thought there was a Reef there. After some further conversation, Mr. Robert Gillies, of Gillies and Street, said that he knew there was a Reef there; whereupon the Board decided that the application should stand over for further enquiry.

I do not think Mr. Hardy was in the room then, but he came in afterwards, and it appeared to me that he had some connection or interest in the application of Mr. Howorth. I do not remember his saying anything with respect to his knowledge, or otherwise, of the Reef; but it strikes me he was aware of it. I am not aware of any action taken by the Warden, Mr. Worthington. From what took place at the meeting, I saw that Mr. Hardy was aware of the existence of the Reef; it was open to the public, he said, and he might apply for it as well as anybody else. Mr. Hardy said that the application of Mr. Howorth was in his interest.

J. T. THOMSON,

Chief Surveyor.

7th December, 1865.

MR. CUTTEN, Chief Commissioner of the Waste Land Board, examined:—

About three years ago blocks II, III, part of V and VI, within the boundary line of the Tokomairiro Hundred, were reserved from sale, on the supposition that they were auriferous.

On the 5th of February, 1865, these blocks, together with unsurveyed land outside the Hundred line, and within the red lines shown on the map which I produced, were withdrawn from the operation of the Gold Fields Act, and thereupon became subject to the operation of the Waste Land Acts, and were advertised by me to be opened for application on the 20th of April. On that day applications were made by Mr. John Hardy for sections 1 and 2, block V, and also for section 5, of block VI. There were no other applications on the same day conflicting with Mr. Hardy's. The decision of the Board on Mr. Hardy's applications was given on the 23rd May, when the land was granted, possession not to be given for six weeks, to allow Mr. Smith to remove his fencing. On the 5th of July, Mr. Hardy paid for sections 2 and 5, and allowed section 1 to lapse. It was thereupon open to any other applicants. No application was made for it till the 15th November, 1865, when Mr. Hardy reapplied for section 1, and it was granted to him on the 17th of the same month, and paid for within the four days from the date of application. I was not aware of the existence of a quartz reef on any of the sections in question. I had seen reports in the papers of the discovery of a reef in the neighborhood, and I had enquired at the Gold Fields Office, and also at the office of the Under Secretary, if they had any information of the exact locality of the reef, but they could give no information. I spoke to Mr. Hardy about the reef, and he said he was not aware of its exact locality. This was said about the time of his (Mr. Hardy's) reaplication, and prior to the payment of the deposit. I had some doubt, from a statement of Mr. Willis, whether the land was open for sale or not. Mr. Hardy, at my request, produced the *Gazette*, and showed me that it had been withdrawn from the Gold Fields. Mr. Hardy did not appear to be very anxious to purchase the land, but gave as a reason that it completed his property.

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On the 15th November, 1865, Mr. Howorth applied for section 7, block V, Table Hill, which adjoins section 1, in his own name. This application came before the Board on 22nd November, it being a new section. On that day Mr. Howorth attended, accompanied by Mr. Hardy. Mr. Robert Gillies happening to be present, stated to the Board that this was the locality of the Canada Reef, and, he believed, included the prospectors' claim; thereupon the Board decided the application should stand over. Mr. Howorth contended that the Board were bound to grant the application. Mr. Hardy also argued the same point, and said that he was not aware of the reef being there, though there might be some stone upon it. I understood that the application was on Mr. Hardy's behalf. The Board allows any person to afford them information with reference to any application which may be before them. The Board was officially aware that Mr. Howorth had purchased previously for Mr. Hardy part of the adjoining property. I should have had no objection to grant the application for No. 7, but for Mr. Gillies's statement.

The application for No. 7 still stands over. Mr. Howorth subsequently tendered me the purchase-money of section 7, block V, which I refused. The exact locality of the reef has not yet been officially reported to the Board. Since this question has arisen, the Superintendent has withdrawn from sale all lands within Gold Fields which have at any time been open for sale, excepting Town Lands. There are numerous applications for purchase within the red line above-mentioned, some of which have been granted, because I found that pastoral leases issued by the Provincial Government, and also nine agricultural leases, were current over part of the said area.

W. H. CUTTEN.

MR. HARDY :—

I was in occupation for some years of the land within which are included the sections I lately applied for. I was running sheep and cattle upon it, and had a stock-yard erected on one of the sections I applied for. The Government having withdrawn from sale unsurveyed land, I was unable, as I desired, then to purchase the land. When it was afterwards included in the Gold Field, my son and my man took out miners' rights, and under them occupied half an acre of the land. I heard with regret that the land had been withdrawn from the Gold Fields, and was open for sale in February, 1865. I went to Mr. Douglas and Mr. Reid, and urged them to purchase the land, and to grant me a lease, with a purchasing clause. Finding them unwilling to purchase, I raised money on my own property to purchase the land. On seeing it advertised as open for sale in April, 1865, I put in an application for 1 and 2 of block V, and 5 of block VI, and other adjacent sections. When the application came before the Board, Mr. R. Gillies attended and opposed it, professedly as the agent of Mr. Jas. Smith, of Tokomairiro. Mr. Gillies said Mr. Smith would have purchased it himself, but he was not aware of the land being open for sale, and he wanted the application postponed, in order to give him time to remove his improvements. Mr. Smith afterwards told me that he had not authorised Mr. Gillies to say that he would have purchased the land, but merely to ask leave for the removal of the improvements. In July I took up my applications, except No. 1, block V, which it was not convenient for me to take up at that time. In the early part of November I renewed my application for No. 1, block V, and paid for it the following day. I obtained the money for the purchase on a Monday night; on the next day, visiting the land, I saw the drive where the reef was said to be; it is distant half a mile, or thereabouts, from the boundary of No. 1, block V. I had nothing to do with the application for No. 7, block V, so far as any personal interest is concerned. When Mr. Howorth's application for No. 7 was heard by the Board, I was not present at first, but I came in at the latter part of the discussion. I heard Mr. R. Gillies state that the Canada Reef was upon No. 7. I asked him his reasons. He said it ran in a north and south line from Table Hill. Mr. Cutten then asked me if I knew whether there was a reef upon the land or not. I declined to answer the question, and advised that it should be referred to Mr. Pyke. My reason for refusing to answer was, that the application was not mine, and that the matter lay between the Board and Mr. Howorth. The Committee are to understand that I never had any interest whatever in that application. After the meeting of the Board, I went to Mr. Pyke and expressed my surprise that the Government had no information with regard to the locality of the reef. I told Mr. Pyke I thought it

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was unjust, so long as the land was open for sale, to withhold it from an applicant. I should have preferred Mr. Howorth having the land to a stranger. When I became aware of the existence of the reef, I gave information of it to Mr. Howorth, stating to him that this fact was the reason for its being necessary for me to complete the purchase of No. 1. To enable me to effect this, I was obliged to give Mr. Howorth satisfactory reasons for advancing the money; this took place a day or two before I completed the purchase of section 1. I did not give any member of the Government information as to the reef, until after I had paid for section 1; after that I spoke generally upon the subject. I was anxious to complete the purchase I had commenced seven months before, previously to the land being again proclaimed into the Gold Fields, which I thought probable. The fact of the existence of a reef in the neighbourhood had been published in the papers some three weeks before I made the second application for block I. I had really no definite information to give as to the direction of the reef. I only saw one miner on the spot, Schmidt. I was not aware until now that any applications had been made on any part of that land for mining leases. (I allude to my own land.)

(Extract from Mr. Pyke's evidence read to Witness.)

Mr. Pyke evidently misunderstood what took place with regard to the application for No. 7. I have no recollection of Mr. Pyke using the words "disgorge what I had already obtained;" he said "that if the Government sold land containing a quartz reef, they would have to buy it back again, and therefore should be careful how they sold it." Mr. Pyke should remember that I urged this as a reason for withdrawing the land from sale; my opinion was, that the reef having been discovered the land should be withdrawn: it was to my interest it should be so. It did not strike me that the same reasons which would apply to the rest of the land being withdrawn from sale were equally applicable to the land which I had applied for. My reasons for this opinion are, that I bought my land for occupation as a farm, and, with the exception of No. 1, before I was aware of the existence of a reef; whereas other persons would purchase when the existence of the reef was known, for the purpose of speculation. My view, therefore, is that under the circumstances of my previous occupation, it would be fair that I should be secured in the purchase of the land I had applied for, and then that the land outside should be withdrawn. I did not consider it my duty, as a public officer, to inform the Government of the fact which I had communicated to Mr. Howorth, that I had visited the reef. I have nothing to do with the Gold Fields Department, and I had a delicacy in interfering with that department. I presumed also that the Gold Fields Department was better aware of the facts of the case than I was.

(Extract from the evidence of Mr. Cutten read to Witness.)

Mr. Cutten has misunderstood what I said on the occasion to which he refers. I did not say that I was not aware of the reef being there. I declined to answer the question. I foresaw it would lead to enquiry, and I thought I had best be careful. I did not give any one to understand that I was interested in any way by Mr. Howorth's application, but I saw there was an impression that I was. When I have heard Mr. Howorth spoken of as my agent, I have not denied it. But most emphatically I deny being interested in his application.

(Extract from Mr. Thompson's evidence read to Witness.)

Mr. Thomson is not correct in stating that I said that the application of Mr. Howorth was in my interest. As to the existence of the reef I did not attempt to disguise my knowledge, although I declined to answer a specific question upon the subject from the Board. I said there was plenty of stone there.

Question by the Chairman:—

From your evidence, it appears that you gave Mr. Howorth information as to the existence of the reef, but did not communicate the same information to the Government previous to the completion of the purchase—Are the Committee to understand, that in your opinion it was not your duty, as a public servant, to inform the Government of the fact of the existence of the reef; although you state that the Government should withdraw land from sale if aware that a valuable reef existed in the neighbourhood?

Answer.

Answer :—

I do not think it was my duty to interfere in what properly belongs to the Gold Fields Department.

Question :—

If, in your opinion, it was not your duty in your own case to inform the Government of the reef until after you had been secured in your own applications, on the ground of your being an old occupier there, although you state that land, after the reef is discovered and proved to be valuable, ought to be withdrawn from purchase, how do you account for declining to give information at the Waste Land Board, when asked in the case of another application which could have no claim such as you urged in your own instance ?

Answer :—

I am not even now aware that the reef alluded to is of any value, and I was not then. I have no knowledge whatever of reefing. I was not asked officially. If I had been asked to report by the Public Works, I should of course have done so.

By Mr. Mouat.

I did not stop Mr. Abel Kerr from ploughing any portion of No. 1, block V, in August, 1865, on the ground that such section was my property.

By Mr. Haughton.

I heard, three years ago, that a reef had been discovered near Canada Bush. I saw specimens of quartz said to be obtained from there, which Mr. Pyke said had evidently not been found in this country. I had no purpose in completing my purchase of No. 1, except for agriculture.

7th December, 1865.

JOHN HARDY.

On looking through the evidence I have given on page (3,) I find that I said I was unaware that any application had been made on any part of that land for mining purposes. I mean this to apply to the land I have bought, not to 7. Schmidt told me his party had a lease of their claim.

I find also that I have given utterance to opinions contrary to those I have long been advocating, viz :—That it is wise to reserve from sale mineral or auriferous lands. I have thought that all lands are better in the hands of purchasers than in the hands of the Government. The mineral lands of England do not belong to the State, but this does not prevent the development to the fullest extent the of mineral wealth of the old country. The opinion, or idea, for it was nothing more, that it would be for the public interest to reserve auriferous land from sale, was formed suddenly on hearing the strong opinion expressed by Mr. Pyke, to the effect that if the Government sold a reef they would have to re-purchase it, let it cost what it might.

8th December, 1865.

JOHN HARDY.

MR. HARDY re-examined :—

(The evidence of J. Smith read over to Witness.)

I positively deny having stated that I was at the reef as a Government official, and partly on Government business. I also deny having mentioned Mr. Pyke's name to Smith. I did say that my connection with the Government would enable me to get the stone tested for them.

8th December, 1865.

JOHN HARDY.

JAMES SMITH :—

On the 18th of last September I applied to Mr. Warden Worthington for a prospecting claim on Canada Reef, then called "All Nation's Reef;" and I obtained the sanction to the claim. About a month afterwards I applied to the same officer for a ten-acre Mining Lease. I put up a house about 400 yards from the prospecting hole, which is about the same distance from the river, and situated about the middle of section No. 7.

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On the 14th of November, (Tuesday), Mr. Hardy came to my house, with his son ; my wife was present. Mr. Hardy said he was a Government Official, and partly come on Government business to enquire about the reef, and that Mr. Pyke was shortly coming to look at the reef. Mr. Hardy said he had seen a statement in the paper, that the reef would not go more than seven to fifteen pennyweights to the ton ; and that if it did not go more than that, we might as well give it up. I took him over to the prospecting shaft, at his request, and I told him that, in my opinion, the quartz would go from one to two ounces to the ton ; but we did not want to say anything about it till we got the lease. I gave him some stone, and his son went down the shaft. He said he would have the stone tested, and help us if he could, towards getting machinery through the banks. On the 19th of the same month, Mr. Hardy's overseer came to me, and said Mr. Hardy had sent him to get some stone, and I sent him over to my mate Cosstich, and they got some stone out of the shaft. The reef, in my opinion, runs nearly east by north, and west by south, and has been traced all through section 7, from the dip above the river to the crown of the hill, where the track divides sections 7 and 1. I showed Mr. Hardy the line, and he said it crossed through his land. This was on the 14th November.

JAMES SMITH.

8th December, 1865.

JOHN COSSTICH :—

On the 14th day of November last Mr. Hardy came to Canada Reef with his son. I was there. I heard him mention his name to my mate Schmidt. All that I heard him say was, when they were coming back from the shaft, that he did not know whether the land was in the Gold Fields, but he was going into town in a day or two, and would see about it. On the Sunday following I saw Mr. Hardy's overseer, who came to me, I understood, by direction of my mate ; and he asked for a few pounds of quartz to take to town to get tested for one of the banks. I went with him to the shaft ; I broke some metal and gave it to him.

8th December, 1865.

JOHN COSSTICH.

VINCENT PYKE recalled :—

(*Attention directed to the passage marked in Smith's evidence.*)

Neither prior to the 14th November, nor since, did I ever state to Mr. Hardy my intention to visit the reef near Canada Bush.

Question by Chairman :

With regard to the expression in your former evidence as to Mr. Hardy "disgorging" what he had already obtained, have you any doubt that you made use of that term ?

Answer :

I have no doubt whatever.

Question by Chairman :—

Have you any doubt, on reflection, of the substantial accuracy of the evidence given by you to the Committee ?

Answer :—

None whatever.

8th December, 1865.

VINCENT PYKE.

EDWARD MARRYATT :—

I am a shareholder in the Canada Bush Reef. About the 22nd November, I heard that Mr. Hardy had applied for the land where the claims are. I wrote to my partners at Waitahuna, and to the Warden, on the subject. I saw the Warden, Mr. Worthington, afterwards, and he told me that it was impossible the land could have been sold, because it was still within the Gold Fields, and he showed me the map in his office. On the 29th November, the Warden issued me a protection for another area, under a Mining Lease, for which I paid the regular deposit of £20.

EDWARD MARRYATT.

8th December, 1865.

MR.

MR. ROBERT GILLIES :—

About the beginning of November, I had some communication with the applicants for mining leases on Canada Reef. About the 15th November I met Mr. Hardy, and asked him for information about the reef, he said he would have some stone in a day or two and would show it to me. On the 22nd November I was present at a meeting of the Waste Land Board, when certain applications were being heard. When the application in the Table Hill District for Section 7, of Block V, came on, I looked at the sketch, and exclaimed—"Why, that's where the quartz reefs are." Upon this, I observed that the applicant (Mr. Howorth) appeared dissatisfied. I was asked by some member of the Board whether I was authorised to oppose the application. I replied that I was not authorised to appear, but that I had been in communication with the persons who held mining leases there. Mr. Howorth said that he appeared as agent for Mr. Hardy, I am positive of this. So far as I remember, his words were—"I am instructed to appear for Mr. Hardy, as I know nothing of the existence of any reefs there or thereabout." Mr. Howorth insisted on the application being granted, and said that Mr. Hardy wished to complete his property which was the ground of the application. Mr. Howorth spoke of compelling the Board to grant the application, and of damages which might be claimed if they refused. I urged that the applicants of the mining leases had their rights also. Just before the Board rose, Mr. Hardy came in I think it was Mr. Cutten who asked him whether he knew anything of the reef. I understood him to say "No," but he afterwards said that all he did know was from the public prints, and that there it stated that the reef was in the Canada Bush. On being asked to point out Canada Bush on the map, he pointed out the bush on the north branch of the river, the easternmost bush. I said, "No," and pointed out the one adjoining his land.

On the same afternoon I was in the Survey Office with Mr. Howorth, and he informed me that the application was to complete Mr. Hardy's property; but that, as I must know, if people advanced money on unsurveyed land, the only way to get security was to apply for the land in the lender's name. Mr. Ross or Mr. Tressider was present on the other side of the counter.

ROBERT GILLIES.

December 8, 1865.

MR. HENRY HOWORTH :—

The application for section 7, block V, was put in by me on my account entirely. Shortly before putting in the application I had some conversation with Mr. Hardy, chiefly relating to his application for section No. 1, block V. He said he was desirous of completing his purchase to enable him to raise the money he had partly agreed with Mr. Parker at the Tokomairiro, for the sale to him of 100 acres of land there for £350; and he wished me to effect an exchange with Mr. Shaw, of the Clutha, for this section 1 in lieu of the 100 acres at the Tokomairiro, which was included in his mortgage. The negotiation was not completed, but I advanced the money to purchase section 1. I had some conversation with Mr. Hardy, before putting in my application, as to the existence of a quartz reef in that locality; and I knew that mining leases had been applied for in the Gold Field. Mr. Hardy indicated the approximate position of the reef with regard to this land, and I said I had a good mind to apply for a piece of land there. When Mr. Hardy and I went to the Land Office, I saw the map, and put in an application for what is now section 7.

(Mr. Gillies's evidence read to Witness.)

I deny that I said at the meeting of the Board, that I appeared for Mr. Hardy. The application was my own. I was never asked whether I appeared for any one. Mr. Hardy never had any interest whatever in that application. Prior to the application being called on, Mr. Gillies said to me—"I should hardly think it answered your purpose to attend the Waste Land Board." I replied—"I have an application of my own coming on to-day, and that accounts for my being here. On a previous occasion I had appeared before the Board professionally on behalf of Mr. Hardy.

HENRY HOWORTH.

December 13, 1865.

VII.—POLICE REGULATIONS.

(Brought up by Mr. Haughton, Dec. 20.)

Your Committee having carefully compared the Manual of Police Regulations for the guidance of the Constabulary Force of Otago, New Zealand, with the Police Regulation Ordinance, 1862, and the Police Regulation Amendment Ordinance, 1864, have the honor to report as follows :—

1. That the various sections of the Manual, with regard to punishments, for forfeiture of pay, &c.; are not consistent with the Ordinances of 1862 and 1864, and that the section on punishments, page 13 of the Manual, is directly contradictory to section 5 of the Ordinance, 1864.

2. That the following questions were submitted to the Commissioner of Police, to which are appended the answers of that Officer, which seem to your Committee to be perfectly satisfactory. :—

Q. 1.—From what date, and under what authority, has the Manual of Police Regulations for the guidance of the Constabulary Force of the Province of Otago, New Zealand, been in operation ?

A.—The Manual referred to has not yet come into operation ; it has not been acted on as it stands.

Q. 2.—Under what authority is framed *Section 17, page 10 of the Manual*, having reference to the marriage of Police ?

A.—In accordance with the Rules and Regulations under the Constabulary Force Ordinance, New Zealand, Session VII.—2, and following the Rules laid down for the guidance of the Police Force of Victoria ; and also in accordance with English Statute Law.

Q. 3.—*Section 18, page 10 of the Manual*.—Under what Ordinance are arrears of pay forfeited, without conviction before two Justices of the Peace ?

A.—I do not consider this clause repugnant to any Section of the Acts of 1862, or 1864, for Regulation of Police. It is in exact conformity with the Police Regulations of Victoria, which have received the sanction of the Governor of that Colony ; and also is in accordance with the provisions of Constabulary Force Ordinance, Session VII.—2.

Q. 4.—What are the powers given by the Police Regulation Ordinance, with regard to *punishments*, and where is the authority for the *Section on punishments, in the Manual, page 13* ?

A.—The clause, as printed in the Manual, is not in accordance with the Ordinance of 1864. It was drawn up before that Ordinance was passed, and it is proposed to amend it in accordance therewith, when printed in the *Gazette*. The clause was copied exactly from the Manual of Police Regulations of Victoria.

Q. 5.—Under what authority have the *duties of Commissioner, page 38, Manual*, been defined, especially as to the issuing of Regulations ?

A.—In drawing up this Section, I was guided by the Constabulary Ordinance, Session VII.—2, and also by Section 1, Police Regulation Ordinance, 1862, and also by the Victorian Manual of Police Regulations.

Q. 6.—How do you reconcile the Regulation in *page 77 of the Manual*, as to the duties of Constables, with respect to Magistrates, with Section VII, Police Regulations Ordinance, 1862 ?

A.—This Section is an exact copy of the Section in the Victorian Manual of Police Regulations. I do not regard this Section as restricting the directions given in Section VII, Police Regulation Ordinance, 1862.

Q. 7.—On what ground do you support your instructions to Constables, that they should carefully avoid cautioning prisoners against criminating themselves ?

A.

A.—Judge Patterson, (Snowden's Magistrate's Assistant, 1852), in *Queen v. Stokes*, (page 231), lays down this principle, and F. Tyndale, C. J., lays down the same principle—*Queen v. Storer*—at Stafford Assizes. It is also laid down by Denman, C. J., (quoted in the Instructions to the Essex Police). It is also laid down by Judge Johnstone, in "New Zealand Justice of the Peace," (page 22), Section VII.

Q. 8—Have you acted, previously or subsequent to the time when the Regulations set forth in the Manual came into force, on the point, or any of them referred to in the above questions, and if so, can you produce a return of each case?

A.—I have not. I have hitherto acted in all cases under this Ordinance, and reported to the Superintendent in all cases of dismissal. I have also inflicted fines under the Constabulary Force Ordinance.

3. That it is very desirable that the Manual should be altered, so as to accord with the Ordinances of the Provincial Council.

Your Committee further recommend that the Government should take into their consideration, during the recess, the expediency of consolidating the Ordinances of 1862 and 1864, and embodying in the new Ordinance such portions of the Constabulary Force Ordinance, Session VII—2, Legislative Council, New Zealand, as may remain unrepealed.

Your Committee have to express their thanks to the Commissioner of Police for the very valuable assistance afforded in pursuing their investigation.

CHAS. E. HAUGHTON,
Chairman.

VIII.—DAVID ANDREW'S PETITION.

(*Brought up by Mr. Lloyd, December 21.*)

Your Committee, in proceeding to investigate the Petitioner's case, are met at the outset by the fact that there is no evidence as to the subsidence of the Reclamation Ground referred to, and that no satisfactory evidence upon the point can be produced, unless by actual measurement, which cannot possibly be accomplished in time to enable your Committee to report during the present Session.

The whole enquiry, which has been remitted to your Committee, resolves itself into two questions:—

1st. If it has subsided, to what extent has the subsidence taken place.

2nd. Has the ground subsided under the line as marked upon the contract drawing, or has it not? Whether is the Government or the Contractor responsible for the extra filling in? It will be obvious, that until the first question is answered, it is useless to pronounce upon the second.

Should it be proven that the earth filled in has actually sunk below the surface line, as shewn in the plan, and that a serious loss to the Petitioner has resulted, the Committee would not recommend that the Government should, on technical grounds, decline to pay for the actual value received.

Under the circumstances of the case, the Committee recommend that the matter be referred to a competent Commission, as the most likely means of preventing an expensive litigation, and as the most probable method of ensuring an equitable view of the Contractor's claims, should it be proved that the earth filled in has actually sunk below the surface line, as shown on the plan.

Of course, if the Petitioner is determined to take the case into the Supreme Court, it would be useless for the Government to give effect to the Report, should it be adopted by the House.

GEORGE LLOYD,

Chairman.

 IX.—SHEEP ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

(Brought up by Mr. Adam, December 11.)

1st. Your Committee have carefully considered the subject remitted to them for consideration, and they have to report, that after considering the evidence brought before them they are of opinion that any amendments of the Sheep Ordinance will be incomplete which does not embrace the consolidation of all the Sheep Ordinances into one; and they accordingly recommend that the Provincial Solicitor be instructed to bring in a Bill next Session for the purpose of accomplishing this desirable object.

2nd. The Committee recommend that the Government solicit the assistance of Mr. Logie (late Chief Inspector) in preparing such a measure. The long experience of Mr. Logie in all matters connected with the working of the Sheep Ordinances, sufficiently justifies your Committee in recommending any suggestions of that gentleman in the preparation of a complete Bill.

3rd. Your Committee are of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to provide this Session, by the introduction of a short Bill, some Clauses for the inspection of Sheep in paddocks and freehold land. The numerous flocks which are now depastured on fenced land necessitates an immediate provision being made to enable Sheep Inspectors to enter upon property of this kind.

4th. Clauses 13, 14, 15, 21, and 29 of the present Ordinance require to be amended for the period that must necessarily elapse between the present and next Sessions of the Provincial Council, and the present Ordinance is returned for the consideration of Government.

JAMES ADAM,
Chairman.

7th December, 1865.

MINUTES AND EVIDENCE.

NOVEMBER 28.

The Committee met. Present—Messrs. Bell, Reid, Adam, Haggitt, and Miller.

Mr. Adam was elected Chairman.

The Committee resolved to adjourn until the Chief Inspector returned to Dunedin.

NOVEMBER 30.

The Committee met. Present—Messrs. Bell, Cargill, Reid, Adam, Miller, and Haggitt.—Mr. Adam in the Chair.

1. It was moved by Mr. Bell, and resolved—“That the Chief Inspector be telegraphed for.”

2. Clause 13.—An amendment was moved by Mr. Miller, and carried.

3. Clause 15.—Provincial Solicitor's addition to be incorporated.

4. Clause 21.—Provide form for certificate of sheep being clean, such certificate to be granted only at the time of actual inspection.

5. Clause 29.—*Amendment*:—“If any owner or other person shall wilfully set at large, abandon, or conceal from the Inspector any sheep infected with the disease called

called scab, or shall destroy any sheep so infected without giving notice thereof to the Inspector, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100 for the first offence, and for the second offence * * * "

New Clause.—Power to Inspector to enter upon private property for the purpose of inspecting sheep.

Clause 12 to be amended so as to include the application of the funds to the following purposes, viz. :—Quarantine Grounds, Dips, Yards for travelling sheep.

DECEMBER 5.

The Committee met. Present—Messrs. Bell, Miller, Reid, and Adam.

Mr. Thomson, Chief Inspector of Sheep, examined :—

1.—Q. Is the disease of scab on the increase or on the decrease ?

A.—On the decrease.

2.—Q. Does the Sheep Ordinance require amendment ?

A.—Yes.

3.—Q. In what respect does the Ordinance require amendment ?

A.—Clause 8 requires amending thus—Instead of four months being allowed after first dressing, that only two months should be allowed. Clause 14 should be amended to the extent of making it compulsory that no sheep can be travelled along the highway without a certificate; said certificate to be renewed in each district where there is an Inspector. *New Clause.*—Every sheepowner should be compelled to erect sheep-dips on his station.

4.—Q. Do you consider that if the Sheep Ordinance is amended so as to embrace the suggestions you have made on the foregoing clauses, it will answer all the purposes of the Sheep Inspector ?

A.—I do.

GEORGE THOMSON.

New Clause.—Inspector should have power to enter on private lands and inspect sheep.

JAMES ADAM,
Chairman.

X.—THISTLE

X.—THISTLE NUISANCE.

(*Brought up by Mr. Miller, Dec. 13.*)

Your Committee have to report that from the examination of persons acquainted with the districts where the thistles are spreading most rapidly, they are satisfied of the necessity of taking immediate steps for arresting the further progress of the evil.

In the northern part of the Province, it appears that it commenced about six years ago, at the Otepopo Bush, and has spread towards Moeraki and along the sea-coast northwards; and is now making its way to a distance of more than nine miles inland, generally avoiding the high lands and following the course of the rivers and all the low lands.

To the south it is fast coming down to Waikouaiti from Mount Charles, which is at the bank of Otepopo, and from the Peninsula it will be in the Taieri in two years if not immediately checked.

The growth of the Thistles is in some places five or six feet high, and as much as ten feet wide, being quite impervious to animals, and densely covering large patches of ground varying from ten to thirty acres in extent. When it is considered that in one patch of ground it commenced with three Thistles and in the short space of three years ten acres have been densely covered, the magnitude of the evil cannot easily be exaggerated.

Although the "Thistle Prevention Ordinance, 1862," has worked very satisfactorily, and notices served upon individuals in terms of the Ordinance have been for the most part promptly attended to, the steps which have been taken by the Government for the eradication of Thistles on Government Reserves have been so inefficient, that the efforts of adjoining proprietors have been rendered frequently useless.

The system adopted by the Government of employing only two or three men at one time, has been of no use; many of the public lands, and especially the Acclimatisation Reserve, as well as many of the Educational Reserves, are now so thickly seeded with Thistles, that unless strenuous efforts are made at once to check further progress, the sale of both public and private lands will be materially affected.

Under these circumstances, your Committee strongly recommend the expenditure of a sum of money for the purpose of preventing any further spread of the evil; and they are of opinion that it would be desirable to give a number of small contracts, say for a square mile; the Thistles to be cut within a given time; the proper time to cut them being Spring and Autumn. Persons interested in the neighbourhood would be found willing to take up such contracts, and to carry them out efficiently. No chemical process has as yet been found by which the vitality of the plants can be destroyed, the only effectual process is to grub them out; but if left until December, although grubbed out of the ground, the seed will still ripen.

As far as your Committee can judge, a sum of about £2000 would be sufficient for the purpose, if judiciously expended; and they would recommend that an Honorary District Inspector or Board of Inspectors should be appointed with power to carry out the provisions of the Ordinance, and to receive complaints from individuals who might find it out of their power to stop the evil on adjoining lands: also to visit their respective districts at the proper season, and to lay information against the owner or occupier of any lands where the destruction of the Thistle is being neglected. Summonses could then be issued in the usual way, and penalties enforced, which might be made a first charge upon the land. In most cases an officer of the District Police might be appointed for this duty.

Your Committee would also point out that in the existing Thistle Ordinance no provision is made for the payment of fees, either to the Colonial or Provincial Treasurer, and no form of notice is annexed to the Ordinance.

H. J. MILLER, Chairman,

Pro M. S. Gleeson.

END OF REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.



DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

SESSION XXI.

1865.

I.—EDUCATION.

Education Board Office,
Dunedin, October 19th, 1865.

SIR—In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 18th ultimo, I do myself the honor to submit the following Report on the Education Department, up to the 30th of September, 1865. The Education Ordinance enacts that a Report for the year ending 31st December, shall be prepared by the Secretary and Inspector in the month of January; and, as the returns from the different Schools are not due until the expiry of the year, the present Report can only be regarded as an *interim* one.

Educational Districts.

At the close of the year 1864 there were twenty-six Educational Districts established under the provisions of the Ordinance. Since then, the new Educational Districts of Queenstown and Otepopo have been formed. Applications from the Settlers of Palmerston (Shag Valley), Balclutha (Clutha Ferry), and Mornington, respectively, for the formation of those localities into separate Educational Districts, have not yet been definitively disposed of by the Board; but a Side School, in connection with the Board, is in successful operation at each of the places mentioned. I have been instructed to prepare, for the consideration of the Board, a scheme for the readjustment of the boundaries of the different Educational Districts, where such may be considered advisable; care being taken to make such boundaries coincide with Road District Boundaries wherever practicable. The proposed readjustment of boundaries will be effected in time for the annual election of School Committees, on the second Monday of January, 1866.

Number of Schools.

At the close of the year 1864 there were in operation thirty-eight Public Elementary Schools, of which twenty-six were Main District Schools, and twelve were Side Schools. The Side Schools of Port Molyneux, Mornington, Balclutha (Clutha Ferry), Palmerston, Cromwell, Nokomai, and Teviot, have since been established in connection with the Board. The School at Queenstown, formerly ranking as a Side School, may now be regarded as a Main School. The teacher of the Kuri Bush School was appointed to another situation in January, and since that time the School has been closed. There are, consequently, twenty-seven Main Schools, and
sixteen

sixteen Side Schools, at present in operation throughout the Province. In connection with these forty-three Schools, there are employed forty-five male teachers, twelve female teachers, and six female pupil teachers, making a total of sixty-three teachers. Communications have recently been received from parties interested in the proposed establishment of Schools at Dunstan Creek, Hamilton, Maungatua, and South Akatore, respectively, but no definite arrangements have yet been made in regard to them.

School Buildings.

No School Buildings have been erected during the present year; but small sums have been expended in aid of the completion of the School Buildings at North Dunedin, Oamaru, Lawrence, Lake Waipori, and the High School. The sum of £100 has been expended in aid of the School Buildings at Cromwell, and £50 towards the same object at Clyde; the inhabitants of the District having, in each case, contributed liberally towards the erection of their School Buildings.

Public Circulating Libraries.

Appendix E of my last Annual Report contains the Regulations of the Board for the establishment of Public Circulating Libraries throughout the Province. In pursuance of those Regulations, a large supply of suitable and strongly-bound books was received from Britain last July. Nearly all of the books have been distributed among the Public Libraries, in accordance with the Board's regulations; and the following table contains a statement of the districts which have participated in the benefits of the scheme, the value of the books issued, and other information relating to this matter:—

	DISTRICTS.	Value of Books purchased otherwise.			Amount paid into Provincial Treasury for Books.			Value of Free Grants.			Total Value of Books issued.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	North Taieri .. ..	...			69	12	0	50	0	0	119	12	0
2	Waikouaiti	23	0	0	27	0	0	50	0	0	77	0	0
3	Otakia .. ..	...			16	0	0	16	0	0	32	0	0
4	Wakari	3	0	9	26	10	0	29	10	9	56	0	9
5	East Clutha .. ..	...			35	4	0	35	4	0	70	8	0
6	Tokomairiro	50	0	0	...			50	0	0	50	0	0
7	West Taieri .. ..	...			25	0	0	25	0	0	50	0	0
8	Lawrence .. ..	...			50	0	0	50	0	0	100	0	0
9	Green Island	6	0	0	22	2	0	28	2	0	50	4	0
10	East Taieri .. ..	...			50	0	0	50	0	0	100	0	0
11	Clutha Ferry .. ..	...			50	0	0	50	0	0	100	0	0
12	Mornington .. ..	...			25	0	0	25	0	0	50	0	0
13	Middle Dunedin School...	...			25	0	0	25	0	0	50	0	0
14	North Dunedin School ..	...			10	0	6	10	0	6	20	1	0
15	South Dunedin School ..	...			28	11	6	25	0	0	53	11	6
16	Dunedin Gaol .. ..	...			13	2	0	...			13	2	0
	Totals	82	0	9	473	2	0	518	17	3	991	19	3

In addition to the above, the Dunedin Athenæum has received a supply of books to the value of about £20; and since the half-yearly accounts were closed, the West Taieri Library Committee have procured several additional volumes. I regret that Alexandra Library Committee have been disappointed in obtaining books from this Office. They did not forward any application until sometime after the other Committees had been supplied; and although a few volumes still remain on hand, there is not a sufficient number to form a Library. Other localities have expressed an intention to avail themselves of the benefits of the Public Library Scheme, in the event of the Provincial Council and the Government being pleased to sanction the purchase of a second supply of books.

Educational

Educational Reserves.

On the Education Reserves Ordinance receiving the assent of His Excellency the Governor, the Board adopted a set of Regulations for the Leasing of the Reserves, which has been printed and put in circulation. Up to this date, applications have been received for the leasing of one town section (Oamaru,) and 36 rural sections, containing a total area of about 1274 acres. The first day fixed for considering offers for the reserves has not yet arrived, and no definite idea can therefore be formed of the amount of revenue likely to be obtained from this source.

Income and Expenditure.

I am unable to furnish any statement of the Income and Expenditure of the different Schools, as the Annual Returns of the Committees are not due until the close of the year. I may state, however, that a legal rate has been levied in the following mentioned districts, viz. :—Dunedin, Portobello, Anderson's Bay, Wakari, N. E. Valley, Caversham, Green Island, Saddle Hill, North Taieri, Lake Waipori, East Clutha, Warepa, Kaihiku, and Blueskin. There are seventeen Schools in connection with these fourteen districts, and there consequently remain twenty-six Schools, or nearly two-thirds of the whole of the Schools connected with the Board, which derive no assistance from a legal rate this year. It is necessary to state, however, that in one or two instances where there is no rate this year, the Committee started with a balance in hand from the proceeds of the former year's rate, and that in some cases the Committee, or Commissioners, are experiencing very considerable difficulty in raising a sufficient amount to defray the School expenditure for the year. The School Committee of Port Chalmers took steps to levy a School rate; but, owing to some informality in their Clerk's proceedings, the rate was disallowed by the Resident Magistrate's Court. This circumstance, together with the very great amount of opposition to the rate manifested by the inhabitants of the town, led to the resignation of the Committee; and the Commissioners appointed by the Board to act in their stead are endeavoring to carry on the School to the end of the year without having recourse to a rate. School Commissioners have also been appointed in the Districts of Tokomairiro and West Taieri. The Committees of some other Districts have expressed a wish to resign, and it was with difficulty that they were prevailed upon to remain at their posts till the expiry of their period of service. I am compelled to report that the operation of the *Education Ordinance* during the year, in so far as it relates to the levying of a local rate, has been very unsatisfactory and discouraging. The feeling against the rate throughout the Rural Districts, where it has been enforced, is undoubtedly increasing in intensity. As, however, the levying of a compulsory School rate is not an essential element of the *Education Ordinance*, which, in its main general features, is undoubtedly acceptable to the great body of the people, I am in hope that ere long some modification of the present arrangements for meeting the School expenditure will be effected by the Provincial Legislature.

High School.

The attendance at the High School still continues steadily to increase. The number of pupils enrolled for the present quarter is one hundred and twenty-four. The Rector's Report on the High School will appear as usual among the annual educational reports in the month of January.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

JOHN HISLOP,

Secretary and Inspector.

The Provincial Secretary, Dunedin.

II. — GAOL.

Gaol Department,
Dunedin, 1st November, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to forward Returns showing the state of this Department for the six months ending 30th September, 1865.

The prisoners have been kept industriously employed in removing Bell Hill and reclaiming a portion of the harbor, and doing all the work required about the Prison; their conduct has been orderly and submissive, and there have been no escapes.

There has been a gradual decrease in the number of prisoners since August last, and I have therefore been able to dispense with the services of one Overseer and two Warders.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. STODDART,

Gaoler.

The Provincial Secretary.

RETURN showing the Expenditure, and also the Value of Prison Labor of the above Department for six months, ending September 30, 1865.

PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT VOTED.			AMOUNT EXPENDED.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	2,791	9	8	2,496	11	5
Departmental Contingencies ..	3,145	0	0	1,945	7	7
	5,936	9	8	4,441	19	0

VALUE OF PRISON LABOR.

Removing Bell Hill	2,525	0	8
241 cubic yards of blue metal, stacked on ground, at 4s. ...	48	4	0
Metal supplied to Road Engineer's Department ...	8	4	0
Work done for Provincial Storekeeper ...	2	14	0
Material supplied and Work done for Hospital Department ...	8	8	9
Gaol Extensions	153	6	0
Material supplied to Messrs. A. Cairns and Co. ...	5	12	0
Labor of Tailors and Shoemakers ...	92	10	0
Cash paid into Treasury for Debtors' Maintenance, Surplus Stores, and Labor done by Prisoners ...	73	12	0
	£2,917	11	5

J. STODDART,

Gaoler.

DUNEDIN

D U N E D I N G A O L .

RETURN showing the number of Prisoners received into Her Majesty's Goal, Dunedin, from 1st day of April to 30th day of September, 1865, and the Offences with which they were charged.

PARTICULARS.	Attempt to commit a Felony.		Burglary.	Assault.	Concealment of Childbirth.	Aiding and Abetting same.	Intimidation.	Forgery and Uttering.	Horse Stealing.	Larceny.	Murder.	Felony.	Highway Robbery under Arms.	Perjury.	Rape.	Stealing Money.	Shooting with intent.	Unlawfully Wounding.	Obtaining Money by False Pretences.	Wilfully Making a False Declaration.	Drunkenness.	Vagrancy.	Other Offences unenumerated.	NATIVE OF												TOTAL.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.							
For Trial ..	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	8	1	1	2	1	1	8	1	2	2	3	1	1	15	5	2	2	1	2	4	28	3						
Sentenced from Supreme Court ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	7	2	2	2	3	2	16	2							
Remanded ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	7	5	2	2	4	4	28	4								
Sentenced from Magistrate's Court ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	192	55							
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SUMMARY

SUMMARY of all Prisoners received as per Receiving and Description Register, from 1st April to 30th September, 1865.

For Trial .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	31
Sentenced from Supreme Court	18
Remanded	32
Sentenced from Magistrate's Court	247
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						328
And Remanded for same offence more than once	16
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						344
Debtors	64
Lunatics	6
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						414
Deduct Sentenced from Supreme Court	18
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Total as per Receiving Register	396

J. STODDART,
Gaoler.

III.—HARBOR.

REPORT BY THE HARBOR MASTER UPON THE STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER HIS CHARGE FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1865.

I.—OTAGO HARBOR.

1. *The Pilot Service.*—This Service has, for the past eight months, been conducted under the supervision of the Pilot Board, appointed by His Honor the late Superintendent, the Pilotage Dues having been handed over to the pilots, and each receiving his own individual earnings. In consequence of the comparatively small amount of shipping which has visited the port, and more particularly through the operation of the Marine Board Act, making it optional for any master of a vessel to employ a pilot, the average monthly earnings of each pilot has only amounted to about twelve pounds eighteen shillings (£12 18s.); but the Government, by the advice of the Board, paid over to the pilots the whole amount of the vote passed at last meeting of the Provincial Council (£300), and thus their salaries have been made up to twenty pounds (£20) a month. I am given to understand that a Marine Board Amendment Act has been passed by the Assembly, and I am unable to give an opinion as to how the Pilot Service shall in future be conducted, or to estimate the revenue likely to be derived therefrom, until the exact provisions of this Act are before me.

2. *Steam Tug.*—In a former report I recommended that a steam tug should be purchased to be used both for boarding vessels outside and for towing. The p.s. "Samson" has for some years been employed for the latter service, but in consequence of the speculation having of late proved an unprofitable one, she has been withdrawn, and the harbor is now left in the very undesirable position of being without any vessel suited for the purpose. Although the "Samson" has only been away for a few weeks, her want has already been severely felt; and I anticipate that the loss, delay, and inconvenience to shipping which is likely to arise through the want of a tug-boat will prove a serious matter. I would therefore now recommend that either a subsidy be granted to the owner of a suitable steamer to employ her as a tug-boat, or that the Government provide one, and place the same under the charge and management of the pilots. The annual expenses of such a vessel would be about £4000, allowing her to be under full steam for thirty hours a week, at a consumpt of coal of ten cwt. per hour. This is making due allowance for a large increase on the work a tug would have to perform at present. The expense might be borne as follows:—

The pilots to pay and provision all deck hands ..	£300	0	0
Government all other expenses, including ordinary repairs and coal—say at £3 per ton—a high rate ..	3700	0	0
	£4000	0	0

I believe that a tug-boat would be self-supporting; and this is shown by the following data:—The vessels piloted outwards and inwards during the past six months represent a tonnage of 31,201, and this is only two-thirds of the tonnage of vessels which have visited the port. This amount may fairly be taken as a low estimate of the shipping for the next six months; but suppose that only 25,000 tons employ steam, which is a low calculation, at 9d. per ton inwards (a moderate rate), £937 10s., and 9d. outwards, £937 10s.;—amount for six months, £1875; or for twelve months, £3750—showing a loss of only £250. But I feel assured that were this estimate to prove too high, the deficiency would never amount to the sum any private party would take as a subsidy, to put on a steamer for the service, which I anticipate would be about £1800 per annum.

3. *Leading Lights.*—In consequence of the want of Leading Lights, Masters of Steamers arriving during night have great difficulty in steering in the narrow Channel which is the entrance to the Harbor. They are obliged to enter with great caution,
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but, from the frequent urgency for the immediate arrival of Steamers, Masters are often induced to run an undue risk in the Channel rather than remain outside till day-light. The Leading Lights would indicate a straight line in which to steer with safety in the darkest nights, and I would again urge the necessity for their erection.

4. *Wharves*.—Another important requirement is Wharf accommodation at Dunedin. While there are a sufficient number of wharves to accommodate all sea-going vessels that go up the Bay, there is not sufficient depth of water to admit of them being taken alongside the Jetties. The old Jetty also is now dangerous for the River Steam Boat traffic, and is not worth repairing, and I would therefore recommend that a Channel be deepened to Rattray-street Jetty, so as to render it available for the passenger traffic and sea-going vessels.

5. *Floating Dock*.—The inconvenience occasioned by the want of the necessary appliances for the repair of the vessels of large tonnage which visit the Port become every day more apparent, and I would again bring the matter under the notice of the Government, in the hope that a guarantee of six per cent. on outlay may be given, in order to induce private enterprise to erect a Hydrostatic Lift, or, what would suit the purpose and be less expense, a Floating Dock.

II. OAMARU.

1. *Light-house*.—I would again bring under the notice of the Government the importance of having a light at this Harbor. This is necessary even for the Steam Boat traffic alone, to enable them to enter the Roadstead at night with safety. If it could be made a Coast light of the first class—visible 30 miles off—it would prove a great boon to Coasters by enabling them to avoid one of the greatest dangers on the Coast, viz., Fish Reef off Moeraki.

2. *Moorings*.—The outer Moorings have now been picked up, the success of the operation being due to the use of the Diving Dress by one of the crew of the Launch, John Mill. These Moorings are only used once in the year, during the wool loading season, and I would recommend that the first Ship using the same be employed to pick them up and bring them to Port Chalmers, where they could be supplied to any Vessel requiring the use of heavy Moorings for Oamaru or any other of the open Roadsteads; the removal and return of the Moorings to be done at the Ship's expense. This was the course adopted with the Barque Malay last year. Tear and wear of the Moorings, and also the expense of overhauling would thus be saved, and the Shipmaster would also have an opportunity of seeing and judging for himself whether they were strong enough for his Vessel.

The inner Moorings have been overhauled and found in good order. These are of much service to the small class of Coasting Vessels.

III. MOLYNEUX.

At last Session of the Provincial Council a sum was voted for the purpose of providing a Boat and Boat's Crew, with warps, &c., at this Port to assist Vessels which might be becalmed at the entrance to the River. This arrangement has not been carried out for the following reasons:—It was found that a Crew of sufficient experience, and which could be depended upon to render the service required, could not be procured for the sum anticipated. The traffic to the Port by sailing craft has very materially fallen off, the overland route being generally preferred, so that the services of the Boat's Crew would not in all probability be required once in a few months, and thus the outlay would be altogether disproportionate to the work to be performed. Further, an effort is being made to provide a Coastal Steamer to ply in connection with another in the River; and if this is carried out, the traffic by Sailing Vessels will almost or entirely cease, and the Boat's Crew would not be required. Rather than adhere to the proposed arrangement, I would recommend that a Subsidy be offered for a Steam Service, which would be more beneficial and satisfactory to all concerned.

The Moorings at the Port require overhauling, and I am about to proceed thither with the Schooner Caroline for that purpose.

IV. CASUALTIES.

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No casualties of any importance have occurred in the Harbor, with the exception of the sinking of the Hulk Thomas and Henry. The accident was occasioned through her having sprung a leak in several places, these having occurred in connection with the pipes which were inserted when the Vessel was fitted up as a Prison. She having filled with water, the work of pumping and beaching was one of some difficulty. These operations, however, were materially facilitated, and a considerable saving effected by using the diving dress.

V. DIVER.

I would, in conclusion, mention that for some months past one of the Crew of the Launch has been practising the use of the diving dress belonging to the Government and under my charge; and, as will be seen from the foregoing Report, two occasions have already occurred on which he has rendered important service to the Government. There is now no other dress in the Province, and as frequent occasions arise in which it could be used with advantage and large pecuniary benefit, I would recommend that the office of Diver be created with a salary attached thereto.

WILLIAM THOMSON,
Harbor Master.

 IV.—IMMIGRATION REPORT.

Immigration Department,
October 1, 1865.

His Honor the Superintendent of Otago.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the following Report on the Immigration scheme from April 1st to September 30th, 1865, being a period of six months :—

Immigration Bills.

The following sums have been collected on account of Immigrants' Bills during the six months ending September 30th, 1865 :—

	£	s.	d.
April	347	10	0
May	649	11	8
June	678	1	10
July	590	13	10
August	671	10	0
September	543	8	5
	£3480	15	9

Immigration Debt.

The Immigration Debt at this date amounts to £42,082 17s. This amount includes the sum of £917, on account of Immigrants per ships Jessie Gilbert, Lizzie Southard, and Caribou, whose bills are not as yet due. The actual debt due amounts to £41,165 17s.

Guaranteed Passages.

There were thirty-five applications from settlers in the Province during the six months ending September 30th, for passages for their friends under the guaranteed system. The applications for guarantees from the country districts, and especially the Gold Fields, are much more numerous since the advertisement in the *Advertisement Sheet* appeared. Many of the miners are taking advantage of the facilities now offered to bring their wives and families from the Mother Country to this Province.

RETURN

RETURN of Assisted Immigrants from Britain to Otago from April 1st to September 30th, 1865.

Name of Vessel.	Port Whence Sailed.	Date of Arrival.	NUMBER LANDED.				Total Souls.	Total Statute Adults.	GUARANTEED.				Domestic Servants.
			Above 12.		Under 12.				Above 12.		Under 12.		
			M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.	M.	F.	
Jessie Gilbert ...	London ...	1865. June 3rd ...	1	7	1	...	9	8½	1	1	...	6	
Lizzie Southard ...	Do. ...	Do. 22nd ...	1	5	...	1	7	6½	1	...	1	1	
Caribou ...	Glasgow ...	July 17th ...	22	45	11	4	82	74	22	24	11	3	19
Leichardt ...	London ..	Aug. 3rd ...	1	31	1	...	33	32½	1	...	1	...	31
Thracian ...	Do. ...	Do. 29th ...	1	7	2	1	11	9½	1	3	2	1	4
Peter Denny ...	Glasgow ...	Sept. 2nd ...	7	58	1	...	66	65½	7	5	1	...	53
		Totals ...	33	153	16	6	208	196½	33	37	16	5	114

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The above Return shows that of the 208 souls introduced into the Province during the six months ending 30th September, there were 114 female Domestic Servants who met with ready engagements.

The ships carrying Immigrants during the last six months arrived in a satisfactory state. There were no complaints whatever made to me by any of the Immigrants.

DEMAND FOR LABOUR IN OTAGO.

Miners.

The Gold Fields of Otago continue to yield a steady increase of the precious metal in proportion to the gold mining population. There were 231,010 oz. 11 dwts. of gold exported from Dunedin, from 1st August, 1864, to 31st March, 1865, being a period of eight months.

The population on our Gold Fields have now assumed a steadier character; companies have been formed for carrying on sluicing and quartz-crushing: these employ a large number of labourers at the present time, wages averaging from 15s. to 20s. per day.

The demand for labourers on the Gold Fields at present is very brisk, and the prices of provisions average as follows:—

Flour	35s. per cwt.	Butter	2s. 6d. per lb.
Potatoes	5s. „	Tobacco	6s. „
Tea	3s. per lb.	Soap	6d. „
Coffee	2s. „	Candles	1s. 4d. „
Sugar	8d. „	Salt	4d. „
Mutton and Beef	6d. to 1s. „	Milk	1s. per quart
Bacon	1s. 6d. „	Eggs	4s. per dozen

Every gold miner holding a Miner's Right, for which he pays 21s. per annum, is entitled to occupy for residence and a garden half an acre of land free of any expense.

Auriferous Crown Lands may be leased for the term of 15 years, at the rate of £5 per acre.

Agricultural Leases are granted for a term not exceeding 7 years, at the rate of 5s. per acre, payable in advance. This rate will be materially reduced.

The new Land Act includes a purchasing clause, but is not yet passed. There is little doubt, however, of this purchasing power being granted in any Act, or full valuation given for improvements.

Around all the principal Gold Fields there are extensive tracts of land admirably suited for agriculture and horticulture. The grazing capabilities of the land are of first-rate quality, and every facility given for the obtainment of leases.

There are townships formed on the different Gold Fields where produce can be sold, and goods bought nearly as cheaply as in Dunedin, the capital of the Province.

As to the number of miners who might be introduced with advantage, I think 5000, at the rate of about 400 a month, would not be too many, especially if they came with some £20 or £30 each, so that they might be enabled to mine on their own account instead of working for wages.

Ploughmen.

The demand for Ploughmen and Farm Servants in the Province has never been greater than it is at the present time. There are now from 30 to 40 applications from the Country Districts in the Immigration Office which cannot be supplied for want of men. The wages average from £55 to £60 per annum, with rations. About 400 might be introduced gradually during the year.

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Shepherds.

Shepherds are also much required for the Up-country Stations. There are always vacancies occurring, as many of the Shepherds who arrived in the Colony a few

few years ago are leaving their situations to occupy land bought by themselves. The wages for good men are now £70 per annum, with rations.

About 200 Shepherds might be introduced gradually during the year.

Female Domestic Servants.

Female Domestic Servants of the right sort, who have had some experience in the home country, are equally sought after. The females who arrived by the Peter Denny from Glasgow have been employed in two days, at wages from £25 to £35 per annum, with, of course, board and lodgings provided in addition.

Domestic Servants, selected through the Home Agent for the Province, are brought to the Colony for half-passage money, the Government of Otago paying the remaining half; the half which is to be paid by the Immigrant, is taken by a promissory note payable six months after arrival in the Colony. The cost of a passage to Otago is generally £14. About 400 might be introduced gradually during the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

COLIN ALLAN,

Immigration Agent.

V.—POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Department,
Commissioner's Department,
Dunedin, November 1, 1865.

SIR,

IN forwarding the Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending the 30th September, 1866, I beg to state that, owing to the decrease in population and other causes, I have been able to reduce the strength of the Department by 1 officer, 3 non-commissioned officers, and 63 constables, and thus effect a saving of upwards of thirteen thousand pounds (£13,000), as compared with the expenditure of the financial year just expired. I have estimated separately for the Treasury Escort Service, by which you will perceive that the actual cost of Police protection throughout the Province may be set down at something under £20,000 per annum—a sum which I trust to be enabled to still further reduce year by year.

The usual Return of strength and distribution is herewith attached.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

ST. JOHN BRANIGAN,

Commissioner.

RETURN shewing distribution of Officers, N

STATIONS.			Officers.		Mounted.			Foot.		
			Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Sergeants.		Constables.	Sergeants.		Constables.
					1st Class.	2nd Class.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	
Dunedin District.	Dunedin ...	...	...	...	1	4	...	3	1
	Do. Great King-street ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
	Anderson's Bay ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Blueskin ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Caversham ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Port Chalmers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	West Taieri ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	1	1	6	1	4	20	
Dunstan District.	Dunstan ...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1
	Kawarau ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
	Manuherikia ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
	Nevis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Teviot ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Total	1	...	...	2	1	...	2	4	
Molyneux District.	Molyneux Ferry ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
	Do. Port ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Mataura ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	
Mount Ida District.	Hamilton ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Dunstan Creek ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	M'Crae's Flat ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Upper Taieri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Vincent ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Total	...	1	...	2	2	...	...	5	
Tokomairiro District.	Tokomairiro ...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
	Glenore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Total	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1
Tuapeka District.	Tuapeka ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1
	Monroe's ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Waipori ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Waitahuna ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
	Wetherstone's ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	4	
Waikouaiti District.	Waikouaiti ...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
	Hampden ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Oamaru ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	...
Wakatipu District.	Queenstown ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Arrow River ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Arthur's Point ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Frankton ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Maori Point ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
	Nokomai ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Total	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	6	
Escort ...	...	1	1	...	4	...	...	1	
Recapitulation.	Dunedin ...	...	...	1	1	6	1	4	20
	Dunstan ...	1	...	...	2	1	...	2	4
	Molyneux ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	4
	Mount Ida ...	...	1	...	2	2	...	...	5
	Tokomairiro ...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1
	Tuapeka ...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	4
	Waikouaiti ...	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	4
	Wakatipu ...	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	6
Escort ...	...	1	1	...	4	...	...	1	
Total	1	3	2	8	22	3	9	41		

Offices of the Police Department,
Dunedin, 30th September, 1865.



GO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioned Officers, and Constables, (with Horses), on 30th September, 1865.

Qr.-Master Sergeant.	Water.			Detective.			Escort Drivers.	Horses.				REMARKS.
	Sergeants.		Constables.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.		Troop.	Draught.	Spare.		
	1st Class.	2nd Class.								Troop.	Draught.	
1	2	1	4	1	} In charge of Commissioner.
...	
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	} In charge of Inspector Morton.
...	1	...	...	2	2	1	...	
...	
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	3	2	1	...	} In charge of a Non-Commissioned Officer.
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...
...	3	...	...	...
...	1	3	3	...	} In charge of Sub-Inspector Sincock.
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...
...	5	3	3	...	} In charge of a Non-Commissioned Officer.
...	1	2	2	4	1	
...	
...	1	2	2	4	1	
...	2	3	} In charge of a Non-Commissioned Officer.
...	
...	1	...	...	...
...	
...	3	3	} In charge of a Non-Commissioned Officer.
...	2	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...
...	5	} In charge of Sub-Inspector Percy.
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	
...	3	...	1	...	} In charge of Sub-Inspector Dalglish.
...	1	6	23	1	1	
...	
...	
1	1	...	3	2	1	7	1	5	...	} In charge of Sub-Inspector Dalglish.
...	1	...	...	3	2	1	...	
...	3	...	...	...
...	5	3	3	...	
...	1	2	2	4	1	
...	3	3	...	...
...	5	...	...	...
...	3	...	1	...	
...	1	6	23	1	1	
1	1	...	3	2	2	...	2	37	34	15	2	

ST. JOHN BRANIGAN, Commissioner.



VI.—SURVEY REPORT.

Survey Office, Dunedin,

September 26, 1865.

To the Provincial Secretary.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13th instant, calling for a report on the state of the Department for six months ending the 30th instant. In reply, I may state that having reported so fully lately, under date 5th instant, I trust a few lines will now suffice.

Mr. M'Kerrow is now engaged in carrying on the standard bearings at present minor triangulations in the Strath Taieri, Tuapeka West, and Wakatip districts near Mount Benger. Messrs. Shanks, Howden, and Arthur, are carrying on the respectively; and Messrs Barr, M'Farlane, Prentice, M'Kenzie, and Coyle are laying off applications in the Clutha, Tokomairiro, Kauroo, and Maruenua Districts.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. T. THOMSON,

Chief Surveyor.

VII.—HOSPITAL

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Dunedin Hospital, October 1, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to furnish a Report of the number of patients admitted and discharged at this Institution in the 12 months ending 30th of September 1865. At the commencement of the year there were 151 patients under treatment, which, with 623 admitted since, make a total of 774, or 281 less than in the year preceding. Of the whole number treated in the Hospital in the period above indicated, 437 were discharged cured, 131 benefited, 9 not benefited, 9 expelled for misconduct, and 58 died, making a total of 644, leaving 130 patients under treatment in the Hospital. The admissions and discharges in the respective months were according to the subjoined tabular form :—

In Patients.	1864.			1865.									Total.
	Oct.	Nov.	D c.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	
Admitted.	60	64	53	67	39	54	49	44	56	46	49	42	623
Discharged.	65	73	67	54	59	54	41	49	44	53	44	41	644

Admissions in the Spring Qr., 151, Summer, 184, Autumn, 142, Winter 146=623.
 Discharges " " 150, " 194, " 154, " 146=644.
 Deaths " " 14, " 12, " 15, " 17= 58.

SCARLET FEVER.

At the commencement of the year 5 cases of Scarlet Fever were under treatment; five additional cases were admitted, two in October, one in December, one in March and the other in May; altogether 10 cases, all of which have been discharged cured. In the Report of the year preceding two deaths occurred in 13 cases, giving a mortality of 1 in 6½. As not one of the cases mentioned in this Report was fatal, and no case of the disease has been admitted for the last 4 months, it may be assumed that this Fever is on the decline, and that its type is of a milder form.

TYPHOID FEVER.

Only 40 cases of this Fever were admitted in the year, which shows a very considerable decrease, as compared with the admissions in the two years preceding, when the numbers were respectively 117 and 90. This comparative immunity from Fever must be attributed to other cases than an improved sanitary condition of the City, as there has been no improvement either in the supply of water or system of sewerage.

Patients affected with Typhoid Fever were admitted and discharged in the several months as follows :—

TYPHOID FEVER.

In Patients.	1864.			1865.									Total.
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	
Admitted.	3	3	3	4	3	6	4	3	3	1	3	4	40
Cured ..	2	6	3	1	2	5	3	3	4	2	3	1	35
Died ..	..	1	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	8

Admitted

Admitted in the Spring Quarter, 10; Summer, 10; Autumn, 13; Winter, 7=40.
 Cured " " 6, " 10, " 10, " 9=35.
 Died " " 2, " 4, " 2, " 0= 8.

INFLAMMATORY DISEASES.

87 persons were admitted with inflammatory diseases. Of 81 discharged, 69 were cured, and 2 died. 17 were affected with acute bronchitis; 7 with inflammation of the lungs; 6 with pleurisy; and 8 with acute rheumatism.

The patients affected with bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy, and acute rheumatism, were admitted during the year as under:—

IN-PATIENTS ADMITTED.	1864.			1865.									Total.
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	
Acute Bronchitis ...	...	2	2	1	1	1	...	1	4	5	...	...	17
Pneumonia ...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	7
Pleurisy ...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6
Acute Rheumatism ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	2	1	8

Of the two deaths above alluded to as occurring in the inflammatory cases, one was from acute bronchitis, and the other from inflammation of the lungs.

CONSUMPTION.

Cases of Consumption continue to be admitted in considerable numbers; 49 cases were treated as in-patients; of these 44 were fresh admissions; 28 were discharged, having received benefit, and 16 died. They were received and discharged at the Hospital, in the respective months comprised in this report, as under:—

CONSUMPTION.

In-Patients.	1864.			1865.									Total.
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	
Admitted	8	4	3	4	2	1	8	3	5	3	3	0	44
Benefited	4	2	3	4	1	1	2	0	3	2	4	2	28
Died ...	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	16

Admitted in Spring Quarter, 11; Summer, 11; Autumn, 11; Winter, 11 = 44.

Consumption—Deaths from.

Spring	6
Summer	3
Autumn	3
Winter	4

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DISORDERS OF THE BOWELS.

48 cases coming under this head were treated in the Hospital; of these 20 were cured, 11 received benefit, 1 was discharged for misconduct, and 10 died, making a total of 42. Of the number treated, 34 were admissions in the twelve months, as follows:—

In-Patients.	1864.			1865.									Total.
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	
Admitted	3	3	...	3	2	7	3	5	1	2	5	..	34
Cured	...	...	1	3	7	2	1	...	2	1	1	2	20
Died	1	...	...	...	2	1	1	3	1	1	...	...	10

Admitted in Spring Quarter, 8; Summer, 2; Autumn, 16; Winter, 8=34.
 Cured " " 3; " 4; " 10; " 3=20.
 Died " " 1; " ... " 4; " 5=10.

The accompanying Return shows the date of admission, the disease, and the condition of every patient in the Hospital, on the 30th of September, 1865. Of 131 persons named in the Return, 130 were patients, and one a blind pauper; of the patients, 55 were convalescent, and 10 curable, making a total of 65; 56 were incurable, and 9 doubtful, making a total of 65; in all 130.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Honor's most obedt. Servant,
 EDWARD HULME, M.D.,
 Provincial Surgeon.

ADMITTED.

DISEASES.	October, 1864.	November.	December.	January, 1865.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Scarlet Fever	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	5
Typhoid Fever	3	3	3	4	3	6	4	3	3	1	3	4	40
Inflammatory Diseases	5	5	11	9	10	5	3	4	9	13	8	5	87
Affections of the Head	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	2	3	1	13
Disorders of the Nerves	1	5	4	2	...	4	2	2	2	1	...	...	23
Female Diseases	...	1	2	2	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	2	12
Dropsy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Bowel Disorders	3	3	...	3	2	7	3	5	1	2	5	...	34
Heart Diseases	5	1	5	4	3	5	1	1	8	2	3	2	40
Consumption	8	4	3	4	2	1	8	3	5	3	3	...	44
Scrofula	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Diseases of the Skin	2	2	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	1	2	...	13
Surgical Cases	17	23	13	20	10	11	15	12	15	11	12	16	175
Accidents	10	11	10	9	5	8	8	6	8	5	6	9	95
Lying-in Ward	3	4	1	4	3	4	4	3	2	3	4	3	38
Lunacy	1	1
	60	64	53	67	39	54	49	44	56	46	49	42	623

DEATHS.

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DISEASES.	October, 1864.	November.	December.	January, 1865.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Typhoid Fever ...	...	1	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	8
Inflammatory Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Affections of the Head ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	7
Dropsy ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
Disorders of the Bowels ...	1	...	...	...	2	1	1	3	1	1	...	...	10
Diseases of the Heart ...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	1	...	2	1	...	9
Consumption ...	3	1	1	1	2	1	...	2	1	1	2	1	16
Surgical Cases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accidents ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lying-in Ward ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
	5	4	4	4	8	3	4	7	3	7	7	2	58

DISCHARGED CURED.

DISEASES.	October, 1864.	November.	December.	January, 1865.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Scarlet Fever ...	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	10
Typhoid Fever ...	2	6	3	1	2	5	3	3	4	2	3	1	35
Inflammatory Diseases ...	10	4	11	3	8	4	2	1	4	6	7	9	69
Head Affections ...	1	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Disorders of the Nerves ...	2	4	4	2	1	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	19
Female Diseases ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	5
Dropsy ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Disorders of the Bowels ...	...	...	1	3	7	2	1	...	2	1	1	2	20
Diseases of the Heart ...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5
Scrofula ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diseases of the Skin ...	1	2	...	1	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	3	13
Surgical Cases ...	16	14	7	13	9	8	10	10	10	13	9	10	129
Accidents ...	11	16	16	6	2	3	5	7	7	10	4	4	91
Lying-in Ward ...	2	6	4	1	3	1	4	6	2	1	2	2	34
Total ...	50	56	47	32	38	30	27	30	32	35	28	32	437

DISCHARGED

DISCHARGED BENEFITED.

DISEASES.	October, 1864.	November.	December.	January, 1865.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Inflammatory Diseases ..	..	1	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	9
Head Affections ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Disorders of the Nerves ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Diseases of Females ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	5
Dropsy ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Disorders of the Bowels ..	..	..	1	1	..	3	3	..	1	..	1	1	11
Diseases of the Heart ..	1	1	2	..	5	7	2	1	3	3	1	1	27
Consumption ..	4	2	3	4	1	1	2	..	3	2	4	2	28
Scrofula ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Diseases of the Skin ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Surgical Cases ..	4	3	5	5	1	5	2	4	1	4	1	2	37
Accidents ..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
Lunacy ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Total ..	10	12	15	14	8	21	10	6	8	11	9	7	131

TOTAL DISCHARGED.

DISEASES.	October, 1864.	November.	December.	January, 1865.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Scarlet Fever ..	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	10
Typhoid Fever ..	2	7	4	3	2	6	4	3	4	2	4	2	43
Inflammatory Diseases ...	10	5	12	5	10	6	2	2	4	7	8	10	81
Head ...	1	1	1	..	3	2	..	1	1	2	2	..	14
Nerves ...	2	6	5	2	1	2	1	..	2	1	1	..	24
Female Disorders ...	..	..	1	3	1	..	1	3	..	1	1	..	11
Dropsy ...	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5
Disorder of Bowels	1	..	2	1	9	6	5	4	4	2	2	2	42
Disease of Heart	3	2	3	..	9	7	3	2	3	5	2	2	41
Consumption	7	3	4	5	3	2	2	2	4	3	6	3	44
Scrofula ...	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Diseases of Skin	1	4	..	1	..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	15
Surgical Cases	20	17	13	20	11	13	13	18	11	17	10	12	175
Accidents ...	11	16	17	7	4	4	5	7	7	10	5	4	97
Lying-in Ward	2	6	4	2	5	1	4	6	2	1	3	2	38
Lunacy ...	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total ...	65	73	67	54	59	54	41	49	44	53	44	41	644

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL.

*REPORT by the Provincial Surgeon to His Honor the Superintendent, from
October 1, 1864, to September 30, 1865.*

DISEASES.	Total in Hospital on	Admitted since.	Total.	DISCHARGED.					Total Discharged.	Total remaining in the Book.
				Cured.	Received Benefit.	Not Benefited.	For Misconduct.	Died.		
Scarlet Fever	5	5	10	10	..	..	..	..	10	..
Fevers, Typhoid	9	40	49	35	..	..	..	8	43	6
Inflammatory Diseases ...	21	87	108	69	9	..	1	2	81	27
Affections of the Head ...	5	13	18	5	1	1	..	7	14	4
Disorders of the Nerves	5	23	28	19	3	1	1	..	24	4
Disorders incidental to Females	1	12	13	5	5	1	..	..	11	2
Dropsy	4	2	6	2	1	..	..	2	5	1
Disorders of the Bowels	14	34	48	20	11	..	1	10	42	6
Diseases of Children ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Heart	15	40	55	5	27	..	..	9	41	14
Consumption	5	44	49	..	28	..	..	16	44	5
Scrofula	2	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	2
Diseases of the Skin	4	13	17	13	2	..	..	..	15	2
Surgical Cases	38	175	213	129	37	4	4	1	175	38
Accidents	15	95	110	91	4	1	..	1	97	13
Lying-in Ward	5	38	43	34	..	..	2	2	38	5
Lunacy	3	1	4	..	2	1	..	..	3	1
Grand Total	151	623	774	437	131	9	9	58	644	130

EDWARD HULME, M.D.,
Provincial Surgeon.

 VIII.—ROADS AND WORKS.

Roads and Works Department,

Dunedin, October 7, 1865.

To the Secretary of Public Works.

SIR—

I HAVE the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Circular No. 50, dated 18th September last, requesting a Report on the state of the Department for the Six Months ending 30th September, and in compliance therewith beg to state as follows :—

NORTHERN TRUNK.

DUNEDIN TO WAIKOUAITI.

This road has continued in good order during the winter, with the exception of a number of landslips which will occur for years. 24 surfacemen have been regularly employed spreading metal and keeping the surface of the road. There have been 3000 cubic yards maintenance metal provided by contract, at an average price of 9s. per cubic yard.

WAIKOUAITI TO WAIHEMO.

The metalled portion of this road was considerably cut up during the first month of Winter; since then it has been in fair order. 2994 cubic yards maintenance metal have been provided at an average cost of 12s. per cubic yard. The unmetalled portion of the road has been very much cut up during the winter, sometimes almost impassable. There have been 12 surfacemen regularly employed on the road.

WAIHEMO TO OAMARU.

The work on this line has been principally surfacing; 8 men regularly employed. With the exception of portions between Trotter's Creek and Island Stream, this road has continued in fair order.

SOUTHERN TRUNK.

DUNEDIN TO TAIERI FERRY.

This road has continued in good order until about two months ago, when it began to cut up owing to the metal having worn to a very thin crust. This road will require re-metalling before another winter. There have been 16 surfacemen regularly employed, and 2847 cubic yards of maintenance metal provided by contract, at an average price of 10s. 9d. per cubic yard.

TAIERI FERRY TO TOKOMAIRO.

This road has continued in good order, with the exception of the unmetalled portion and that part at the south end, which was metalled with stone from Adam's Quarry, it being of inferior quality for road metal. There have been 1700 cubic yards metal provided by contract at 13s. 11d. per yard, and another contract for 1200 cubic yards is in progress at 10s. per yard. 3 culverts have been erected by contract to replace those that were dangerously narrow, and 10 surfacemen have been regularly employed.

TOKOMAIRO TO CLUTHA.

The metalled portion of this road has continued in good order. The spreading and boxing of metal on Lawler's contract was completed in May last; since then 7 surfacemen have been employed regularly. The unmetalled portion has been very much cut up, in some places almost impassable.

CLUTHA TO MATAURA.

The works on this road have been surfacing and repairing Bridges, 2 surfacemen being employed. Portions of this road are very much cut up.

CENTRAL

 CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK.

SADDLE HILL TO WEST TAIERI.

The metalled portion of this road has been kept in good order. 1046 cubic yards of metal have been provided by contract, at a cost of 8s. 3d. per yard. The unmetalled portion has been in very bad order nearly all the winter. 6 surfacemen have been employed on the road.

WEST TAIERI TO DUNSTAN—EAST.

Very little has been done to this line, its high elevation rendering it dangerous to travel in the winter. 9 lineal chains gravelling have been executed by contract, and 3 surfacemen have been employed letting off water and filling ruts between the Taieri River and Lee Stream. Road in bad order.

TOKOMAIRO TO TUAPEKA.

The eastern end of this road being gravelled, has been kept in very fair order, but the unmetalled portion has been very much cut up, in places almost impassable. 5 surfacemen have been regularly employed.

TUAPEKA TO DUNSTAN—EAST.

This road, owing principally to want of drainage where it passes along the narrow valleys, has been very much cut up, and almost impassable during winter. During last four months 8 surfacemen have been employed.

 NORTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.

OMARU TO WANAKA LAKE—EAST.

The easterly portion of this road, on the Oamaru end, gets very soft in wet weather; with this exception, the road has continued in fair order as a dray track. 4 surfacemen have been employed. The construction of Bridge and approaches at Whare Kuri Stream has been effected in a strong and substantial manner.

PALMERSTON TO MANUHERIKIA—EAST.

The works on this road have been repairs, construction of culverts, and formation where the road has been fenced in. The road has been, and is now, very much cut up, especially on Pigroot, and on to the Watershed between the Taieri and Shag River. There have been 11 surfacemen employed on the road.

 SOUTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.

POPOTUNOA TO MATAURA.

There has been nothing done on this road.

 MAIN BRANCH ROADS.

NORTHERN TRUNK TO PORT CHALMERS.

This road has been kept in good order all winter, with the exception of a few land slips. 2 surfacemen regularly, and a few laborers temporarily clearing land-slips have been employed.

NORTHERN TRUNK TO WAIKOUAITI BAY.

There has been nothing done on this road.

NORTHERN TRUNK TO MOERAKI BAY.

The metalled portion has continued in good order, with the exception of a few land slips; the unmetalled portion cut up a good deal. 1, and sometimes 2 men have been employed surfacing.

OAMARU TO WAITAKI.

There has been nothing done on this road.

DUNEDIN TO PORTOBELLO.

The metalled portion of this road has continued in fair order. 1, and sometimes 2 surfacemen have been employed. 420 cubic yards of metal have been provided by contract, at 8s. per cubic yard. The unmetalled part is almost impassable, nothing having been done to it.

SOUTHERN TRUNK TO CLUTHA MOUTH.

Portions of this road are a good deal cut up. 2 surfacemen have been employed filling ruts and letting off water.

MAIN BRANCH ROADS, CENTRAL.

DUNEDIN TO WEST TAIERI.

The metalled portion of this road has continued in good order; the unmetalled, in very bad order. 2 surfacemen employed.

NORTH EAST VALLEY TO TIMBER DISTRICT.

This road is in middling order. 207 cubic yards of metal have been provided by contract, at 7s. 11d. per cubic yard. 1 surfaceman employed.

MAIN BRANCH ROADS, INTERIOR.

LAWRENCE TO WETHERSTONE'S.

Road in fair order. Work, surfacing.

LAWRENCE TO GABRIEL'S.

Road in fair order. Work, surfacing.

MISCELLANEOUS ROADS.

MAIN ROAD THROUGH HAMPDEN.

Nothing done on this, except surfacing, as part of the Northern Trunk.

MAIN ROAD THROUGH DUNEDIN.

This road has been kept in fair order during the winter. 1840 cubic yards of metal have been provided by contract, at 6s. 4d. per cubic yard. 6 surfacemen employed, and carts temporarily taking off mud.

LEE STREAM TO WAIPORI.

This road is very much cut up, in places impassable. A few repairs have been made to the sidings and culvert at the end next Lee Stream.

CLUTHA FERRY TO CLUTHA MOUTH.

A contract for side cuttings, culverts, and bridge, on this road, is in progress.

ROAD THROUGH BLOCK V., HAWKSBUARY.

Works about to be let by contract.

The above works have been under the charge of Mr. District Engineer Oliver.

NORTHERN

 NORTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.

PALMERSTON TO MANUHERIKIA.

There has been the sum of £32 10s. expended in forming crossings and culverts, &c., on this Road.

 CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK.

TUAPEKA TO DUNSTAN.

This Road was dangerous for traffic between Teviot and Manuherikia (over the Knobby Ranges), it was therefore found necessary to renew culverts and re-form parts of the road. The amount expended was £169.

 DUNSTAN TO KAWARAU.

The approach to east end of Clutha Bridge has been nearly completed. The road generally requires considerable repairs.

 MISCELLANEOUS ROADS.

KAWARAU TO WAKATIP.

The approach to the west end of the Clutha Bridge has been nearly completed, and a few of the landslips on the formed portion of the road between (Cromwell and Gentle Annie) have been removed. A great deal still requires to be done on this road, on account of the heavy landslips, especially between the Roaring Meg and Gentle Annie. It is expected that the works at the Nevis Bluff, Arrow Bluff, and road from Frankton to Queenstown, will be immediately commenced.

 NEVIS ROAD.

On this road the sum of £499 13s. has been expended in making about thirteen miles of road available for dray traffic, viz., between the flat at Messrs. Douglas, Alderson & Co.'s station and the Nevis township.

 KAWARAU TO ALBERTOWN.

Quarter of a mile of side cutting has been done on terrace near the Luggat Burn, in carrying out which several heavy boulders had to be blasted. There are several slips and dangerous parts of the road which will require to be attended to.

 ROADS ON GOLD FIELDS.

GENTLE ANNIE TO ARROW.

One surfaceman was constantly employed on this track. A portion at a place called the "Big Slip" had slipped away altogether, and a new track had to be formed. The track generally is in fair repair.

ARROW TO CARDRONA.

The worst portions of this track have now been repaired. Some parts were exceedingly soft and boggy. A considerable number of small culverts were formed, crossings made, and ditches cut, especially near the upper workings, where the track was almost impassable.

QUEENSTOWN TO MAORI POINT.

Some parts of this track were in an exceedingly dangerous state for traffic. Three men were employed for some time, and now one surfaceman. The track is in fair repair.

 BRIDGES.

CLUTHA BRIDGE—KAWARAU.

The timber-work of this bridge was commenced by the contractors on the 8th of May last. The lower chord is completed, and the top chord, lattice-work, and diagonal bracings are completed for about 170 feet from the west end. The first flooring is laid, and parapet almost completed for about 100 feet from the same end. The contractors having run short of some pieces of timber, the top chord cannot be finished until timber arrives. The works are in a satisfactory state.

GENTLE

GENTLE ANNIE BRIDGE.

This bridge was completed on the 15th July.

ROARING MEG BRIDGE.

This bridge was opened for traffic on the 29th April.

The above works have been under the charge of Mr. Charles O'Neill, District Engineer.

HARBOUR RECLAMATION.

The contract by Lonnie and Co. is now nearly completed. The quantity of earth-work and rock deposited during the last six months is 69,535 cubic yards, making a total of 179,500 yards of reclamation, leaving about 6000 cubic yards to complete the works. The money advanced by monthly payments during the above period has been £8480 15s. 9d., making a total of cash advanced of £19,982 15s. 6d., leaving a balance of £6536 7s. 10d. to finish the contract.

HARBOR RECLAMATION—PRISON LABOR.

These works, which are now under the supervision of the Engineer, are progressing satisfactorily, the quantity of rock deposited since March last being 20,400 cubic yards, and the amount certified for by the Engineer in monthly instalments has been £2550 0s. 4d.

ACCOMMODATION FOR REGISTRAR OF DEEDS.

This much required addition to the Dunedin Court-House has been carried out by Mr. Robert Fenwick, at a cost, including office fittings, of £287. There has also been several repairs to the main building, including a new chimney for Mr. Chapman's room, making good chimney heads, with bricks and cement. The total expended on these has been £52.

POLICE BUILDINGS.

£150 was voted for alterations and repairs to Central Police Buildings, of which £100 has been expended in necessary repairs, &c. Several repairs have been executed on the North Dunedin Station, and the Lock-up at Port Chalmers, at an expenditure of about £30.

EXHIBITION BUILDING—ALTERATIONS, &c., FOR AN HOSPITAL.

A considerable portion of time has been taken up in preparing plans and estimates for the conversion of this building and the annexes into an hospital. The whole is now under contract at a total of £1803 9s. 11d.

FENCING CARGILL MONUMENT.

This Work has been carried out under contract at £55.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS.

About two-thirds of the play-ground has been covered with gravel, a few small drains put in, and the fencing repaired. The amount appropriated being insufficient to cover the whole with gravel, but what has been done is an improvement.

WORKS NOT PROVIDED FOR.

A considerable number of small jobs have been executed under this vote, the principal being repairs to Immigrants' Barracks, £20 3s.; alterations and repairs to Government Offices, £26; drains through Reclamation, £60; metalling Jetty and Bond Streets, £20; Fire Escapes Dunedin Hospital, £28; the removal of Maori House, £15; and a variety of minor matters executed from time to time by day labour, at an expenditure of £180. The instructions issued by Government for the erection of a Gallows for the Gaol Authorities are now being carried out by day labour.

The above works have been under the charge of Mr. R. Howlison, Inspector.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. T. THOMSON,

Engineer of Roads and Works.

IX.—LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Dunedin Lunatic Asylum,
12th November, 1865.

SIR—

I HAVE the honor to report the state and management of this Department for the six months ending 30th September, 1865.

As stated in last Report ending 31st March, 1865, there remained on the books of the Asylum, 29 male and 17 female patients, making a total of 46. Since then, there have been admitted 24 males and 4 females, making a total of 74 under treatment during the six months. Of this number there were :—

Discharged Cured	....	....	15
Removed Improved	....	....	2
Died	....	....	3
			—
Total			20

leaving in the Asylum on the 30th September, 37 male and 17 female patients, total 54. This shows an increase of 8 patients for the six months, and gives a daily average of 52.

Cures.

The percentage cured on the admissions is 53.6, and upon the whole number under treatment 20.3, which is a higher rate than that of the Home Asylums. The percentage would have been still higher, but for the admission of 4 incurable patients from the Gaol. We may expect that the number of this class of patients will gradually increase in the Asylum, and lower the percentage of cures accordingly. The friends or relatives of persons labouring under insanity, often show a reluctance in sending them to an Asylum, until in many cases the disease is far advanced and the patient becomes unmanageable. They should know that delay in such cases often proves a positive, and frequently a permanent injury to their unfortunate friend. The systematic treatment of insanity should commence at its earliest stage, whereby weeks, months, and even years of anxiety may be avoided by those interested.

Escape.

It is satisfactory to state that there has not been an escape during the last six months, but on the contrary, the inmates appear to be perfectly happy and satisfied during their stay in the Asylum, which can be accounted for in a great measure by the nature of the place and its arrangements.

Removed.

Two patients were removed by their friends during the six months, the one a male patient labouring under dementia, after a residence of 9 weeks; and the other, a female afflicted with puerperal mania, 10 weeks in the Asylum. Both these cases were of a mild form, and upon their friends entering into the necessary recognizance for their safe keeping, they were permitted to take them away.

Deaths.

The number of deaths for the past six months was 3, which is 4 per cent on the whole number under treatment. This is a material decrease on the previous six months, the percentage for that period being 7.2. The causes of death were :—

- 1 from Disease of the Brain and exhaustion from bed sores.
- 1 from Acute Mania and Typhoid Fever.
- 1 from Mania and partial Paralysis.

The first patient was admitted from the Gaol, and lived six months in the Asylum, during which period he was very violent and destructive. The second patient, who died after a residence of one month in the Asylum, was also violent and dangerous to all around him. He had been confined for some years in a Lunatic Asylum in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh. The third patient had an attack of paralysis two weeks after admission, under which he succumbed on the fourth day.

It may be interesting to show the results of the Institution since it was opened in September, 1863. The total number admitted has been :—Males, 94; Females, 44; total, 138.

There have been discharged cured	68	} Total, 84.
Removed Improved ... ..	..	4
Escaped .. ..	..	1
Died .. ..	..	11

The percentage cured upon the whole number (138) under treatment is 50, and the percentage of deaths 8, which may be considered highly satisfactory compared with Home Asylums.

Increased Accommodation.

Since the last Report, the new Ward in the Male Division has been completed, and is now occupied with sixteen patients. Attached to this Ward is a room for two Attendants, a lavatory fitted up with washing apparatus for the use of the patients, and a water-closet, which were much required. The whole is connected to the old building by a spacious lobby. It is intended to convert the front dormitory (now occupied) into a day-room for the convalescent patients, where they may read, play at bagatelle, draughts, or any other game, without being subject to interruption from the more refractory patients. In the absence of different Wards for classification, a room of this description was much required, inasmuch as those patients who had got over the worst stage of their disease were retarded in their recovery through having to come in contact continually with other patients not so far advanced.

The corresponding Ward in the Female division is not yet occupied, but it is ready for immediate use, should the number of female patients increase. During the winter it has been used for the Friday evening's entertainment, and on the Sundays as a chapel. When required as a dormitory, it will be necessary to provide a large room to be used as a chapel dining and recreation hall, otherwise the patients will be deprived of one of the principal means of their cure. One of the buildings at the present Hospital would suit admirably, and could be removed and erected by the inmates and attendants of the Asylum at a very trifling cost. I would at the same time suggest the addition of six or eight rooms to the Asylum for the use of private patients, as the difference in the sum charged for their maintenance, &c., would materially reduce the expense of those patients supported by the Government.

Garden.

Upwards of two acres of ground have been laid out as a garden, and are now under crop with vegetables, roots, &c. The Institution will soon be in a position to relieve the Government of the expense of purchasing those articles, and a further saving will be effected by the rearing of pigs and poultry, whilst the patients will have the advantage of an additional change in their diet. Should more vegetables be grown than are required for the Asylum, they can be disposed of profitably in town.

Employment.

The daily average number employed on the grounds and within doors has been 34, and it is pleasing to remark how willingly they undertake the various duties allotted to them, especially those employed in the garden. I may state that those who are constantly employed require a little additional food at eleven o'clock besides their regular meals. It would be an encouragement to them, and also induce the others to volunteer as laborers. Ale and porter are too expensive for the purpose, but at a small outlay a brewing apparatus might be erected, where good table-beer could be brewed at a cheap rate.

Drains, &c.

The drains, which were found to be defective, and re-laid, as mentioned in last Report, have continued to work well. No smell arises from them; nor have they been choked up. A good supply of water, to flush them occasionally, would be a great security against their becoming a nuisance. In constructing the new Wards, special attention was paid to the laying of the branch drains in connection with the main. All the drains have now a good fall to the cesspools, and it is purposed to utilise the liquid manure which accumulates, in fertilising the soil of the garden.

Water

Water Supply.

As suggested in last Report, no time should be lost in bringing water from the adjoining hill into the Asylum. Not only is it highly desirable in a sanitary point of view, but in case of fire the entire block of buildings might be saved by a plentiful supply of water on the spot. In the meantime, it would be advisable to have two small hand-pumps at the Asylum, in case of emergency.

Necessary Repairs.

Previous to writing this Report, a minute examination of the state of the entire building was made, and dry rot was found to exist in several places, the inside lining-boards being nearly eaten through. This was caused probably, through carelessness in using damp clay or soil for deafening purposes, or perhaps from the wet finding its way through an insecure roof. It will, for the present, be necessary to have transverse lining-boards on the places so affected, which will strengthen the walls and last for some years. Two coats of paint, both inside and out, are also required for the better preservation of the timber, and the appearance of the place.

Amusement.

The Friday evenings' dance and concert have been continued throughout the winter, and appear to afford much pleasure and benefit to the patients—indeed, a greater punishment cannot be inflicted on some of them than to prohibit them from attending them. Music and dancing have a great influence on the insane, and many who join in the dance, although far from convalescent, enjoy the music, and go through the dance with astonishing precision. As yet, the Asylum is not in possession of any of the articles recommended in last Report for the patients' amusement, although a small sum of money appropriated for this purpose could not be better spent. A number of illustrated books, a bagatelle board, dominoes, &c., would afford much pleasure to the inmates on wet days, when it is impossible to do any work, or to take exercise out-doors. A few musical instruments, with which a small band could be formed, would also be a great acquisition. At present they are dependent on volunteers to provide the music for dancing, and it causes great disappointment when they cannot be obtained. As the summer advances, out-door games will be encouraged, such as quoits, bowling, croquet, &c. Walking parties will also be formed to the different objects of interest in and around the city, and an occasional pic-nic at a short distance from the Asylum—the great aim being to divert the patients' attention from the delusions they are in the habit of pondering upon to real and pleasing objects.

Religious, &c.

The average number of patients attending Divine Service has been 38, and, with two exceptions, Service has been held regularly for the past six months in the large Ward in the Female Division. The Chaplain is most assiduous in his duty, and the patients listen to him with marked attention. With very few exceptions, they have conducted themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.

On the removal of the lunatics from the Gaol, and the increase in the number of male patients, it was found necessary to place another attendant on the staff of the Asylum. There are now 4 male attendants, who, with the assistance of the patients, do all repairs, and carry out other works connected with the institution.

The Asylum is in good working order, clean throughout, and the various duties are carried on in a systematic manner. Its inmates at the present time are generally in good bodily health, their food is carefully cooked, the diet regularly changed, and every attention paid to their personal cleanliness and comfort.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD HULME, M.D.,

Provincial Surgeon.

RETURN

RETURN of Patients Admitted, Discharged, and Remaining, for the Six
Months ending 30th September, 1865.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Number of Patients remaining in the Asylum 1st April, 1865.	29	17	46
Number admitted from the Gaol	7	...	7
" " " Hospital	1	...	1
" " " Dunedin and Districts	16	4	20
Total number under treatment	53	21	74
Discharged Cured	12	3	15
Removed	1	1	2
Died	3	...	3
Remaining in Asylum 30th September, 1865 ...	16	4	20
Total	37	17	54
Total	53	21	74

Percentage Cured on the admissions	53.6
" " on the whole number under treatment	20.3
" " of Deaths	4.
Daily average number of patients for the six months ...	52.

Dunedin Lunatic Asylum,
1st November, 1865.

X.—RECREATION GROUNDS.

30th September, 1865.

To the Secretary of Public Works.

SIR—

I HAVE the honor to submit a Report concerning the Department under my charge, for six months ending 30th September, 1865.

According to instructions, I reduced my usual number of workmen to two; consequently, no new work could be carried on.

Recreation Grounds, South.

As this Ground was formerly thoroughly drained, and being of a very level nature, great attention has to be paid to the outlets of the drainage, especially during floods, when they get nearly choked up by the influx of water and rubbish from the neighboring lands.

I have also had ground ploughed and manured; also, sown three rows of gum seed round the outskirts of the Ground, which, in a short time, will make a fine shelter for other plants that may be introduced during the ensuing season.

Recreation Grounds, North.

I need only mention that the Cricket Ground and Bowling Green are in good order, but not as yet kept by any Club.

Botanical Gardens Reserve.

The south block, fronting Albany-street, is partly laid down in grass, as a flower garden, and partly as a nursery for young plants and trees, for furnishing any other parts of the Gardens or Province, as may be required. The Hill and Bush part are blocked out, and ready for finishing.

I may state, from experience, that it will be useless to attempt to plant (or name) the new and valuable varieties of trees and shrubs in the grounds, until a house be erected, and the gates locked at night for protection; as already, with all due care, I have lost several valuable plants.

Nursery Department.

For protection, I found it necessary to rear and keep the most valuable collection in my own private garden. I have now succeeded in gathering together a very large collection of most useful and ornamental trees and shrubs from the sister Colonies and Home Country, in exchange for plants and seed sent.

I have now distributed upwards of thirty collections of native seeds, each containing upwards of seventy different varieties, to nearly all parts of the world, for which I am now receiving ample returns.

The forest tree seeds, sent for from England (by Major Richardson, then Superintendent), and received last year, have succeeded very well.

I have this season distributed to various parts of the Province, upwards of three hundred (300) pines, &c.

Next Autumn, I shall have several thousands for distribution.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER BEGG,

Gardener.

XI.—MARINE

XI.—MARINE ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

FINAL REPORT.

Dunedin, November 15th, 1865.

SIR—

I HAVE the honor, as requested by you, to report the progress of the Department during the last six months, but as the period for which my services were engaged has expired, and as it has been decided by the Government, owing to the greatly-reduced funds at present available for Public Works, to discontinue this branch of the service, it seems advisable to put on record my opinions on several important subjects, even though no action has been taken with regard to them during the time referred to.

Immediately after the date (February 4th) of my last Report, I paid, with the approval of the Provincial Government, a professional visit to the Province of Taranaki, to examine the site for proposed harbor works there, and on the return trip visited Timaru, at the request of the Canterbury Government, thus only getting back to Dunedin on the 10th of March. During April, and again in August, I paid visits of inspection to the lighthouse works at Dog Island. In the beginning of June I made a survey for the proposed lighthouse works at Cape Saunders, and from June 10th to August 9th, was engaged making a survey of Cook Straits for the General Government, to ascertain the best line for the proposed telegraph cable to connect the North and Middle Islands, as well as examining the Wanganui and Hutt Rivers for the Wellington Government, and paying another visit to Timaru, so that from the beginning of last February till the end of October, when my official connection with the Province of Otago ceased, I was absent in all about three months and a half working for other Governments, by whom my salary for the time and all expenses were of course defrayed.

Since the date of last Report no new works have been undertaken, though drawings have been prepared for several, and a tender for an iron pile Jetty at Oamaru from my designs has recently been accepted by the Government, Mr. Hugh Calder being the successful tenderer, and the amount £6951 10s. 6d.

Rattray Street Wharf.

The Rattray Street Wharf was completed in March last, though, owing to the unfortunate delay in completing the Dredge, it has not yet been made available for the larger class of vessels for which it was specially designed; while the smaller craft at present plying to Dunedin find sufficient berthage at the older jetties, so that this well finished and convenient wharf has scarcely yet been used. On the completion of the works the contractor laid claim to a very large sum for extra works, and damages owing to the stoppage of works, &c.; but many of the claims disappeared on going over the measurement in detail, while some were at least well open to dispute. As there was, however, some justice in the claim for damage, owing to the stoppage of the works, caused by a dispute as to the quality of the imported piles, which, after some hesitation and delay, were decided by the late Provincial Engineer not to be according to specification, but which were afterwards accepted by Government, in deference to the decision of arbiters appointed to investigate the question—it was finally arranged to compromise matters, by allowing the contractor £1580 in full of all claims (instead of £2871 14s. as originally demanded), thus making the total cost of the wharf, including earthwork, &c., £6913 17s. 4d. sterling, or about £38 8s. per lineal yard of frontage. For the wharf in its present state this is a somewhat high price, but it must be borne in mind that the work was specially designed to admit of a channel 12 feet deep at low water being dredged alongside of it, so that any vessel at present able to reach the Upper Harbour could lie afloat or be hauled out or in at all times of tide; the main piles being with this view made 38 feet in length, and driven 25 feet into the ground, and the whole work being surrounded with sheeting piles driven edge to edge, 22½ feet in length over all, and about 20 feet into the ground. Notwithstanding the compensation and extra work the cost compares not unfavourably with similar works at home—thus several miles of very similar wharfage at Londonderry were considered very cheap at £29 the lineal yard, and the Belfast wharves (which

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were also very cheap) ranged up to £30 per yard. When, therefore, the much higher rate of wages ruling in the Colonies is taken into account, the cost of Rattray-street Wharf must be considered moderate. It compares very favourably with the cost of the Bluff Wharf, which is an excellent piece of work, constructed certainly in a much more difficult position, but which I understand to have cost about £200 per lineal yard of wharfage available for vessels, without taking into account the cost of reclamation and those works.

Oamaru Jetty.

As already stated, an iron pile Jetty at Oamaru has been contracted for, at a cost of £6951 10s. 6d. For this work virtually three designs were made—one for a timber Jetty with imported piles, one for a timber Jetty with Manuka piles, and one for a Jetty on iron piles. Though the latter proved somewhat more expensive than the others, it was on my recommendation decided to adopt it, it being considered that the superior durability of the material, and the increased stability of the structure, due to the comparatively small surface exposed to the action of the waves in storms, more than compensated for the increased cost. The contractor has already ordered the ironwork from England, and has sent men to Oamaru to commence the road and other works on shore, so that I feel confident that the whole will be completed within the time specified, and be ready in good time for next wool season.

Dog Island Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse Works on Dog Island, (Foveaux Straits), which were carried out under my superintendence, have been successfully completed after considerable delay, owing to boisterous weather and other causes over which I had no control, and the light has been permanently exhibited since the beginning of August, and on the occasion of my last visit, about the end of that month, was working very satisfactorily; the flashes, which occur every half minute, being distinctly visible till the lantern had sunk below the horizon, at a distance of not less than twenty nautic miles.

Cape Saunders Lighthouse.

Surveys having been made at the request of the Honorable the late Postmaster-General, for Cape Saunders Lighthouse Works, I have made out working drawings and specifications, in readiness to call for Tenders as soon as authorised to do so, and it is to be hoped that this important work will be speedily undertaken by the General Government. The cost of the works complete will be about £4000, exclusive of the cost of the optical parts, which are already in Otago.

Harbor Leading Lights

I beg again to recommend the speedy erection of the Harbor Leading Lights, for which several designs have been made. The last design for lights on piles in shallow water, which was made mainly to overcome the difficulty of procuring sites on shore on reasonable terms from the Maori owners, has proved considerably the most economical, as well as the best, nautically, from the lights being nearly on the same level; and the whole could be completed, ready for work, for about £350 sterling. The annual cost of maintenance will range from £200 to £250, including the keeper's salary. The Leading Lights would be a great boon, and give great encouragement to shipmasters "making" the Harbor during the night, and the cost of their completion would be so trifling, that it seems only necessary to call the attention of the Council to the subject, in order to have the work at once authorised.

Survey of Otago Harbor.

I have again to recommend that a proper and complete nautical and engineering survey of Otago Harbor from the Heads to Dunedin be undertaken at an early period, as it would be useful in many ways. Besides throwing light on many important scientific questions, it would have a very practical bearing on many sanitary and other subjects; such as the propriety of allowing the sewage of Dunedin to be discharged into the Harbor; the amount of reclamation which should be assumed as the limit of safe reduction of waterway, and the most advantageous form for such reclamation; the practicability and cost of deepening the Harbor by dredging, and the quantity and nature of the material which would require to be removed, &c. Such a survey would also, by comparison with the Admiralty Chart, give some indication as to whether the Harbor is improving or deteriorating; and the latter would possibly give a clue both to the cause and its cure; besides,

it would form a valuable standard for future reference, thus enabling the effect of new works to be speedily and accurately ascertained. The survey would be a work of considerable magnitude, and its cost would of course depend on its minuteness; but I consider that all that would be required could be ascertained in about six months, at a cost of from £1600 to £1800, including boats and every other expense.

Until the completion of such a survey, it is somewhat dangerous to express decided opinions on such questions as the form which reclamation at Dunedin should assume, though it is less difficult to say what form should be *avoided*; and I most strongly recommend that solid embankments should not be projected into Dunedin Harbor beyond the outer end of existing works. I feel convinced that the limiting line for future reclamation should closely approximate the line shown on the plan of the Upper Harbor which accompanied my Report to the Dunedin Sanitary Commissioners (in September, 1864), or the very similar lines shown on the plan by the Chief Engineer of Roads and Works, which was brought before last session of the Provincial Council, in May 1865. The reasons for this opinion are—1st, That owing to the great flatness of the bottom of the Harbor, any further projection, to be of use as an improved Jetty, would require to extend at least from 1000 to 1500 feet beyond the end of present works, thus removing the Wharves fully a quarter mile farther from the business part of the town. 2nd, That any such groyne or solid work would reduce the play of the waves in the Upper Harbor, and would on that account be objectionable, because these waves, which are of some magnitude in windy weather, stir up the mud from the bottom, and cause it to be held in suspension, and consequently removed by the ebbing tide (an effect proved by the turbid appearance of the water on ebb for a long distance down the Harbor during the prevalence of high winds); and that hence such an extension of existing earthworks will be certain to cause the Upper Harbor to silt up more rapidly than at present in the vicinity of Dunedin. And 3rd, That it will render it impossible at any future time to produce the system of artificial currents, proposed in my Report to the Sanitary Commissioners and approved of by them, with the qualification that the expense would be too great for the project to be at present entertained.

Dredging in the Harbor.

Since my last Report, I have received some further information on the subject of Dredging, which has considerably reduced my estimate both of the cost and time required to dredge a deep water channel to Dunedin, and I am now of opinion that this work could be carried out, with proper plant, both in as short a time (perhaps shorter) and at a less cost than a Railway to Port Chalmers.

For example, a dredger now at work on the Clyde raises 1134 tons of material per day of 10 hours, on the average of the whole year, or say 340,000 tons per annum, allowing only 300 working days to the year, (an under-estimate, as the above average includes all stoppages,) so that in about sixteen months a channel 16 feet deep at high water could be dredged to Dunedin, the quantity of stuff required to be removed to obtain such a depth, with a minimum width of 150 feet, being approximately 452,000 tons; while with the same plant, a channel 21 feet deep at high water could be obtained in less than four years, or, with double plant, in less than two years work, and the rapidity of execution could be very greatly increased should it be considered desirable, by working both night and day. Should it be considered necessary the depth could be still further increased, but this will probably not be required for years to come. The depth of the Clyde at Glasgow, at high water, is at present no more than 22 feet.

The system now adopted in the Clyde, at the Suez Canal works and elsewhere, is to remove the dredged stuff in large hopper barges propelled by steam power, which when full run out to sea, where, by opening trap doors in their bottoms, they are entirely emptied without labour in two or three minutes. This system has proved exceedingly economical even on the Clyde (where the barges have to run 40 miles to deep water before being discharged), and the proportionate saving would be much greater here, where the cost of labour is so high. On the Clyde, the cost per yard, (including wages, repairs of plant, every other expense, and 5 per cent. interest on capital,) amounts to 6.36 pence, or 4.24 pence (say 4½d) per ton, assuming as I have done that a ton will be $\frac{2}{3}$ of a yard; this rate should be little more than doubled here, (say 8½d.) but for safety I shall assume the cost per ton to be 1s. 3d. Then the cost of dredging 1,248,000 tons of material so as to form a channel to
Dunedin

Dunedin 21 feet deep at high water, will be £78,000 sterling, and allowing £40,000 additional as the cost of plant, the whole cost of cutting a ship channel to Dunedin would be £118,000 as against £142,102, the late Provincial Engineer's estimate for a Railway to Port Chalmers.

In making this comparison I do not take into consideration the cost of wharf accommodation, as that would require to be provided in either case, but the facilities for the construction of cheap wharfage are much greater at Dunedin than at Port Chalmers; and the almost if not quite complete immunity of timber piles at Dunedin from the destructive action of the marine worm, which goes on with very great rapidity at Port Chalmers (I have in my possession samples of miro piles which were *riddled* in 20 months at Port Chalmers, as well as specimens of kowhai, which have been similarly destroyed in a longer period, and I believe black pine to be equally perishable; I have also samples of the same timbers cut from piles which had been 13 years and upwards in Dunedin Jetty, and are still perfectly sound) forms an element too important to be omitted in the comparison.

Again, in the above estimate for plant I have included £14,000 for hopper barges; these, however, would realise nearly their full price on the completion of the works, as with little alteration they could be adapted for ordinary trade, as they are good seaworthy boats (several of them have crossed the Bay of Biscay); and a considerable sum would also be realised by the sale of one of the dredges, the other being retained to keep the channel open, so that £100,000 may be fairly assumed as the outside cost of the completed channel.

To repay the outlay, heavy jetty dues might safely be charged, as the whole expense of lighterage, the delay consequent on the present system, and the damage to goods consequent on their frequent handling, would be entirely saved. Were a rate of 5s. per ton imposed, assuming the annual tonnage no higher than 60,000 tons (it is rated at 84,000 in the Report of the Commission on Roads and their construction), the revenue derivable from goods alone would be £15,000 per annum, or 15 per cent. on the capital outlay. This rate of interest should certainly suffice to attract foreign capital under reasonable encouragement; or the necessary funds might be raised by Debentures, bearing interest at 10 per cent. and secured on a block of land, the surplus interest being applied to the repayment of the borrowed capital, or to the further improvement of the Harbor, as might be considered best.

Were, however, the goods traffic to amount to 100,000 tons, (as stated in his evidence to the Roads Commissioners by Mr. Sholl, who also assumes the charge per ton for goods carried by Railway from Port Chalmers at 7s. 6d.) the revenue at 5s. per ton would amount to £25,000 sterling; and allowing £5000 per annum to be expended in keeping open and improving the channel, there would still be a clear return of 20 per cent. on capital outlay; so that were the necessary funds raised on debentures, bearing so high a rate of interest as 12 per cent., there would still remain a surplus income of £8000 per annum available for other purposes.

In this statement I have taken no account of traffic in live stock, minerals, or outward goods, all of which would of course place the scheme in a still better financial position. Should the sewage of Dunedin be discharged in the Harbor, as is probable, a Dredging Rate ought also, in justice, to be imposed. In Paris, where a system of cesspools is combined with the modern system of drains, it is calculated that it costs £3200 per annum to dredge from the Seine the solid matter brought into it by the drains. In Glasgow, where there are no cesspools, it is calculated that £8000 per annum is similarly expended. If, then, a city for its convenience is permitted to discharge its sewage into a Harbor or navigable River, it seems clear that it should bear at least a portion of the cost of removing it again.

In comparing the several advantages to be derived from a ship channel or a Railway, it has to be remembered that goods landed at Dunedin would require less handling than if they were landed at Port Chalmers, supposing equally convenient wharves in either case. At Port Chalmers they would be loaded on trucks, thence at Dunedin they would be loaded on drays, and thence they would be warehoused; whereas, when landed at Dunedin, they would only require to be loaded on drays, from which they would at once be warehoused. Of course, were the Railway made, the drayage might be saved by erecting warehouses close to the line, and running branches into them, but a similar saving could be effected on goods landed at Dunedin, by having warehouses built close alongside suitable wharves. This view is the more worthy of note, as, were a railway constructed, it would probably lead

to the construction of warehouses at Port Chalmers by the principal merchants, who would only bring goods to Dunedin as they were required, and thus property in Port Chalmers would be greatly enhanced in value, and property in Dunedin to some extent deteriorated.

Before leaving the subject, I may point out that a considerable number of the dredger's crews might be convicts, thus tending considerably to reduce the outlay on wages. It would be difficult to devise an occupation for prisoners which would present fewer opportunities for escape.

Dredging by Manual Labor.

In the meantime, and until proper measures can be taken for the ventilation of this larger scheme, I beg again strongly to urge the adoption of the system of dredging on a small scale by convict labor which was brought under the notice of Government by my letter of October 18th. The plant required for this system could be constructed for from £800 to £1000, and the work would afford regular employment to from fifteen to twenty men, or even more if required. Such a dredger, at a nominal outlay, would raise from thirty to fifty tons per day, according to the number of hours it was worked; and it would very soon improve the approaches to the existing Wharves and Jetties, and would furnish reliable information as to possible difficulties to be encountered in any similar undertaking on a larger scale; while it would give employment to the convicts quite as useful and secure as the formation of any earthen banks extending to deep water. It seems also more philosophical to improve a harbor, the value of which depends on its waterway, by taking silt out of it rather than by depositing solid material in it. By this means, moreover, existing works would be improved, whereas any system of banks carried into deeper water, would imply the formation of new wharves there. The system of "hand dredging" proposed to be adopted has frequently done good service at home in situations where the work to be done would not have justified the much greater outlay required for a steam dredger. The small machines have within my own experience removed even rotten rock expeditiously and economically.

Harbors, generally.

Generally I would urge on the Government to improve the Harbors of the Province, as tending to encourage local trade and increase population. Were the magnificent timber districts of Waikava and Catlin's River, for instance, properly worked, it would soon result that the consumption of imported timber would be greatly diminished. Up to the present time, native timbers have not, from want of knowledge, been held in the esteem they deserve; but the experiments on their transverse strength, conducted by me for the New Zealand Exhibition Commissioners, go far to prove that good samples are decidedly superior to the ordinary run of imported deals. When this fact is sufficiently known, and a demand created sufficient to justify the investment of capital in suitable machinery, there can be no doubt that the native timber trade will be conducted on a much more extended scale than at present, and more attention being paid to felling only in the proper season, and larger stocks being kept on hand so as to allow the timber to be thoroughly seasoned before use, it will, I feel convinced, more than justify the confidence in it which my experiments warrant the expression of.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I cannot close my official connection with the Province of Otago without expressing my thanks to His Honor the Superintendent, to yourself, and indeed to all with whom my duties have brought me in contact, for the unvarying kindness and courtesy with which I have uniformly been treated, my only regret being that the financial difficulties through which the Province has come have been such as to preclude a more vigorous prosecution of public works generally, and in consequence a larger amount of usefulness on my part; I hope, however, that should I, as is probable, remain in the Colony, I may still be privileged to advise the Government on those subjects to which I have specially devoted my attention in those brighter times, whose advent is, I trust, far from remote.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JAMES M. BALFOUR,
Marine Engineer,

The Secretary for Public Works.

XII.—HIGH

XII.—HIGH SCHOOL.

Dunedin, November 22, 1865.

SIR—In accordance with your Honor's commands, conveyed to me through the Secretary of the Education Board, I have the honor to lay before you the "Report of my Department (the High School) up to the present time."

In my first Report, I hinted that on my arrival I found the boys attending the High School, as I had been led to anticipate by the tenor of the "Information for Candidates" issued by the Home Agents of the Government, in a condition which, with very few exceptions, made any other than elementary instruction for the time an impossibility. I determined therefore to do what lay in my power to give those boys, whose age forbade me to hope that they would remain long at school, as much instruction of a sound though limited character as was possible. I found, for instance, several boys unlikely to remain with me more than six months or a year, who were quite unable to write English intelligibly, wholly ignorant of English History, and at the same time very backward in the simplest branches of Mathematics. With the consent of the parents of these boys, I took them from Latin, at which they were labouring with very faint hopes of any adequate success, and confined their attention to English and Mathematics. I can only say that the results in those branches, for which I hold myself responsible, answered my expectations, and that they satisfied the boys' parents. I pursued a somewhat similar course with boys, who, though younger than those I have mentioned, were unlikely to remain a sufficient length of time at School, to acquire a competent knowledge of both classical languages, inasmuch as they had to give a considerable portion of their time to English and Mathematics, in both of which they were very deficient. Most of these boys had begun French, and as I consider the knowledge of at least one modern language of the highest importance, I did not hesitate to devote a portion of their time to French. These boys are likely to leave school at the termination of the current quarter. They possess a knowledge of Latin and French, which will enable them to read an ordinary author, in either language, with ease, and, I hope, sufficient literary taste to induce them to improve their acquirements; they have obtained a fair facility in English composition, and a good knowledge of English History; they have also, throughout the term of my actual superintendence of the School, devoted ten hours a week (out of twenty-six hours) to Mathematics under Mr. Brent; a proportion of time which, I hope, your Honor and the Board will deem not inadequate to the importance of the subject.

There were in the same classes as the boys I have mentioned others whose age made it probable that they would continue long enough at the High School to obtain a competent knowledge of Greek, as well as of French and Latin. I did not think it necessary to begin Greek immediately with them, for the reasons I have assigned in my first Report. I was able, however, to form a Greek Class of fifteen boys at the commencement of last Quarter; their progress has been all the more rapid and satisfactory, owing to their sound grounding in Latin. It is intended that Mr. Abram should form a Greek Class immediately after the Christmas holidays, and a third class will be formed at a reasonable interval.

It is of course to the results produced on boys, the whole of whose training has been either at the High School, or elsewhere, with an especial view to the requirements of the High School, that I shall have eventually to appeal. In the meanwhile, to judge of the High School by the standard hitherto reached would be less fair than to judge of the standard of an older establishment by its two junior forms, inasmuch as the High School has only been opened two years and a half; of this time it is only for the last year and a half that I have been responsible for its management. I say less fair, because the boys I have mentioned in the earlier portion of this Report, being inextricably mixed up with more promising pupils in the upper portion of the school, greatly hindered its smooth working. As my calculations are based upon the hope that many of the boys will remain at school for six years or more, the final appeal to results must remain in abeyance for some years. In the meantime, I may say that, in my own opinion, and that of competent persons who have had an opportunity of judging, the junior forms have made

as great progress as could possibly be expected, and that they have no reason to fear comparison with the corresponding forms in any English Grammar School, or Scotch High School. This result, I am bound to say, is in no small degree to be attributed to the zeal and untiring energy of Mr. Pope, who is, without exception, the best teacher of junior forms,—and I have hitherto only had experience of him with junior forms,—with whom it has been my fortune to meet.

I take this opportunity also to draw the attention of your Honor and of the Board to Mr. Abram. He has placed at my disposal, for the benefit of the School, his classical scholarship (which it is not for me to praise), his knowledge of modern languages, and his valuable mathematical acquirements, and I have derived great benefit from his ready assistance and advice. We have been enabled, by sharing the work of one another's departments, to economise time and labor, and to advance the interests of the School.

I have thought it judicious, as I informed the Board in my last Report, to place all the Mathematics of the upper part of the School exclusively in Mr. Brent's hands, and have not therefore taken advantage of Mr. Abram's proffer of his services in teaching Mathematics. For the progress of the three upper forms in Mathematics I must hold Mr. Brent alone responsible to the Board. I have confined myself to allotting to each class what appeared to me sufficient time for Mathematics, and I have not interfered officially, except in matters relating to punctuality and discipline, since I took upon myself the active discharge of the duties of Rector.

Mr. Brent has, during the last year and a half, devoted the whole of his time to the Mathematics of three upper classes, with the exception of four hours a-week, during which he hears the English Lessons and Latin Vocabulary of one form.

Mr. Mitchell has been but a short time with me, but during that time he has given me great satisfaction, by his zeal for the interests of his pupils, and by his assiduous attention, which is by no means confined to the stated school hours.

The subject of Preparatory Schools has occupied a good deal of my attention. I hope in time to see the High School surrounded by a cluster of Preparatory Schools in Dunedin and elsewhere throughout the Province. One very efficient Preparatory School, Miss Blair's, has been at work for more than a year in the immediate neighbourhood of the High School. I have been enabled to send her as many as 20 pupils, who were not sufficiently advanced to be admitted at the High School, and she has sent to the High School fully that number of excellently prepared pupils. I am also in correspondence with a gentleman of high qualifications, whom I hope to induce to open a Preparatory School in Dunedin. Mrs. Edwards, a lady whom I know by experience to have singular ability in teaching, has opened a Preparatory School at Oamaru, and I hear from her that she has already several pupils who will shortly be candidates for admission at the High School. As the Preparatory Schools increase in number and efficiency, the standard of admission at the High School can be raised, but at present this could not be done without great inconvenience to the public, and without excluding from the High School many of the country boys, who are often, unavoidably, rather backward. I have hitherto adhered, to the best of my judgment, to the standard of qualification for admission indicated by the Board.

In the meantime, I believe Preparatory Schools may be very safely left to private management, although Private Schools of a wider range seem unlikely to be very efficient in the Colonies, except they are at once very large and very dear. No Head Master could otherwise afford to pay the high rate of salary, without which he could not get efficient assistants in the Colonies. In England there are plenty of young men, University graduates in the highest honors, who are willing to give their services at schools of reputation at a very low rate of salary, in consideration of the experience they are gaining, and the possibilities which that experience, gained in a good school, opens to them. But in the Colonies this class of men can only be obtained at high rates of salary, and by the certainty of a permanence, which Government alone can give; because here, being removed from the chances which are every day occurring at home, they have no future open to them. To secure the efficiency of a school aiming at a high standard of education, there must be a competent Master to each class: for it is actual contact with educated men that boys require. In a Private School of similar pretensions the probability is that in place of one master to each class, there would be six classes to each master, and for his qualifications

qualifications there might be no guarantee. The system of large Public Schools employs as many qualified persons as private enterprise could employ, while the division of labour, and better classification of the boys, make their labour more effective. The system is, in fact, economical to the public, as a better class of Assistant Masters is attracted, at a lower cost, by the superior stability and position of a public school. Experience shews that in England the widest and deepest dissatisfaction exists with the condition of what is termed "Middle Class Education," which depends there solely on private enterprise, and is conducted mainly in small private Schools, in which no guarantee is given for the qualifications of the Masters by a University Degree or otherwise. In Scotland, where the same task is entrusted to High Schools connected with public bodies, and in France, where the Lycées are under Government direction, the same dissatisfaction has had no ground for existing.

In the face of the continued depression of the Province and of its depopulation, which have cost me many and some of my best pupils, the attendance of the School has increased to one hundred and twenty-five; so that notwithstanding the fact that five Masters are now employed in place of the three with whom the School was opened, the cost of each pupil to the Government is only about half what it was at the outset, and the gross cost to the Government of educating one hundred and twenty-five pupils scarcely equals the cost of educating the original sixty-five.

I attribute this in no small degree to the wise adjustment of the fees. Indeed, I believe that they could not be raised, especially at the present moment, without greatly increasing the cost of the School to the Government and the Public. Even an increase of 25 per cent. would, I have good reason to believe, more than decimate the School. Such a change would make the High School a mere rich man's School, and a most unfit recipient of the public bounty, instead of being, as at present, common ground, where all classes may meet on equal terms, and learn a mutual respect, and where, perhaps, friendships will be formed which may, to the great benefit of the community, endure throughout life. I hope that the system of Town and Country Scholarships, which, by your Honor's permission, I have submitted to the Board, will tend to the same ends, and will prove to all classes the benefit of a liberal education.

I have appended to this Report tables showing the nature of the studies at the High School, and the number of the boys engaged in each, the occupation of the parents or friends of each boy, and also the proportion of town, country, and suburban boys attending the school. In accordance with your Honor's instructions, I have drawn up this Report without loss of time; and I have to beg that your Honor will excuse those traces of haste, which I am too sure it will contain.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Honor's most obedient servant,

FRANK C. SIMMONS,

Rector of the High School of Otago.

To His Honor

Thomas Dick, Esq.,

Superintendent of Otago,

Chairman of the Education Board.

APPENDIX A.

Boys Learning (1) Latin 115	Boys Learning (8) Algebra } ... 36
" " (2) Greek 16	" " (9) Geometry } ... 36
" " (3) French 58	" " (10) Book-keeping... 33
" " (4) English Literature... 47	" " (11) Drawing (about) 14
" " (5) History & Geography } 125	" " (12) Military Drill... 74
" " (6) Eng. Composition } 125	" " (13) Ball Practice ... 12
" " (7) Arithmetic }	

N.B.—Several other subjects are comprised in the teaching of the High School, which it would not be easy to exhibit by any classification.

APPENDIX B.

STANDARD OF ADMISSION.

"Every boy, before being admitted a pupil of the High School, must be able to read with ease a simple prose narrative, to write from dictation with tolerable correctness, and to work sums in the first four simple rules of arithmetic."

APPENDIX

APPENDIX C.

OCCUPATIONS OF PARENTS OF PUPILS ATTENDING THE HIGH SCHOOL.					
Bankers	2	Professional—Law, Physic, &c.	13
Merchants	9	Government Officials	10
Squatters	7	Widows	10
Magistrates	2	Hotel Keepers	7
Tradesmen and Clerks	39	Contractors and Surveyors	10
Farmers	16		
				Total	125

RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.										
Town	...	74	|	Country	...	35	|	Suburbs	...	16

APPENDIX D.

RETURN OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1865.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Rector's	550	0	0
Two Masters, at £450	900	0	0
Other Masters	338	0	8
					1788	0 8
Sundries—Rent Allowance to two Masters	300	0	0
Prizes, December, 1864	15	6	0
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	25	4	6
Charwoman	40	0	0
Incidental Expenses	17	1	6
					397	12 0
Total Ordinary Expenditure				...	2185	12 8
SPECIAL PAYMENT.						
Compensation to the Rector, being half-salary during voyage from Britain	£88	14 2
SCHOOL FEES.						
Received within the year	879	10	0
Arrears paid since September 30th	34	10	0
					£914	0 0

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF.

STAFF IN SEPTEMBER, 1863.			STAFF IN NOVEMBER, 1865.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Acting Rector	...	550 0 0	Rector	...	550 0 0
Mr. Brent	...	450 0 0	*Messrs. Abram and Brent	...	900 0 0
Mr. Malcolm	...	250 0 0	at £450	...	300 0 0
French Master	...	100 0 0	Mr. Pope	...	200 0 0
Drill Master	...	50 0 0	Mr. Mitchell	...	40 0 0
Charwoman	...	40 0 0	Charwoman	...	300 0 0
Rent Allowance	...	300 0 0	*Rent Allowance to 2 Masters	...	
				£2,290	0 0
	£1,740	0 0			
67 Pupils at £10	...	£670 0 0	† 125 Pupils at £10	...	£1,250 0 0

* A reduction at the rate of £100 each per annum is proposed to be made after July, 1866.

† A large increase in the attendance took place at the beginning of the present quarter.

XIII.—GOLD FIELDS DEPARTMENT.

Secretary's Office,

Dunedin, 15th November, 1865.

To the Provincial Secretary,

SIR.—

I HAVE the honor to forward my Fifth (Progress) Report on the Otago Gold Fields, for the half-year ending 30th September, 1865.

Not having had an opportunity lately of personally inspecting the Gold Fields, I have obtained Reports from the Mining Surveyors of their respective districts, and from Mr. Warden Wood, of the Nokomai and Nevis Gold Fields. These Reports, which contain much valuable information, are appended hereto.

The attached Returns Nos. 1 and 2 of Population and Machinery, are compiled from information carefully obtained and furnished to me by the Officers above referred to. It will be seen that the total population on the Gold Fields on September 30, was 10,845, of whom 6913 were miners. The column showing the number of women and children is incomplete, no specific Return having been made for several districts. Towards the end of the period to which this Report refers, an increase of population occurred from the return of miners from the West Coast. In my last Report, I estimated the actual mining population on the 31st March at 7000 persons. In the interim months this number was considerably reduced, so that an average of 6000 miners may be taken for the Gold producing power of Otago during the half-year. The quantity of gold actually exported in the same period, was 120,498 ounces, of the value of £469,942, giving an average wage of £3 per week for every miner in the Province.

This result is exceedingly encouraging. No other Gold Country can boast of equally remunerative Returns, and as our Gold Fields are now passing into their fifth year of progress and discovery, I trust that the fears and doubts of their continuous productiveness which I had occasion to combat in my former Reports, will not again be heard or expressed in Otago. In truth every day confirms my repeated predictions that our auriferous resources would be found to be inexhaustible for many generations. New ground is being constantly opened, old ground is being very profitably re-wrought by systematic operations, and the borders of the known auriferous districts are extending in every direction. As will be seen by Return No. 2, capital is being freely expended in these operations. It is estimated by the Mining Surveyors that £206,497 have been thus invested. Of this sum, large in itself, and for the most part derived from the accumulated products of labour, £171,933 are represented by water races, of which 2082 miles have been constructed to aid in our greatest and most remunerative mining industry—sluicing.

It will be seen that but a small amount has yet been invested in quartz crushing machinery. Quartz mining is now, however, rapidly rising in favor. The old Pioneer Company's works, at Waipori, still progress and prosper; and several new reefs have been taken up for mining purposes. I expect, therefore, to be able to report more favorably of this branch of mining in my next Report.

The total quantity of gold, the produce of Otago, exported from New Zealand to date (30th September), a period of fifty months, is 1,884,135 ounces, of the estimated value of SEVEN MILLIONS FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY POUNDS STERLING (£7,536,540).

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The excitement of the West Coast rush is now over, and our miners are gradually returning to the old fields. The mining population is therefore increasing, and will continue to increase; settlement is everywhere taking place, and, fostered by the extension of the Agricultural Leases areas and the liberal regulations of the Government, will no doubt henceforth proceed on a more extensive scale. Viewed from every point of view, never did the prospects of the Otago Gold Fields assume a brighter or more promising appearance than at present.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

VINCENT PYKE,

Secretary of the Gold Fields Department.

(No. 2.)
 RETURN showing the various descriptions, and Total Approximate Value of the Machinery on the Otago Gold Fields, 30th September, 1865.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Cradles.		Puddling Machines.		Hydraulic Hose.		Sluice Boxes and Toms.		Water Wheels.		Pumps.		Dredging Machines.		Other Descriptions of Machinery.		Water Races.				Quartz Mining.				Approximate Total Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	Length in Miles.	Value.	No. of Stamps.	Power.	Description.	Value.			
Gabriel's	3	9	1	50			875	1750	14	140	14	56					298½	17,610	...	...	...	19,556
Waitahuna and Woolshed	...	...	...	...	...	...	260	520	6	60	31	88					205½	12,270	...	...	...	12,997
Waipori	...	...	...	...	...	...	390	780	54	540	60	150					162	9,720	10	16	Overshot Wheel	1200
Mount Benger	55	88	...	...	...	...	204	304	13	149	34	145	2	140	547	131	13,363	...	...	...	14,736	
Upper Manuherikia	109	162	3	80	4	29	168	294	...	...	85	170	...	...	1517	123	23,440	...	...	...	25,692	
Clyde and Cromwell	27	40	...	...	20	138	149	286	...	371	45	278	8	427	763	455½	14,248	...	...	...	16,551	
Lower Manuherikia	4	6	...	...	7	49	131	249	22	232	31	181	...	...	543	90½	8,682	...	...	...	9,942	
Hamilton, Hyde, Serpentine, and Fullerton's	23	61	2	70	...	...	63	197	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83½	9,068	1	...	...	9,396	
Mount Ida	20	50	...	...	...	...	72	216	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	4,080	...	...	...	4,346	
McCrae's Flat	50	125	...	...	...	...	37	171	...	...	32	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	392	
Hindon	7	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Arrow	60	60	...	...	...	...	130	635	15	3000	120	1800	...	...	...	110½	25,994	...	...	...	31,849	
Queenstown and Upper Shotover	70	45	...	...	12	330	310	735	32	7200	100	3000	...	...	...	200½	26,478	2	12	...	700	
Nok-mai	5	15	...	...	...	...	200	400	11	340	47	1155	...	...	...	52	2,080	...	...	...	...	3,990
Nevis	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	390	5	200	30	300	...	...	...	87	3,480	...	...	...	...	4,370
Switzer's	12	36	...	...	...	...	109	218	3	35	15	75	...	...	...	45	1,350	...	...	...	...	1,714
	445	714	6	200	55	906	3248	7145	194	12,267	594	7494	10	567	3370	2082½	171,933	15	28	...	1900	206,497			

Mining Survey Office,
Lawrence, 2nd November, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to forward the following Report for the half-year ending the 30th September, 1865.

Although this Gold Field, in conjunction with others of the Province, has suffered considerably by the rush to the West Coast, it will be seen by the accompanying Returns that Mining matters have been steadily progressing, and that the whole Field is gradually assuming the character of a settled and permanent Gold Field.

During the past half-year there have been twenty-six applications for Mining Leases, embracing an area of one hundred and fifty-two acres (152); forty-one applications for extended claims, embracing an area of sixty-six (66) acres and two (2) roods; and six applications for Agricultural Leases, embracing an area of forty-six (46) acres, three (3) roods and eight (8) perches; making grand totals as follows, viz.—eighty-seven applications for Mining Leases, embracing an area of four hundred and twenty-one (421) acres, one (1) rood and two (2) perches; one hundred and nineteen applications for extended claims, embracing an area of one hundred and ninety-three (193) acres, and one (1) rood; one hundred and five applications for Agricultural Leases, embracing an area of one thousand and twenty-two (1022) acres, two (2) roods and twenty-three (23) perches.

The principal Mining undertakings during the preceding half-year have almost been confined to the cutting of new water races for the supply of the various districts. During the half-year, one hundred and forty-seven and three-quarter ($147\frac{3}{4}$) miles of new races have been cut, distributed through the following Districts, viz.—Gabriel's District, fifty-eight and three-quarter ($58\frac{3}{4}$) miles; Waitahuna District, forty-five (45) miles; Waipori District, forty-four (44) miles; making grand totals as follows, viz.—Gabriel's District, two hundred and ninety-three and one half ($293\frac{1}{2}$) miles; Waitahuna District, one hundred and ninety-nine and one half ($199\frac{1}{2}$) miles; Waipori District, one hundred and sixty-two (162) miles; Woolshed, six (6) miles; making a grand total for the Gold Field of six hundred and sixty-one (661) miles. Numerous new reservoirs have been erected for the purpose of storing the night water, at an estimated cost of fifteen hundred pounds (£1500) sterling. The total value of new Mining Plant I estimate for the half-year at a value of eight thousand nine hundred and seven pounds ten shillings (£8,907 10s.); making a grand total of forty-seven thousand nine hundred and forty-three pounds ten shillings (£47,943 10s.)

Amongst the new races which have been cut in the Gabriel's District, I may mention that of Graham and party's as being the heaviest work undertaken. The race takes its rise from one of the branches of the Waipori, and traverses for a distance of about thirty-five miles the dividing range between the Waipori and Tuapeka. It is capable of carrying about twelve sluice heads, and discharges itself at the Blue Spur. Next in importance is Morrison and party's race, which also takes its rise from one of the branches of the Waipori, traversing almost the same country as that of Graham's, and is capable of carrying eight sluice heads, and also discharges itself at the Blue Spur. The next in importance is that of Keppel's, which takes its rise from one of the branches of the Waitahuna, traversing the dividing country between the watersheds of the Waitahuna and Tuapeka, and also discharges itself at the Blue Spur. It will be seen from the above that both the waters of the Waitahuna and Tuapeka have been brought to bear on the Blue Spur; and an application has been sent in for the purpose of lifting the waters of the Beaumont.

The Blue Spur, Gabriel's, still continues as formerly to afford employment to a great number of miners at highly remunerative wages. Good payable gold has also been struck on the adjacent spurs, consisting entirely of surface soil and clay.

Several experiments have lately been tried for the purpose of blasting the cement. About three months ago Morrison and party laid down three tons of powder for the purpose of blasting the cement. The method adopted was by driving a tunnel through the cement for a distance of one hundred feet, about four

feet wide and five feet high; at a distance of about forty feet in from the opening a chamber was cut and one ton of powder deposited; at the further end of the drive two chambers were cut, one on either side, one ton of powder being deposited in each; the depth of cement from the bottom of the tunnel to the surface was about ninety feet. The shot was fired by a galvanic battery. The effect of the shot brought down, I estimate, about thirty thousand cubic yards (or tons) of earth. The party has been kept busy washing up since, and now find that only one ton of the powder has exploded, namely, that in the first chamber; they are in hopes that they will be able to recover the greater portion of the other two tons. The method adopted at present, and which seems to answer admirably, is that of putting in tunnels, at distances of about twelve feet apart, and driving for about fourteen feet, and then putting in cross drives or chambers in which the powder is lodged, the effect of which is, the pillars are blown down, and bring along with them a mass of superincumbent cement. I consider the above method far superior to that of the ordinary method of drilling, as much labor and powder is saved.

The other portions of Gabriel's are still being worked. Some very good ground has been opened out at the mouth of the Tuapeka River, at which place about forty miners are now at work. Had we population enough, I have no doubt but that the whole of the Tuapeka Flat would be worked from this place to its mouth, as nearly the whole of it has been proved to be auriferous. Wetherston's Flat has suffered most severely from the West Coast rush.

In the Waitahuna District parties are still obtaining good wages on the spurs and in the gullies. A new quartz reef has been found on one of the branches of the Tokomairiro River; I am still of opinion that it is the same as that of the Shetland Reef, Waipori. Application has been made for a lease on the supposed course of the reef.

A puddling machine has been erected on Puddling Machine Hill. The party wash about fifteen feet of the gravel and clay. The machine has been erected at an expense of one hundred pounds.

In the Waipori District mining matters are looking well. The greater portion of the flat has been taken up. One hundred and eight acres have been taken up under Mining Leases, and twenty acres under Extended Claims. A good many miners are scattered over the Lammerlaw Ranges, and are reported to be doing well.

In the Woolshed District mining matters are very quiet; most of the miners have been turned off the property of Mr. Adam.

Specimens of cinnabar have been found in the Waipori District, and parties are now out prospecting for the lode. Specimens of antimony have also been met with in the Waipori District.

A copper lode has been opened on a branch of the Waitahuna, which is now being thoroughly prospected, so that Waipori is likely to turn out rich in minerals as well as metals.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN DRUMMOND,

Mining Surveyor.

To Vincent Pyke, Esq., R.M.,

Secretary of the Gold Fields' Department.

RETURN

RETURN showing the Number of Applications for, and Acreage of Mining Leases, Extended Claims, and Agricultural Leases, applied for in the Tuapeka Gold Field for the Half-year ending 30th September, 1865.

DISTRICTS.	Mining Leases.			Extended Claims.			Agricultural Leases.					
	No. of Ap- plications.	Acreage.			No. of Ap- plications.	Acreage.			No. of Ap- plications.	Acreage.		
		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.
Gabriel's	13	44	0	0	29	40	1	0	3	21	3	8
Waitahuna .. ..	...	...	...	...	4	5	3	0	2	20	0	0
Waipori	13	108	0	0	8	20	2	0	...	...	...	...
Woolshed .. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0	0
	26	152	0	0	41	66	2	0	6	46	3	8

JOHN DRUMMOND,

Mining Surveyor.

Mining Survey Office,
Clyde, 3rd October, 1865.

SIR—In the absence of Mr. Mining Surveyor Coates on the expedition to the West Coast, it devolves on me to render the half-yearly Report on this District, in accordance with the instructions contained in your Letter, number and date as per margin.

In the Upper Manuherikia District, the most important mining locality is Dunstan Creek, where sluicing is the method of working in general use, almost the whole of the payable ground contained in the basin wherein the Dunstan Creek Township is situated being surveyed in extended claims. So great is the amount of ground sluiced away, that it has become an object of great importance to the miners in this basin to devise and carry out some means of removing the immense amount of tailings which have been gradually accumulating, and which, from the fact of their greatly raising the level of the main (Peyman's) Gully, threaten ere long to stop further sluicing operations for want of sufficient fall. To this end, Mr. Coates has made a survey, and taken the levels from Kildare Hill (the heart of the workings) to the Dunstan Creek, a distance of about sixty-six (66) chains, and plans have been drawn and forwarded of a sludge-channel, which it is proposed to cut between the above-named points, and by which the tailings from the whole of the gullies in the basin could be transported to the creek. As the fall for the last ten (10) chains of the distance, however, is very slight, it is proposed that a "flushing channel should be cut from a point higher up the creek, through which a stream of water might be precipitated into the sludge channel, and thereby dislodge all such tailings as would, without this auxiliary force, remain and block up the race.

The water supply at these diggings will soon be more adequate to the demand by the completion of the Scandinavian Co.'s large race, which is to carry twenty (20) sluice heads, and will cost, on completion, between six and seven thousand (£6000 and £7000) pounds. The length being some twenty-five miles from the head waters of the Manuherikia River.

The progress of this company's works was somewhat retarded, and their expenses were considerably increased by the violent wind storm which swept over the whole district on the night of Saturday, 2nd ultimo, blowing down and destroying their flumes. By the same storm considerable damage was also done to

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to almost every similar work, the whole of the extensive fluming of the Blackstone Hill Co., among others, being totally destroyed, thereby causing a temporary stop to the water supply of the Hill's Creek and Woolshed diggings. The fluming of some races however, Chapple and Co.'s for instance, stood through the gale without receiving any material injury.

At Black's, considerable activity in mining operations prevails, the Golden Gate Co. having completed their race, which is flumed across the Manuherikia Gorge to this digging locality. Unfortunately this race is not brought in at a sufficient height to command the whole of the workings.

In the Ida Valley, along the bases of the Ragged and Rough Ridges, a vast area of auriferous ground exists, but as, with the exception of Dods and Co.'s race to the Woolshed, no water has been brought on to the ground, the workings are not of so extensive or systematic a character as might be expected from the known amount and payable quality of the deposits. A party is now engaged, however, in constructing a race, which, in proportion to its length, will be one of the most costly in the district, from a creek about two (2) miles easterly from the Pool Burn and Macpherson's to German Hill; and a company is in progress of formation, to be called the "Ida valley Water Race Company," for the purpose of bringing in about twenty (20) heads from the Manorburn, to cover the workings on the eastern side of the Ragged Ridge. Soon after the discovery of Black's Nos. 2 and 3 the want of water was severely felt, all the wash-dirt having to be carted down to the Pool Burn, which pursues a north-easterly course down the valley; and several parties have been engaged, from time to time, in levelling with a "stride," in order to see whether it were practicable to carry in the water of the Pool Burn, or its tributary, Moa Creek. The levels from Moa Creek were taken by me, but as the amount of water flowing down the creek during the summer months (only about two heads) was not considered by the projectors of the company sufficient to prove remunerative for the estimated necessary outlay for the construction of a race; they determined, after an examination of the country to the east of the Manorburn, to endeavour, if possible, to lift the water from that stream, in which there is always an abundant supply. The practicability of this scheme has now been proved by actual survey, and the cutting will shortly be commenced. The total length of this race will be about twenty-one (21) miles, four miles of which is a natural gully into which the water will be thrown from the top of the range, and again lifted at a sufficient height to command all the workable ground on the eastern side of the Ida Valley.

Practically, there is no better proof of the extent and value of our payably auriferous ground than the union of capital now taking place for the purpose of securing a water supply to the several scenes of mining operations; and I may add, as a corollary to this proposition, that there is nothing more calculated to develop the resources of a gold country like this, and to ensure a good return for the investment of capital, than speculations of this kind.

The deep lead at Black's No. 3 is handsomely paying those parties who have sunk shafts, and the course of the lead is now being traced down towards No. 2.

At Thomson's, the workings are being satisfactorily carried on; but there is at present nothing worthy of special remark.

The Upper Clutha District has suffered a considerable decrease in mining population.

Those who remain, however, are as a rule doing well. In the Bannockburn Basin, Bruce and party have taken up an extended claim of three (3) acres on the top of an outlying terrace, or what is called by the miners a "made hill," between Smith's and Pipeclay Gullies, which it is their intention to work by means of water brought from the last mentioned gully, and forced on to the ground through paper piping, to be procured from Melbourne. This is quite a novel undertaking, and it is to be hoped will be successfully prosecuted, as other miners would, doubtless, be induced to follow the example of Bruce and party in working the high terrace drifts of this basin.

The upper dam of the Nil Desperandum Co. is now completed, and it is calculated that their works will be finished, and their long-looked for returns commence, at about four (4) months from this date.

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In the Dunstan District the workings in the several mining localities still continue to be carried on in the same systematic manner as heretofore, and are, as a rule, highly remunerative to those engaged in them. At Sandy Point sluicing is carried on with spirit by the owners of claims; and at Litchfield's Point (situated about a mile lower down on the same or west side of the Clutha River) great impetus has been given to mining operations by the success of the Albion Company, who have a mining lease area surveyed for them. Two other parties are going to work claims at this point, and are having constructed wheels and other necessary plant.

The claims at Frenchman's Point still continue to return large dividends; and M'Iroy and party are now enabled to work their ground, which lies at the back of the Frenchman's claim, the taking out of the last paddock in which opened a face on to M'Iroy and party's claim.

In the shallow sinkings of the Manor Burn Flat the workings are still of the most satisfactory character, and several parties some time since struck wash-dirt richer than the general run on this flat. Between this locality and the Township of Alexandra, a considerable amount of sluicing is now carried on, the water for which is obtained from the races of Drummey and Company and the Ovens Company. The latter race has only very recently been completed thus far, and a branch of it is now being carried along the terraces and across the Dunstan Flat, to a point in the river opposite the mouth of the Earnsclough, whence it will command the whole of the banks on the eastern side of the Clutha to the Alexandra Township.

It is a surprising fact, that no sooner is water brought on to any mining locality than there immediately arises a necessity for more; and a subject well worthy the attention of capitalists, and of all who wish success to our Gold Fields, or have the welfare of the country at heart, would be to endeavor by some means to raise or force the waters of the Clutha River itself to such a height that they might be utilised for sluicing purposes. We may fairly take the average cost of construction of races at (£80) eighty pounds per mile, and in many instances they greatly exceed the estimate, as witness the Scandinavian Co.'s race, or that of the Ovens Co., the cost of which, it is estimated, will be on completion (£3000) three thousand pounds. Now knowing the value attached to these races, it is evident that handsome returns must follow investment in machinery capable of raising a body of water at any required place in the river on to its banks. As the amount of ground thus situated, payable for sluicing, is practicably almost illimitable, Colman and party, at Butcher's Point, have made a step in this direction by the invention of a wheel on the screw principles, which, by the simple action of the river's current, effectually drains their workings, and is calculated to do the work of six (6) men.

Dredging the Clutha river continues to profitably employ a number of miners—the weekly dividends of each party, as far as I can learn, being most encouraging, and contrasting favourably with those derived from any other branch of mining industry.

From the different mining localities in the Mount Benger district satisfactory yields continue to be obtained, notwithstanding the diminished population.

At the Horse-shoe Bend a number of extended claims have been granted, the working of which has been attended with profit. I am of opinion that a large supply of water for the more efficient and systematic working of this valuable ground could be obtained at a comparatively slight cost from the Minzion Burn—and that the necessary steps to ascertain this beyond doubt have not been taken, I can only attribute to the fact that it is found so easy to obtain the gold by paddocking and cradling.

At the several river terrace workings of Welshman's Beach, Moa Flat, Roxburgh (Teviot) Flat, &c., sluicing is carried on with spirit and profit, especially at the lower end of Moa Flat, where some rich ground has lately been opened.

"The Island" is a shoal of sand, gravel, and shingle, situate one mile and a quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) below the Teviot Junction, and here great activity prevails—four (4) wheels, with the necessary adjuncts, being employed to drain the workings.

In the Gorge, *i.e.*, at the twelve (12), fourteen (14), sixteen (16), and seventeen (17) mile beaches, there is not a large population, although the banks of the river are known to contain gold, sometimes in large quantities; but owing to the wash-dirt being situated, as a rule, below the level of the river, the amount of labor required to remove the immense boulders which thickly intersperse the drift, and the difficulty of water supply, the ground is but little worked.

The mountain diggings of Campbell's, Pomahaka, &c., have been almost deserted during the winter, and it is only now that the proprietors of claims are returning. I have heard of about twenty (20) leaving for Campbell's up to the present time.

In Copenhagen Gully, the parties who were preparing to work the main bottom, by constructing a long and expensive tail-race, were a short time since compelled to suspend operations for want of funds. By working for wages for some time, however, they hope to raise a sufficient amount to enable them to carry through their undertaking, of the success of which they have most sanguine expectations.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. C. BATES,

Assistant Mining Surveyor.

To Vincent Pyke, Esq., R.M.
Secretary of the Gold Fields' Department.

Mining Survey Office,
Queenstown, September 30th, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to furnish you with the following report on the conditions of the Wakatipu Gold Field for the six months ending September 30th, 1865, with accompanying tables shewing the population, value of plant, &c., in each of the Wardens' Districts to date.

In my Report for the quarter ending March last, I shewed, by comparing the December and March Returns, that the population had decreased to the extent of 1299, comprising 916 miners, and 383 following other pursuits, and attributed such a decrease solely to the opening up of the West Coast Gold Field; but the rush from this district had with a few exceptions ceased, and those few being principally business people. A reflux to the extent of about 300 occurred during April, May, and June; but in the last two months a considerable number (principally those who have worked out river claims) have left this field. The subjoined statement shews the relative population of the whole district on the 31st day of March and the 30th of September, with a decrease of 298.

HOW OCCUPIED.	MARCH.	SEPTEMBER.	DECREASE.
In Mining	1229	980	249
In other pursuits	820	771	49
Total	2049	1751	298

The past winter has been most severe and protracted, and the mining interest has been seriously retarded. This has been the case more particularly in ground sluicing, where in many instances the ice and snow had completely choked the races. Considerable damage was done to a great number of them by the frost breaking up the sidelings—this was especially the case at the Twelve Mile, Arrow. The

The weather has however broken during the past month, and most of the race companies are in full work again. The snow is still lying heavily in the neighborhood of the Skipper's Reefs; so much so as to have prevented me from surveying several leaseholds then applied for. This portion of the district lies at a high elevation, and it will probably be a month before prospecting can be proceeded with.

River Workings.

The month of April, May, and June, which, from past experience, were looked to as the best season of the year for carrying on work in the river bed, have proved this year most unpropitious, and this class of mining did not prove so productive as could have been desired. Some exceedingly good yields were however obtained; but most of the river companies were engaged in preliminary works, which were much interrupted by the disorganisation consequent on the West Coast rush, and by repeated freshes, which, though not of sufficient magnitude to do any great amount of damage, materially hindered the progress of the works. The last three months have, however, in a great measure compensated for these delays and losses, as the rivers have been unusually low.

The chief river workings are upon the Shotover, and, with but two or three exceptions, upon that portion of it southward of Stony Creek. Some ground at Maori Point and at Moke Creek Junction has been yielding exceedingly well, and to about a fortnight since (when work was again obstructed by floods caused by the melting snow) all the claims with but one or two exceptions were upon gold. The ensuing month will in all probability be a broken one, and much cannot be expected from the rivers till the weather again settles. There will no doubt be a considerable amount of gold obtained from the rivers during the summer months, as preliminary works have been so firmly constructed that floods will cause no injury beyond a temporary delay.

The Big Beach Company have completed their "Leviathan" dam and works, and two of the applicants for leases are upon gold. This has perhaps (with the exception of the Arthur's Point race and dam) been the most costly constructed work in the district, but at the same time the most economically and systematically conducted. The length of cutting through which the Shotover is now diverted, is 3485 feet; the length of piling for the head dam and wings 1257 feet. This dam crosses the river obliquely, and is in the centre 15 to 16 feet in height. The number of piles contained in the work is 4,000, and their total length 52,000 feet—making an average for each pile of 13 feet. All this timber had either to be floated down the river, or brought in drays from Queenstown; the Company having widened the Arthur's Point track for the purpose of admitting drays to pass. 1700 tons of stones were used in filling in the dam. The works of this Company commenced upon the 24th day of January 1865, and may only now be said to be completed. The dam and river turning alone, I estimate at a cost in labour only, of £4964, estimating it at current rates; for plant and material £600; and for tail-races, breakwaters, wheels, head-races, minor dams, and a variety of *et ceteras* necessary to complete the work, £2000, making a total cost of £7564 amongst the three Companies holding the river bed; and this is a low estimate.

At Arthur's Point there are but three Companies working in the river, and they have been dividing about £2 per man per day, when work has not been interrupted by accident or flood. There are two river claims working at Skipper's, upon a system not hitherto adopted in this district. A wall is built in the middle of the creek, and tail-races cut up on each side in the bed rock, commencing at sufficient distance below the claim to secure a good fall for sluicing, where it is brought up to the ground to be worked; the creek itself is then used to sluice down each of these tail-races alternately, and all the drift in the river bed is in this way washed off. By this means, ground that has been wrought time after time till it could no longer be made pay, has yielded good dividends. This system could only be carried out where the creeks have a good fall, and such is generally the case in this district. There are two or three river claims at the Arrow turning out well, and another Company has been formed for working the Arrow Flat. Repeated attempts have been made to prove this ground, but failure has resulted in every case; the Companies never having been strong enough to go beyond the ordinary require-

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ments of river workings, which is not sufficient here, for the ground is deep and will necessitate the erection of heavy pumping gear. These, with the exception of three or four claims working in Moke Creek, constitute the principal river workings in the district.

As far as the occupation of the river-bed of the Shotover by individuals or by ordinary mining parties is concerned, this class of work may be considered as drawing to an end. The difficulties are too great for small companies to work under, and it will be advisable to place every facility in the way of large companies to enable them to occupy large areas, and in making the leasing and extended claims systems easily available to all. There is no doubt that if the Big Beach is found as remunerative as is confidently anticipated, that many works of a similar character will speedily be projected; for although it is impossible for a few men in a party to cope with the difficulties of the Shotover with only a small area to repay them, large companies holding sufficient ground to remunerate them for a few years will undertake the erection of dams and such-like works, and will find ample ground to compensate them for years hence.

Terrace Workings.

It will be seen that the terraces are now employing, in ground sluicing, hydraulic working, and tunnelling, a far greater proportion than are employed in box-sluicing or river workings. This has never been the case at the date of any of my former reports, and is to be accounted for by the gradual decline of river workings. The number occupied upon the terraces in the various classes of work referred to is 492, against 368 in my report for March last, showing an increase upon the terraces of 174. A considerable check has been given to terrace workings upon the Shotover by reason of the damage and inconvenience suffered by the river claim-holders through the tailings that accumulate from sluicing, and it has been found that the two classes of work cannot be conducted simultaneously; the sluicers had therefore to give way, and the consequence was that a considerable area of terrace ground was temporarily abandoned. This is gradually becoming occupied again, where the river claims have been wrought out. As an instance of the extent of drift accumulating by sluicing, I would mention the measurement of one day's work taken at the Mountain Race Company's claim, Skipper's Creek, where it was found that 1600 tons of stuff, or a cube measuring 35 feet, or an area equal to fully an ordinary claim, had been removed in the twenty-four hours. I have not been able to obtain information which would furnish an average yield for terrace workings, but instances of extraordinary success have occurred—one at the Moke Creek, in the claim of Lynch and Company, where a dividend was made of £100 per man for a week's work. The Mountain Race have been paying £11 to £12 per week per man; but what looks better for the terraces than anything else I could mention is, that all the races are in full work. I am not aware of one, having water sufficient for ground sluicing, that is standing idle.

Tunnelling is carried on to a considerable extent upon the Twelve-mile, Arrow, and Arrow Rivers, and deep sinking at the Cardrona upon ground that may be considered terraces. The yield from the latter place is exceedingly good; and although the Arrow escorts are not extraordinarily heavy, they would show well, compared to the mining population, if the gold which goes toward the Dunstan from the Cardrona and Kawarau was included.

The most important and interesting matter I have to record is the marked progress that has been made during the six months past in the discovery and development of Quartz Reefs; and although the winter has been most inclement and unfavorable for prospecting, the numbers now engaged at that class of work will compare favorably with the few so occupied in March last. At that time I reported the number of persons engaged in quartz mining as 15, against 31 at the present time. In comparison with the number of reef claims and leaseholds, this will appear small; but many have been obliged to discontinue work entirely where prospecting was confined to surface-cuttings, the ground being so hardly frozen that the surface soil, which had to be removed in narrow trenches across the supposed line of reef for the purpose of laying bare the bed rock, was quite as difficult to break up as the rock itself. In those claims, however, in which shafts and tunnels have been carried on, work has steadily progressed, and further proofs of the permanence and richness of the reefs have been established. During the progress

progress of prospecting it is not necessary to employ more than from two to four men in a shift, according as the work progresses, for more could not be occupied to advantage till it is ascertained that the reef exists in the claim, and that it bids fair to pay for the working of it. This will account for the small number employed.

The reefs now being wrought and prospected with every appearance of success are—the “Scandinavian,” the “Prince of Wales,” the “Elgin,” the “Justin,” and the “Arrow;” for although there are some few parties searching for reefs in the ranges, who have from time to time reported discoveries, those I have named are the only veins from which any satisfactory results have been obtained. A prospecting claim on a newly discovered reef was applied for to Mr. Warden Broad, the locality being the foot of New Chum Gully. The stone I found, by a careful process of crushing and amalgamating, to contain gold at the rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ ozs. to the ton; but the vein is narrow, and except it be found by prospecting to widen out considerably, it will not pay.

The Scandinavian is the strongest and best defined reef in the District, being in places from eight to nine feet in thickness, and, with good machinery, would all be made productive: the richest part, though, is next the hanging wall, and at present the prospectors are crushing only about five feet of it. About the middle of April last, Jones and Company, the discoverers of this reef, brought down to Queenstown a cake of amalgam of 140 ounces, which they reported to be the result of crushing about thirty tons of stone. Other smaller cakes were from time to time sent from prospects equally rich; and about the same time Watt and Company obtained from another portion of the same reef twenty ounces of gold from 150 lbs. weight of stone. A considerable stir was consequent on these rich yields being made known, and about a mile and a half along the line of reef was at once taken up in claims and in leaseholds.

Although I have named the Prince of Wales as a separate reef, for want of actual proof to the contrary, I am convinced that it is the continuation of the Scandinavian westward, the distance between the two workings being about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The prospectors of this reef, under the title of the Prince of Wales Company, have succeeded in discovering an exceedingly rich vein of stone, containing gold of a much coarser sample than has been found in any quartz raised in the district; and claims and leases to the extent of a mile at least have been taken up, and prospecting is being proceeded with most vigorously by three or four companies.

The Justin Reef, opened about a twelvemonth since by Rosemerger and Co., at Butcher's Gully, Skipper's, is now being fairly prospected by a company from Ballarat, who entertain great hopes of success, as the original discoverers had from this reef a trial crushing of eighteen cwt. of stone, which yielded at the Scandinavian Mill two ounces seventeen dwts. of gold. The machinery being very defective, this yield cannot in any way be fairly taken as a criterion of the value of the lode.

The Elgin Reef is being prospected by a company formed in Queenstown. They have already exhibited some excellent specimens, and have every confidence of the lode turning out well.

But the Arrow Reef will in all probability be the first on which machinery will be at work, and as the Criterion Company have, I am informed, succeeded in the purchase of machinery in Melbourne, the work will therefore be at once commenced. This reef has one advantage over any of the others yet discovered, in the ease by which it can be approached by dray traffic from the Lake, and there is therefore no necessity for packing—a difficulty which will be heavily felt on the reefs in the Upper Shotover District. I mentioned in my last report that the prospectors of this reef were intending to form a company for further developing the lode. They succeeded with much difficulty in getting seventeen to join them, by paying a bonus of £10 each as compensation for the value of the stone already raised to the surface; thus the new company consisted of twenty shareholders. They immediately called for tenders for sinking a new shaft at the head of the workings, which was completed to a depth of seventy feet in about three months, when an adit was opened southward, striking the reef at about twelve feet; it was then crossed and found to be something over three feet in thickness. I accompanied the Board of Managers to the shaft to examine the vein, and found it to be most beautifully defined. We made a rough trial of some of the stone which we picked up from the bottom of the
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adit where it crosses the lode, and found it to be exceedingly rich, and to all appearance equal to any previously obtained. There are several small leaders in connection with the reef which contain gold, and the vein itself has a large proportion of mundic and lime in its composition, and this has characterised it throughout.

The company has, under the title of the "Criterion Quartz Mining Company (Limited)," been formed into a Joint Stock Company, with a capital of £2400, in 240 shares at £10 each; and the result of the prospect is that Scrip are held at £17, having only £4 paid up, thus estimating the value of the leasehold at £3120, without any work or plant. This reef, as far as the Criterion ground is concerned, has been exceedingly well prospected; at first by surface cuttings, which proved a length of about 200 feet to exist; then by excavating some 50 or 60 feet long, by about 14 feet deep, which proved the reef to be widening out; then by a shaft of 40 feet in the cutting, and at length by a shaft ahead of all the works, of 70 feet in depth, with a similar good result in each case. It may therefore be reasonably concluded that the whole block, proved, of 200 feet by 70 feet will pay equally as well. A few shares changed hands after the first call was made, but the holders are firm at the rate above quoted; there is no disposition to part with scrip.

The number and extent of holdings upon the quartz reef in claims, and in leaseholds, are as follows, only those reefs being given where good stone is readily obtained in the prospecting claims:—

NAME OF REEF.	NUMBER OF LEASEHOLDS.	NUMBER OF CLAIMS.	LENGTH OCCUPIED.
Scandinavian Reef .	3	4	4395 feet
Prince of Wales Reef .	4	1	5100 "
Justin Reef . . .	.	1	300 "
Elgin Reef . . .	.	1	300 "
Arrow Reef . . .	6	.	7200 "

I believe that each leasehold is represented by about 20 shareholders, and the claims by persons in proportion to their extent.

The leasing system is by far the best that can be adopted for working quartz reefs; and judging from the increase in application, it is being more favorably considered than it was some few months since. The advantage it has over the ordinary regulations, is in the security it offers to the capitalist, for by it all boundaries are defined by survey, and can be at all times proved; whereas, by the regulations, which do not enforce a survey, a claim can be anywhere the working shareholder thinks fit to shift it. This would not be of importance, supposing the company to be formed of working shareholders only; but many invest in works of this kind who have no chance of ever seeing the ground, and it is far more satisfactory in such cases to have an area (on which perhaps thousands of pounds may be expended) properly defined to avoid litigation and the many losses and bad consequences that frequently ensue on the working shareholders removing their pegs either from design or want of judgment, valuable rights are in this way frequently invalidated. The leasing system gives a far more secure tenure, and is therefore greatly more favorable to the formation of Joint Stock Companies; but I would strongly recommend that in considering the lease application, that a minimum number of men to be employed should be fixed by allowing 1 to every 45 feet in length of claim or supposed reef in such leasehold. And I would also recommend that

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active operations should commence immediately on its being intimated officially to applicants that His Honor the Superintendent has recommended the granting of the lease so applied for. This will have the effect of preventing persons from taking up reef ground for the mere purpose of holding it as a speculation, or to sell shares.

The greatest drawback to the prosecution of quartz mining is the want of roads. The present track between Maori Point and the Reefs is dangerous in the extreme, and accidents are of daily occurrence. The work of getting machinery up will be the greatest difficulty that will have to be encountered, but the effect of the want of roads upon the price of provisions and produce is perhaps the most serious drawback of any. It is now a usual thing for the prospectors to receive wages at the rate of from £5 to £6 per week, and a *full share* in the Company, which may consist of a dozen or so of shareholders; thus, if a *party* be employed prospecting, it is a costly undertaking for those who pay. If it be the intention of the Government to form a track from Maori Point to Skipper's, I would recommend that the eastern side of the Shotover be followed to Skipper's Junction, where a bridge might be constructed without great cost, and the track afterwards taken along the creek and sidelings to the reef. The western side on which the track now runs is all composed of heavy drift beds, which are, and will be constantly washed away by the sluicers, so that no permanent track can be maintained over which to pack heavy goods. The abrupt rises and descents to cross the various creeks is also greatly against this ever becoming a permanent track.

These reefs have, to the extent at present worked, proved exceedingly rich; and others are known to exist which have not been so well proven; but none are sufficiently defined to allow of any definite theory being formed as to their system. It appears however a rule, that they are in conformity with the overlying strata, and vary more or less in every instance from the underlie. The Scandinavian has a dip to the magnetic north of nearly 45°; the course of the reef will therefore be (magnetic) east and west if taken between points upon the same horizontal line, and may be expected in that direction to intersect the country for miles. It will of course vary locally as the country rises or falls, and it will be found cropping in the gullies considerably more to the northward than on the summits of the hills and spurs, but at equal height it will have a bearing nearly east and west. I am borne out in this opinion, by the fact of reef crops having been discovered at intervals on such a line for many miles both eastward and westward of the Scandinavian. I believe other reefs will be found northward of this having a parallel course, but those to the southward appear to bear northward and westward, and the rocks in which they exist assume a south-westerly dip. The Arrow Reef and the Moke Creek copper lode have that course and dip, and I have no doubt but that the Elgin and Justin Reef are of similar formation. The country around Mount Aurum will in all probability be rich in quartz reefs; and if so, they will approach a vertical position, as the rocks increase in dip greatly in that direction.

I have great faith in the productiveness of these reefs, and I look upon them as the means of establishing ultimately a permanent and settled state of mining matters in this district. They have many drawbacks, it is true, on account of the inaccessible nature of the country around them; but when once machinery of an efficient nature is brought to bear upon them, the advantages of a permanent water-power will in a great measure counterbalance the heavy cost of the erection of such machinery, and the great expense of working the mines. I trust that another six months will establish beyond doubt the affirmed richness of those reefs already proven, and render quartz mining a safe and profitable investment to the miner and the capitalist.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. C. WRIGHT,

Mining Surveyor.

Vincent Pyke, R.M.,

Secretary to the Gold Fields Department.

Hamilton, September 30th, 1865.

SIR—According to instructions, I do myself the honor to furnish you with the following Report upon the West Taieri and Mount Ida Survey Districts, for the half-year ending 30th September, 1865.

As will be perceived by the accompanying tables, the population has decreased during the past half-year by 146, whilst the value of the machinery has increased by £195 10s. Had I taken into consideration unfinished works, the total would have shown some thousands of pounds in excess of the amount laid down. For instance, the Mareburn and Shag River races will, when completed, represent capital to the extent of five or six thousand pounds sterling. A large race is also being brought into Hyde from the Sowburn, which will equal another two thousand pounds; whilst machinery is being erected at Hindon to work the quartz reefs in that locality, the value of which I am unacquainted with. Of dams, reservoirs, and tail-races, I give the approximate value, as they are too numerous and scattered over too vast an extent of country to allow of my doing otherwise. (Approximate value, £3,000.) This estimate is, to a certain extent, fictitious, as the tail-races of course become valueless as soon as the ground is worked out which they are intended to drain. Nevertheless, they represent so much labor or capital expended in their construction. In most of my estimates, I believe I am rather under than over the mark.

The quartz reefs of this district are at last about to be tried in a systematic manner, machinery having been imported from Victoria to work the reef at Hindon. Should this speculation prove remunerative, as I have every reason to believe it will if properly worked, it will no doubt be the means of bringing fresh companies into the field, and of opening out those numerous quartz veins known to exist in this portion of the Province, the richness of which might exceed the expectations of the most sanguine.

From the variable nature of these veins, however, it is necessary for the speculator to be cautious. I cannot better exemplify my meaning than by using the words of Mr. Thomas Belt in his treatise on the Quartz Veins of Australia:—"A very small proportion of the quartz veins are auriferous, and different parts of the same vein will yield the most opposite results. In most cases when an auriferous vein varies much in thickness the narrower parts carry the most gold; but this rule does not apply when the vein is very thin. Then the greatest deposits of gold are generally found in bulges or thickenings of the lode." Again he says:—"In America, it has long been known that the upper parts of auriferous lodes are much richer than the lower. Many mines once worked with great profit near the surface are now abandoned as worthless. In Victoria, although a few mines might be pointed out, such as the Mariner's Reef, on Maryborough, and Poverty Reef, at Sandy Creek, where rich deposits of ore have been found at a depth of from two to four hundred feet; yet the general experience of mining enterprise must lead to the same conclusion. The opposite opinion, which was long held and encouraged in Victoria, led to the most mischievous results. Thousands of pounds were expended on lodes that had been rich at the surface, in the expectation that as rich or richer deposits would be met with at a greater depth. In nearly every instance the adventurers met with disappointment. Instances are innumerable of veins of quartz, highly auriferous in their upper parts, containing none of the precious metal below.

Although, strictly speaking, these extracts may be out of place in a report on a district, a word of caution may not be thrown away at the present time. There are no doubt exceptions to the general rule; and reefs have been known to be auriferous and remunerative at depths of from four to five hundred feet; yet these are decidedly exceptional. It is of course necessary to sink a shaft to strike the lode from twenty to forty feet from the surface, in order to ascertain whether the reef will pay for working; to a greater depth than this, I should consider inadvisable, as no satisfactory results would be obtained. Supposing, for instance, the reefs to be reached at a depth of one hundred feet, and ascertained to contain none of the precious metal, it would be no proof whatever that it would not be highly remunerative for fifty feet below the surface.

But three reefs have as yet been opened in this district, although numerous others are known to exist, and can be traced for considerable distances on the surface.

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The Hindon reef is the most important, and 26 acres have been taken up along the lode by three distinct companies. The bearing of the reef is nearly east and west (119°), and comes to an abrupt termination in the last claim laid off, where it joins another vein of about the same thickness, and strikes at almost right angles. Four fine specimens have been obtained from this reef, and the lode being of medium size, will no doubt pay handsome returns.

The next in importance is the Union Jack Reef, Mullochy Gully. It having been fully described on a prior occasion by Mr. Mining Surveyor Coates, I will add but a few words to that gentleman's report. But a very small portion of the reef is exposed to view. That portion opened about seven or eight feet is much broken and disjointed, and the fissures lined with peroxide of iron.

A mineral vein (apparently antimony) divides the reef a few feet from the cap, and appears to enlarge as it descends with the lode. The breadth of this vein is between four and six inches, and does not appear to run out. A miner cradling in the gully, and unconnected with the reef, brought me two large specimens from some distance, but declined to describe the locality.

The Serpentine Reef is of small dimensions, but remarkably rich. Its average breadth for about 14 feet opened is between six and nine inches, exclusive of the casing, and widens as it descends. The quartz vein is much broken, and easily worked, gold of a fine scaly nature being discernible throughout to the naked eye. This reef, which has never been fairly prospected, crops out on a spur leading into the Long Valley, about three a half miles west of the Serpentine Township. Its bearing is 130° . Two parties took up claims in this locality some months ago, sunk a shaft on the reef to the depth of twenty feet, proved it to be auriferous, and then abandoned the ground for want of funds to carry on their operations.

M'Crae's Flat has now become the most important alluvial diggings in this district; not owing to its great richness, but on account of the large population which it is capable of carrying. The greater portion of the flat, which is about three miles in length, as also many of the surrounding spurs, will always pay for working. The mode of mining is by paddocking, and the ground varies in depth from six to eighteen feet. The workings being situated in a basin formed by the surrounding hills, and the level nature of the ground rendering drainage a matter of considerable difficulty, the miners are constantly flooded out of their claims. Californian and other pumps are in general use, but these have but a partial effect in draining the paddocks, as the water taken from one claim naturally finds its way into the next. The ground, which is composed of layers of sand, gravel, and clay of various colors on a clay slate bottom, is highly auriferous, and in many places has from six to fourteen feet of wash-dirt. Good prospects can be obtained anywhere along the course of the lead, which runs down the centre of the flat, with a few lateral branches from the main lead. It is essentially a summer digging, as any heavy fall of rain or snow immediately puts a stop to mining operations. I was informed by the prospectors (Covell and party) that there was always a sufficient quantity of water for washing purposes. The extent of auriferous ground in this portion of the district appears unlimited, as gold has been struck in several gullies in the neighborhood. The ground at present opened will not in my opinion be thoroughly worked out for the next three years, owing to the large extent of ground held by each party; each miner holding a double area. A sure sign of the permanency of the place is, that few tents are to be seen; those engaged in mining pursuits having for the most part erected substantial sod huts, in many instances covered with iron, and in others well thatched. The Township is situated at the base of the hills on the western side of the flat, and a worse spot could not possibly have been chosen, the ground in wet weather being a perfect quagmire.

Horse Flat, which is situated at the foot of the Highlay Ranges, about three miles from M'Crae's, contains some very rich ground, but cannot be worked by ordinary means. The main rock bottom dips at an angle of about 45° , and is overlaid by very rich gravel, much mixed with quartz. A horizontal layer of thick yellow clay again covers the gravel, and forms a second bottom, upon which gold is also found. The upper portion is composed of lighter and slightly arenaceous clay. There is but

one outlet to the flat, which is rock-bound on all sides, rendering ground sluicing next to impossible. From the fact, however, of this outlet being considerably above the level of the bottom, having been cut through the bed rock by the erosive power of the surface water, it can be safely asserted that any gold which has ever found its way into this flat remains there at the present time; and it is natural to conclude, from the very rich deposits discovered where the rock approaches the surface, that far larger quantities of the precious metal will be found at a greater depth, owing to the excessive dip of the rock. Martin and party have obtained an extended claim, and are working the shallowest portion with amazing success. They cannot, however, work this ground profitably, or safely, beyond a certain depth, owing to the large amount of surface drainage. Several shafts have been sunk to a depth of from fifty to eighty feet, without finding bottom; machinery being requisite to drain the shafts. Messrs. Luke and Company have now taken up a three-acre claim, with the intention of placing an engine and pumping machinery on the ground, and fairly testing its qualities. From what I have stated above, I have not the slightest doubt that, if properly carried out, the undertaking will meet with every success, and prove highly remunerative to the Company.

Mariner's Hill, Fullarton, has proved itself the richest alluvial sinking in the district; yet, strange to say, it is now almost totally deserted. The amount of gold obtained by the last two parties remaining on the ground, and who also are about to leave, will verify my statement. The party who washed up obtained about six hundred ounces (600 ozs.) and the party remaining expect to wash up about one thousand (1000). The expense of timbering is no doubt the cause of the miners leaving this spot, as the depth of sinking is very great, and the danger incurred in sinking from 150 to 200 feet without slabs, no inconsiderable matter. One party sunk a shaft 190 feet without bottoming, and left for the north. The whole of this ground will fall into the hands of the Shag River Race Company, as no other at present under construction can attain the same elevation.

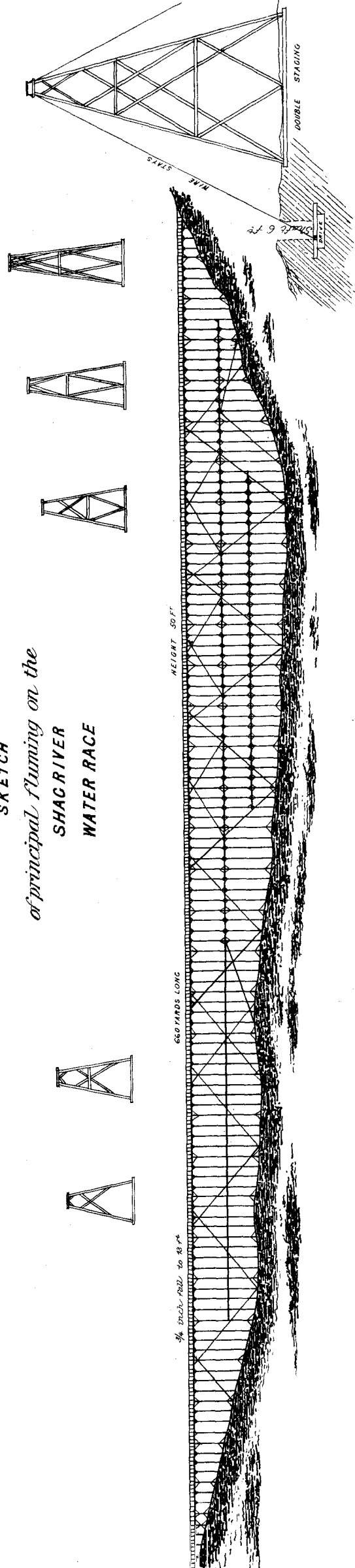
It is unnecessary to dwell at any length upon the older divisions of the district, as they are so well known and have so often been described that a report would be simply a repetition. No fresh features are noticeable: all are doing well; and the same unvaried mode of mining is carried on.

At Hamilton, although the population has slightly decreased, the remaining portion of the community may be considered as settled. They all have, more or less, interests in the shape of capital invested, which they cannot leave without considerable loss. On the other hand, there is a vast tract of country at present unopened, which presents the same geological formation as that of Hamilton, which the numerous races now running into the latter place command. There is no reason for doubting that gold will be found in large quantities in the vicinity of Hamilton, and that the supply of water now washing away the accumulation of centuries—deposited by the same agency—will be carried beyond this comparatively small patch, and prove a source of wealth to its owners for many years to come.

The mode of mining at the Hogburn and in the vicinity, is unaltered: the population varies periodically; but no great decrease is perceptible up to the present. It is however, without a doubt, decreasing; the enormous price paid for water being, in my opinion, the principal cause of the mining population not settling down. About 13s. a day per head is the current price. And here let it be understood, that by a head of water, I do not mean a Government sluice head, but what is popularly called a tom head. This is barely one-fourth of the Government gauge. It frequently appears in print, that thirty or forty heads of water are running into a certain spot, which, if properly gauged, would be found to contain but about seven or eight. This is an essential difference, and one which is often calculated to mislead. The amount of population which Mount Ida is capable of carrying can only be estimated by the amount of water which can be brought to the ground. The reason for this is, that in most instances the ground can only be profitably worked by the sluicing process; and the extent being almost unlimited, it requires but water to attract the population.

But little gold has lately been obtained from Hyde, owing to the deep sinking having been abandoned; and the miners still holding claims in this once favoured spot

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spot being engaged in bringing in extensive water races, cutting tail races, &c. In the course of a few months, it will no doubt assume a different aspect, and settle down into a systematically worked digging like Hamilton.

Having glanced over the principal workings of the district, I will conclude with a few remarks upon its prospects and general features. From the formation of the country in the West Taieri and Mount Ida divisions; although sluicing and cradling are at present the only methods employed to extract the precious metal from its resting place, almost every other description of systematic and scientific mining lies open to the enterprising miner or capitalist. Quartz reefs are numerous, and most of those tried have proved auriferous and payable. The Taieri, although a much smaller stream than the Molyneux, winds its course through exactly similar country, and receives the drainage (with but one or two exceptions), of the whole of the known auriferous water courses of this vast area of about 3000 square miles. The banks and beaches have been tried on a few occasions, and have proved payable; but not sufficiently so to retain any number of miners. There is a favorite spot about one mile above Dr. Buchanan's station, where a few miners are still at work, whence many parcels of very fine gold have been obtained. Puddling is another method by which good returns might be obtained in many portions of the district; but miners, as a rule, do not seem satisfied with wages: they aspire to something higher.

The prosperity of the district depends upon the number of its mining population, as it is capable of supporting many thousands more than it can at present boast of.

I have the honor to forward herewith a sketch of the framing of the principal fluming on the Shag River Race, the measurements of which were furnished by Mr. A. Donaldson, one of the shareholders. My object in forwarding this sketch is to show the important works which are at present under construction in this district.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED KEENE,

Mining Surveyor.

Vincent Pyke, Esq., R.M.,

Secretary of the Gold Fields Department.

Warden's Office, Nokomai,

10th November, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to forward herewith my Report on this Gold Field.

I was unable to forward this sooner, as, in consequence of the depth of snow on the ranges between this place and the Nevis, I was unable to get over and obtain the information required.

During the last six months the population throughout the district has much decreased, in consequence of the rush to the West Coast; but I look forward to a reaction as the auriferous character of the field is established.

The Nevis Division is considered by miners as one of the richest Gold Fields in the Province—indeed, if it were not, the miners could not afford to remain through the winter, as the hard frosts render mining operations impracticable.

At the head of the Nevis, known as Cumberland and Cornish Gullies, very good finds were obtained soon after the breaking out of the Nokomai Gold Fields, in September, 1862, but the gold has never been traced down the river between the Upper and Middle Gorges. The bed of the river in the Middle Gorge was worked eighteen months ago, and a large quantity of gold obtained; and the last rush that set in, about nine months since, was in the flat below the Middle Gorge, where the
Township

Township is established. At the lower crossing—that is, at the head of the Lower Gorge—miners are making good wages, and I believe a lead will be found between the Gorges, should a large population be collected on the field, and larger claims granted, as the ground is wet and deep, and has to be taken out in paddocks, driving being impossible from the nature of the sinking, and no timber obtainable nearer than the head of the Nokomai—say 22 miles—over a bad packing track. The lignite on this field is the best I have seen, and far superior to that obtained at Tuapeka. On Dowling's Creek, near the Kawarau River, there is splendid lignite, nearly equal to Newcastle coal, distant from Frankton about 20 miles; and should the Copper Mines on Lake Wakatipu prove remunerative, this lignite will, I believe, be found available for smelting.

The River Nokomai, which rises in the same range as the Nevis, but running south into the Mataura, has been found payable from its source to within four miles of the Mataura, just above the junction of Victoria Gully, Moa Creek, the scene of the first Nokomai rush. Below that point, several parties have tried to bottom, but have not yet been successful, in consequence of the depth, and great quantity of water to be contended with; the wooden pump not being able to lift the water above 40 feet, iron pumps have been substituted. The workings in this division have hitherto been chiefly in the spurs running into the flat about one and a-half mile from the Mataura. The population is a settled one, many of the miners having settled down with their wives and families; the women and children numbering about 146.

Switzer's Diggings, situate on the east side of the Wakaiia River, about ten miles from its junction with the Mataura, may be considered one of the oldest Gold Fields in the Province, having been discovered in November, 1861, when a rush took place from Gabriel's and Waitahuna to what was called the Blue Mountain or Sam Perkins's rush. The digging at that time was confined to a creek called by M'Kerrow Argyle Burn, but known to miners as Winding Creek. Some good finds were obtained there, and it supported a population of about 100 men, until the Dunstan broke out, when they all left but ten or twelve. In January, 1863, another gully was opened by some Welshmen, and called Welshman's Gully, which maintained a large population for about four months. I believe Welshman's Gully was the richest gully ever opened in Otago, with the exception of Gabriel's; but the sinking was shallow, and soon worked out. Two large water-races are now being brought on to it for the purpose of ground sluicing. On the Waikaka, which is outside of the Gold Field, a few men are sluicing, and making small wages.

The Mataura Diggings, on Dr. Menzies' run, are now abandoned; and the Mataura has been too high for the last six months to work the bed of the river at Tuturau, where good prospects were obtained last summer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN NUGENT WOOD,

Warden.

The Secretary of Gold Fields,
Otago.

STOREKEEPERS

XIV.—ROADS AND THEIR DEVIATIONS.

Commissioner of Roads Office,
Dunedin, December 1, 1865.

SINCE my last Report the Governor's assent has been given to the "Roads Ordinance, 1865," and to the "Roads Diversion Ordinance, 1865."

The Roads Ordinance came into operation on 11th October last, and I am of opinion it will work very beneficially; but it will be advisable to submit a short Bill to the Council during its present Session for the purpose of making slight amendments on it. This bill has been prepared, and is ready for the Council.

The Roads Diversion Ordinances of the past Sessions gave powers for dealing with one hundred and fifty-eight miles of useless road lines.

The intention to close ninety-one miles of these road lines has been Gazetted and the Plans duly deposited.

The objections which have been lodged against the closing have been very few, and in only three instances have they been sustained.

The Roads Diversion Ordinance of the present Session is now ready for submission to the Provincial Council, together with the necessary plans. It purposes to take power to deal with about seventy-four miles of road lines, for which in most cases new and useful road lines have been, or will be obtained.

The expenses of the Department have been kept considerably below the appropriation of the last Session, and a full moiety of the expenditure should properly be charged against the General Road Board.

It will be necessary to obtain further assistance for the purpose of preparing the maps for the General Road Board Office, and for the Local Boards of all Road Districts, rendered necessary by clause XXVII of the "Roads Ordinance, 1865." The demand for them is incessant, and the duty to supply them undoubted.

During the past six months, thirty-four new Road Districts have been established; and the Ordinance is now in operation along the sea-board of the Province from Waitaki to the Nuggets; and I feel assured that, especially in the older districts, the very necessary work of road formation will progress rapidly, provided the Road Districts Loan Bill be passed.

This Bill is one to enable the General Road Board to effect loans on behalf of the Local Boards, on the security of the Highway Rates of the District for which the loan is procured. It is a most desirable measure; and in many districts the owners of property are willing to lend the larger part of the money required.

It is proposed to make all Loans repayable by instalments spread over a period of eleven years.

The Bill is simple in its proposed mode of operation; and as it is the only way which suggests itself for opening up District Roads, I hope the Council will see fit to number it among the laws of the Province.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN HARDY.

Road Commissioner.

Secretary for Public Works.

XV.—STOREKEEPER'S

XV.—STOREKEEPER'S DEPARTMENT.

Dunedin, 21st December, 1865.

SIR—I have the honor to report on my Department for the six months, ending the 30th September, 1865.

The Departments of Marine Engineer and Geological being disbanded, I conveyed into store all office furniture, fittings, and stores, which the heads of these Departments had in their charge.

In my last Report, I alluded to the system in the Melbourne Store Department, of holding periodical sales of surplus and condemned stores. In accordance with your instructions, a sale was held in the Store Yard of condemned and surplus stores which I had collected. I am glad to state, the amount of the sale, less commission, realised £193 18s. 8d. I mention this as a proof of how necessary it is that all articles of this kind (no matter how worthless they may appear), should be forwarded into store.

The sales of various articles from the Store Department, as authorised by His Honor the Superintendent, including the public sale, amounts to £250 3s. 2d.

Articles requisitioned for by Departments (and authorised), supplied by the Storekeeper from stock received from various sources, I consider value to the amount of £317 6s. 4d. (Vide Return No. 1). I wish to explain that I consider these amounts (sales, £250 3s. 2d. + supplied to Departments, £317 6s. 4d. = £567 9s. 6d.) a direct saving to the Government, as I consider that, if the Department did not exist, the articles so supplied would have been purchased by the heads of Departments requiring them, and the articles sold, which were allowed to accumulate in the store for that purpose, perhaps have perished.

By authority of the Government, I purchased at auction a quantity of mole trousers and serge shirts (charged at the time to Storekeeper's advance account); but the uniform having been subsequently changed at the Gaol Department, and not requiring the articles, I recommended that the articles (being then scarce in the market), should be sold by auction. I am glad to say that no loss, but a profit of £14 9s., was the result of the sale.

The total amount of articles purchased by me for the various Departments, by contract or otherwise, on requisitions duly authorised, amounts to £4010 2s. (Vide Return No. 2).

As I have heard it expressed in several places, as well as the Provincial Council, that the Government paid at least 20 per cent. more for articles required by the Public Service than that paid by private consumers, I consider it my duty, being aware the statement is incorrect, to try and remove that erroneous impression. Where possible, contracts are entered into for the year for the supply of stores, &c., the competition is so keen that the accepted tenderer has to provide the supplies at a very low rate.

Where articles are required in cases, it has been considered not advisable to have a contract. Competition is invited by special tender, and, in consequence, I am in a position to state that, on an average, the Government have been paying all through the entire year at least 10 per cent. less for stores purchased than that paid by private consumers. It must also be borne in mind, that it is principally the large wholesale establishments that have of late been supplying the Government.

The conditions last year not being so stringent as I would wish, I have compiled fresh conditions for contracts for next year's supplies, which I think will be found suitable and applicable in every instance.

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The tenders for next year's supplies already accepted are very moderate.

In accordance with a wish expressed by the late Treasurer, Mr. Moss, I have, since last May, been performing (in conjunction with the Storekeeper's duties), the duties of Accountant to the Roads and Works Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN JOS. KELLY,

Provincial Storekeeper.

The Provincial Secretary.

(RETURN No. 1.)

VALUE OF ARTICLES SUPPLIED TO THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS FROM
STOREKEEPER'S STOCK.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DIVISION.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provincial Secretary's Department	..	..	..	0	2	6			
Land	Do.	..	..	3	7	0			
Survey	Do.	..	..	40	12	5			
Police	Do.	..	..	78	17	4			
Harbor	Do.	..	..	0	12	0			
Gold Fields	Do.	..	..	61	12	9			
Gaol	Do.	..	..	5	0	0			
District Gaols	Do.	..	..	1	14	6			
							191	18	6
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Roads and Works Department	..	..	..	32	0	9			
Marine Engineer	Do.	..	..	17	13	0			
Road Commissioner	Do.	..	..	0	17	6			
Railway Engineer	Do.	..	..	3	5	0			
							53	16	3
TREASURER'S DIVISION.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasury Department	...	...	...	0	5	6			
Hospital	Do.	12	13	3			
Lunatic Asylum	Do.	40	6	0			
Registrar of Deeds	Do.	18	6	10			
							71	11	7
							317	6	4

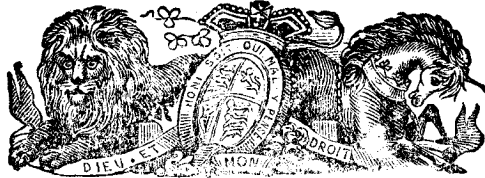
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AMOUNT OF STORES &c. SUPPLIED TO THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS PURCHASED BY STOREKEEPER ON REQUISITION DULY AUTHORISED.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DIVISION.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provincial Council Department	...	...		7	1	10			
Do. Secretary	Do.	...	...	30	13	1			
Do. Solicitor	Do.	..	...	0	9	6			
Land	Do.	...	...	44	18	6			
Survey	Do.	...	...	113	6	3			
Police	Do.	...	...	516	9	3			
Harbor	Do.	...	...	67	14	8			
Gold Fields (including outfit, &c, for West Coast Expedition)	Do.	...	...	180	16	5			
Gaol	Do.	...	...	760	10	11			
Gold Receiver	Do.	...	...	167	14	9			
District Gaols	Do.	...	...	6	13	0			
							1896	8	2
TREASURY DIVISION.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasury (and Miscellaneous) Department	..	..	..	210	10	1			
Immigration	Do.	..	..	10	6	7			
Education	Do.	..	..	17	16	6			
Sheep Inspector	Do.	..	..	0	9	8			
Hospital	Do.	..	..	904	6	0			
Lunatic Asylum	Do.	..	..	785	19	9			
Registrar of Deeds	Do.	..	..	17	6	2			
Storekeeper	Do.	..	..	19	0	1			
Volunteers	Do.	..	..	1	10	3			
							1967	5	1
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Roads and Works Department	..	..	..	44	15	1			
Marine Engineer	Do.	..	..	3	18	0			
Railway Do.	Do.	..	..	49	17	7			
Road Commissioner	Do.	..	..	44	12	1			
Road Board	Do.	..	..	2	10	0			
Gardener	Do.	..	..	0	16	0			
							146	8	9
							4010	2	0

[END OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.]



COUNCIL PAPER.

(No. I.)

SESSION XXI, 1865.

DOCUMENTS Nos. 1, 2, AND 3, FROM PROVINCIAL AUDITOR.

(Laid on the Table by Mr. Speaker, November 20.)

1. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1ST APRIL, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1865.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Revenue	155,130	1	1
Harbor Endowment, Rents	148	10	0
Advances to Heads of Departments lessened	198	11	8
Deposit Accounts increased	540	9	1
Harbor Loan negotiated	6,550	0	0
	<u>£162,567</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Payments from Ordinary Revenue	126,256	8	1
Home Agents Account lessened	3,410	2	9
Suspense Account lessened	25,909	3	6
Bank of New Zealand Account lessened	6,991	17	6
	<u>£162,567</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

A. LIVINGSTON,

Auditor.

Audit Office, 15th November, 1865.

**2. BALANCE SHEET OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO
FOR THE FINANCIAL HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1865.**

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
To Unauthorised Expenditure for which future legal provision is required	4,828	1	8	By amount of outstanding claims (Suspense Account)	11,640	16	7
Advance to Officers for the Public Service	513	2	0	Do. (Unauthorised Expenditure)	4,828	1	8
Dunedin Town Board Loan	39,828	12	5	Debentures, 1856, £14,500			
Port Chalmers do. do.	5,600	0	0	Do. 1861-2, 50,000			
J. G. Lewis (Clutha Coal Field)	250	0	0	Do. 1862, 193,500			
Harbor Endowment	21,883	7	7	Do. Harbor, 1862, 14,100			
Home Agent in Edinburgh	4,403	5	2	Deposits on Contracts, &c.	272,100	0	0
Sinking Fund, Debentures, 1861-2, £2,790				Bank of New Zealand, London, £212,894 11 9	5,847	12	1
Do. 1862, 6,500				Do. Dunedin, 15,261 19 4			
Balance at Debit of Province	9,290	0	0		228,156	11	1
	435,976	12	7				
	£522,573	1	5		£522,573	1	5

PERMANENT DEBTS.

To Sinking Fund, Amount Invested	...	£9,290	0	0		By Amount of Debentures Issued, as above	...	£272,100	0	0
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Audit Office, 15th November, 1865.

A. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.

The above statement is according to the Form prescribed by the Governor, which requires Unauthorised Expenditure to be placed among the Assets. The reason may be that this money is to be considered unexpended until legal sanction is obtained. If placed among the Assets, it ought, in order to make the Balance correct, to be reckoned among the Responsibilities, and I have given it a place among the Outstanding Claims.—A. L.

3. TABLE SHOWING THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE PROVINCE OF OTAGO

ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1865.

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.	
							Amount Accrued.	Amount and in what manner Invested.
Otago Loan Ordinance, 1856	£35,000	£14,500	10	3	Dec. 31, 1868 ^(a)			
" " 1861-2	50,000	50,000	8	3	" 1875	...	...	£2,790
" Harbor Loan Ordinance, 1862	50,000	14,100	{ Not over 10	3	Aug. 1, 1874			
" Public Buildings Ordinance, 1862	50,000	Nil.	8	3	...			
" Loan Ordinance, 1862	500,000	193,500	6	1	July 1, 1898	...	...	6,500
	£685,000	£272,100						^(b) £9,290

(a) Last redeemable at this date.
(b) Handed over to Trustees.

Audit Office, Nov. 15, 1865.

A. LIVINGSTON, Auditor.





COUNCIL PAPER.

(No. II.)

SESSION XXI.—1865.

REPORT BY T. PATERSON, CHIEF RAILWAY ENGINEER, UPON THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, Nov. 20th.)

Railway Department,
Dunedin, 18th November, 1865.

To the Secretary for Public Works.

SIR—

I HAVE the honor herewith to submit for the consideration of the Government, plans, sections, and estimates for the remaining portions of the proposed Railway to the Clutha, forming Divisions Nos. 3 and 4 of the Southern Trunk Railway, and extending from East Taieri to the Township of Balclutha, a length of about twenty-six and three-quarter ($26\frac{3}{4}$) miles.

The plans and estimates for Divisions Nos. 1 and 2 of the same line, extending from Dunedin to East Taieri, having been previously forwarded along with my Report relative thereto, upon the 15th April, 1865.

During the last six months I have carefully examined the main features of the various routes by which it appeared practicable at a reasonable cost to construct a Railway between the Taieri and the Clutha; the plans now submitted have been constructed entirely from special surveys undertaken for the purpose, in addition to which upwards of seventy (70) miles of sections have been taken during the same period by the assistants engaged under my directions. The field work consequent upon these operations has been greatly retarded by the unusual inclemency of the weather in the district—a circumstance which has been the cause of increased expense and annoying delay in conducting and completing the work, and I would avail myself of this, perhaps, the only opportunity which I may have of expressing my thanks to yourself and the Government for the kind forbearance and consideration shown towards me under the circumstances, and my regret that I have thus been prevented from placing the plans in your hands at an earlier period, so as to allow due time for their consideration previous to the assembling of the Provincial Council.

The line now selected, between East Taieri and Balclutha has, throughout the entire length, been altered to a greater or less extent from that indicated upon the preliminary plans prepared in November, 1864; but the general route may be described as the same, the only important deviation occurring between the Township of Milton, Tokomairiro, and the northern end of the Tuakitoto Lake, the present line crossing the turnpike road from Tokomairiro to Tuapeka about three-quarters of a mile further west than that indicated in the first plan.

Starting from East Taieri, the proposed line skirts the eastern shore of the Waihola Lake to beyond the Township of Waihola, and from thence runs, nearly in a straight line, up to the Waihola Gorge, passing close by the turnpike road at the Toll-house, and about ten (10) chains westward from the road at the Gorge, where the line is curved to the west, so as to run along a fence line in passing through the Tokomairi Plains, and thus avoid intersection of the cultivated lands there. Respecting this portion of the line, a Memorial has been presented to His Honor the Superintendent, signed by thirty-seven (37) of the settlers and residents on the Tokomairi Plains, expressing their regret that the line selected should pass about half-a-mile from the Township of Milton, and stating their opinion that the Railway should be brought much nearer to it. As previously stated, the line was laid out to pass along the boundary of the sections (at a distance of about thirty-four (34) chains from the turnpike road), in order to avoid intersections of agricultural lands; but an alternative line, passing parallel to the turnpike road, and within ten (10) chains of the Township, has been surveyed, and is shewn upon the plans by a strong-dotted line. As the two lines may be considered equal, in so far as length, engineering, and cost of construction are concerned, and as the line contiguous to the Township appears to be preferred by the inhabitants of the district, I would recommend that it should be adopted, provided that the land required for it can be obtained without additional expense.

The other deviation previously alluded to between the Tokomairi Plains, and Lake Tuakitoto, although about a mile longer, will cost about £10,000 less than the more direct line, the works upon which would have been of a heavy and expensive description, whereas those on the line now proposed are very light; and in addition it possesses the advantage of having better gradients, and of passing about three quarters of a mile nearer to the Road by the Woolshed, Waitahuna, and Tuapeka, to the interior districts of the Province.

From the northern end of Lake Tuakitoto, the line skirts the west side of the Lake for about five (5) miles, and then passing over some rough and broken ground, crosses the ranges between the Lake and the River Clutha, and terminates at the Township of Balclutha, close to the present Ferry across the River; the entire length from Dunedin being exactly fifty (50) miles.

The curves are all good, none of them being under thirty (30) chains radius. The gradients are also what are now considered good, and such as are freely adopted upon English lines; the ruling gradient is 1 in 70 over the greater portion of the line, a few short lengths of 1 in 60 having been introduced to reduce the extent of some heavy earthworks within two or three miles from the Clutha terminus of the proposed Railway. The quantities of the earthwork have been calculated from the sections; and the prices affixed to the various items have been carefully considered and estimated upon a liberal scale, which would prove amply remunerative at present rates of wages. The class and description of the works are precisely similar to those proposed for the other divisions of the line, which have already been fully described in Report dated 15th April, 1865, to which I have the honor to refer you for more detailed information on this branch of the subject; the following short description being inserted for convenience, and to admit of a general idea of the character of the works being obtained without the trouble of reference.

The width assumed for the cuttings is fifteen (15) feet, and for the embankments seventeen (17) feet, at the level of formation. The cuttings in the 3rd division amount to little more than 7000 cubic yards per mile, and on the 4th division to less than 25,000 cubic yards per mile. The average quantity of excavation for the whole line from Dunedin to the Clutha amounts to very nearly 20,000 cubic yards per mile; and even this low average may be greatly reduced by the adoption of steeper gradients and sharper curves upon some parts of the line between Dunedin and Taieri, and also near the Clutha end.

The turnpike roads to Tuapeka and the Clutha are proposed to be crossed upon the level, so as to avoid the heavy expense of high embankments and bridges, which would otherwise be necessary, and also to avoid injurious interference with the present gradients of the road. The Kaitangata Road would be crossed by a bridge over the Railway. There are only two small river bridges in the 3rd and 4th divisions—one over the north, and the other over the south branch of the Tokomairi River. The other works, such as stream bridges, culverts, level crossings, &c., are of the simplest description, and present no features of peculiarity calling for special remark.

The gauge proposed is five feet three inches (5ft. 3in.) between the rails, and the whole of the materials for the permanent way are estimated to be of the most approved and substantial description. A considerable portion of the ballast would

consist of gravel, deposits of which occur at convenient positions along nearly the whole length of both divisions; excellent blue stone for the same purpose would also be obtained from the cuttings on the line along the banks of the Clutha.

The rails are estimated at seventy (70) pounds per yard, fished at the joints, and keyed into iron chairs, fastened to transverse sleepers of timber, placed at an average of three (3) feet apart.

The sites of the proposed stations have not been indicated upon the plans now submitted, as I have deemed it expedient to leave that question an open one to be decided upon considerations of public convenience, and of the comparative conditions upon which the necessary land can be obtained. I would, however, remark that a portion of the Police Paddock at Tokomairiro would form a very central and convenient position for a station in that district, and that the ground on the side of the line furthest from the Clutha River, near the termination of the proposed Railway, is well adapted for the formation of a station there.

The cost of land and supervision have been fully allowed for, and a liberal sum for rolling stock has also been included in the Estimates.

The "Detailed Estimates," (see Appendices 1 and 2), provide for a single line of Railway, constructed with the rail gauge of five feet three inches, (5ft. 3in.), the works being of a plain but substantial description, with a permanent way of a superior class, and they also include sums for stations supervision, land, and an ample sum for rolling stock for working the line; in short, as formerly described, "for a well-constructed single line of Railway, fully furnished, and equipped complete in every respect, and fit for the conveyance of traffic." The accompanying abstract of the detailed Estimates (see Appendix 3) has been constructed with the view of showing in a clear and concise form the amounts estimated for different descriptions of work on each division of the line, and the total amount for each class of work on the whole line, the average rates per mile for each item being also given in an additional column on the right hand side.

The amended Estimates for the whole line, it will be observed, are more favorable than was anticipated when the Estimates for Divisions 1 and 2 were framed; the total estimated cost being reduced from £660,000 to £624,300 and the average cost per mile from £13,538 to £12,486—a very material saving and improvement having been effected by the deviation of the line passing through Mr. Adam's property at Tokomairiro; and I believe that further reductions might yet be effected near the Clutha end, by a deviation which would add about half a mile to the length of the line, by which the only heavy works on that division would be greatly reduced. Upon this point, however, further investigations are necessary before a definite opinion can be arrived at; and I advert to it now, principally that the circumstance may not be overlooked in any future Engineering operations which may be taken in connection with the line.

Having now considered the cost of a Railway laid out as part of a through system for connecting this Province with the adjoining Provinces of Canterbury and Southland, and adequate for the conveyance of a large amount of goods traffic, and admitting of trains being run upon it, at a speed of forty (40) miles an hour, I will proceed to the consideration of the cost of a lighter description of Railway, sufficient for present requirements, and for the prospective wants of the district for some time to come.

In the first place, upon such a line I would recommend the adoption of the five feet three inches (5ft. 3in.) gauge, in preference to that of three feet six inches (3ft. 6in.), which, under circumstances entirely different from the present, has been recommended and adopted for the Queensland Railways. The narrow gauge probably would save about £500 per mile in first cost of construction, the cost of plant, and of working the line, being nearly equal on both gauges; but looking forward to the probability of the Railways of Otago being connected with those of Canterbury on the one side, and of Southland on the other, I do not consider that the small saving in the first cost would at all compensate for the manifest disadvantages which would be occasioned by a break of gauges between the different systems—the annoyance and delay to passengers shifting from one train to another—and the delay, risk of injury, and increased expense entailed upon the goods traffic from a similar cause, or the great expense which would be incurred in adopting the alternative course of altering the line, and providing new plant to obviate these inconveniences. On the other hand, the class of plant proposed for the light five feet three inch (5ft. 3in.) gauge line would be perfectly suitable for working upon a better class Railway of the same width, nor would there be the slightest impediment to the free interchange of traffic between the lines.

The earthworks, culverts, and bridges, would be constructed so as to answer for a heavier line if required, (the superstructure of the bridges being constructed of iron, so as to admit of their being easily strengthened for the same purpose,) and by lengthening the line about two (2) miles, and adopting steeper gradients, and sharper curves, the tunnels at Look-out Point and the Chain Hills would be got rid of, and the heavy excavations between Dunedin and the Taieri Plains, and at the southern end of the line, would also be greatly diminished in extent.

The permanent way proposed would be constructed with materials of a similar quality, but lighter form, than that for the through line; the rails are estimated at forty (40) lbs. to the yard, (except upon steep gradients where heavier rails are proposed,) fished at the joints, and fastened to transverse timber sleepers. The Estimates also provide sums for stations, land, and supervision, and the necessary rolling stock for working the line.

Between Dunedin and the Taieri Plains, and also for a short distance between Lake Tuakitoto and Balclutha, considerable alterations would be required from the line laid down upon the plans; but between these places, for a length of thirty-six (36) miles, little or no change would be required upon the line or levels as delineated on the plans and sections. On the division between Dunedin and the Taieri Plains, where the principal engineering difficulties occur, I would propose to adopt such curves and gradients as would get rid of the tunnels, and would greatly diminish the extent of other expensive works, and from frequent examinations of that district, I believe that these objects may be attained by lengthening the line about one-and-a-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) miles, and adopting gradients not steeper than one in thirty-five (1 in 35,) and curves not less than ten (10) chains in radius; upon such a line worked with the class of locomotives proposed, there should not be any difficulty in conducting with safety and regularity a traffic considerably greater than will in all probability be required for some years to come.

The class of locomotives which I propose for working the line would weigh from twelve (12) to fourteen (14) tons. Engines of this weight are now constructed, capable of drawing upon a level railway, at a speed of from fifteen (15) to twenty (20) miles an hour, a gross load of about two hundred and fifty (250) tons, and of taking about one hundred (100) tons up one in seventy (1 in 70), and about fifty-five (55) tons up one in thirty-five (1 in 35); but should this amount of power prove insufficient for the convenient and economical transmission of traffic upon the steeper portions of the line, it may be nearly doubled by adding a pair of additional cylinders to the engines, for working two pairs of horizontal driving wheels, which act upon a third rail laid in the centre of the line; the increased adhesion obtained by the application of this novel and ingenious principle of traction is so great, that, with only a slight increase in weight, the power of the engine is almost doubled, and gradients which have hitherto been considered impracticable may now be surmounted with comparative ease, and almost absolute safety. Upon this subject, Captain Tyler, R.E., who was commissioned by the English Government to be present during some recent official trials upon the railway now being made on that principle over Mont Cenis, to be used during the construction of the grand tunnel through the mountain, reports, *inter alia*, that—"The middle rail not only serves to enable the engine to surmount and draw its train up those gradients one in twelve (1 in 12), but it also affords the means of supplying almost any amount of additional break power; and it further acts by the use of horizontal guiding wheels on the different vehicles, as a most perfect safeguard to prevent engines, carriages, or waggons, from leaving the rails. The safest portions of the proposed railway ought indeed, under proper management, to be those on which the gradients being steeper than one in twenty-five (1 in 25), the middle rail will be employed. The only question to my mind is, whether it would not be desirable still further to extend its application to gradients less than one in twenty-five (1 in 25)."

The official trials upon the line above alluded to proved the practicability and safety of the system, thoroughly and conclusively, and it is now an established fact, that railways constructed with curves of two or three (2 or 3) chains radius, and with gradients of one in twelve (1 in 12), (which is steeper than any part of the road over Lookout Point, Saddle Hill, or between Dunedin and Waikouaiti), are practicable, both mechanically and commercially, bringing within the influence and benefit of railway communication districts which were formerly considered unapproachable. I need not do more than allude to the special applicability of this system to this Province, where a cheap, yet efficient means of communication across the mountain ranges between the seaboard and the auriferous and agricultural districts in the interior is now urgently called for. As considerable interest has been expressed regarding the operation of the new system, I have appended to this Report,

extracts from an article recently published in an *Engineering Journal*, upon this subject (see Appendix 8).

The next and only remaining point connected with the line and works, is the very important one of what they are likely to cost, and on this subject I beg to refer you to the approximate estimate (Appendix 4), showing the amount allowed for different works. The amount of my estimate for a line with five feet three inch (5ft. 3in.) gauge, with gradients of one in thirty-five (1 in 35), curves of ten (10) chains radius, and laid with forty (40) pound rails, is as follows:—

Dunedin to Balclutha.

Length, about fifty-two (52) miles, at £6,200 ...	£322,400	0	0
Allow additional for portions between Dunedin and Taieri Plains, about seven (7) miles ...	27,600	0	0
Total for fifty-two (52) miles ...	£350,000	0	0

equal to £6,730 per mile, inclusive of all works, stations, and rolling stock for working the line.

Turning next to the probable amount of traffic which may be expected upon the line, the Estimates formed by the "Commission on Roads and their Construction"* of the present traffic have now received a considerable degree of confirmation from the large amount realised from the rental of the tolls upon the Main South Road, which, for the year ending 31st October, 1865, were let at the following rates:—

Bar at Hillside, per annum	£2770
" Saddle Hill " 	1480
" East Taieri " 	1030
" Waiholo Gorge " 	650
" Clutha and Tuapeka Junction, per annum	940
Total for five Bars	£6870
Equal to an average Rental per Gate of	£1374
Add for cost of Collection and for profit	126
Giving a Total of	£1500

Which may be assumed as the average annual gross receipts at each bar, representing, at the rates of toll levied, a traffic (exclusive of passengers) of from twenty thousand to twenty-five thousand (20,000 to 25,000) tons per annum. At present rates, the cartage of such an amount of traffic will cost about £2000 per mile, or for fifty (50) miles (the length of the proposed line), about £100,000 per annum; whereas, by Railway, the same amount would be more safely and speedily conveyed for one-third of the cost, thus effecting a saving to the community upon goods traffic alone of about £66,000 per annum. Considering the great increase which would assuredly follow the introduction of Railways, I believe that the goods traffic upon the proposed line may safely be estimated at thirty thousand (30,000) tons per annum.

Judging from the Returns prepared for the Commission on Roads and their Construction (see Appendix C, attached to their Report), a large passenger traffic may also be expected. From those Returns it appears that the number of passengers passing through the Saddle Hill Toll was at the rate of two hundred and fifty-eight (258) per day; and at the Half-way Bush, one hundred and eighty-two (182) per day—the first representing upwards of ninety-four thousand (94,000), and the second upwards of sixty-six thousand (66,000), passengers per annum, together equal to one hundred and sixty thousand (160,000) passengers per annum, exclusive of the traffic by water between Dunedin and the Southern Ports. The extent of the passenger traffic has, no doubt, been temporarily reduced by the migration of considerable numbers to the recently-discovered Gold Fields on the West Coast; but the drain on the population arising from this source has now ceased, and the return tide is already said to have set in—there appears, indeed, good reason to expect that the mining population of this Province will be eventually increased from the very cause which, in the first instance, has produced an entirely

* See Report of Commission on Roads and their Construction, pages 6 and 7.

different effect, and that a continuance of the steady returns obtained by the limited numbers now engaged in mining pursuits in this Province, coupled with the additional labor called into requisition by the development of other branches of mining industry now being undertaken—such as quartz reefs, extensive sluicing claims, and copper mines—will speedily attract to the Province many of those who recently left, accompanied by others who were first induced to cast their lot in the Colony by the recent discoveries in the West Coast. Assuming one-half of the amount of passenger traffic included in the returns to pass over the line annually, it will presently be shown that, under such circumstances, even the more expensive of the two lines previously described may be expected to prove successful in a financial point of view.

In connection with the estimates of traffic, revenue, and expenditure, I have the honor to direct your special attention to the annexed statement (see Appendices 5, 6, and 7), compiled from the official reports published by the Victorian Government, showing the results of the working of the Government Railways. It will be observed from those statements that notwithstanding the high cost of construction of those Railways (about £38,000 per mile), and that the traffic is partially undeveloped, in consequence of the extent of new lines annually opened, the receipts amount to about £2440 per mile, yielding a return upon the capital of nearly three and a-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) per cent. after payment of all working expenses. These figures appear clearly to indicate that, taking into consideration the greatly reduced cost at which Railways can be constructed in this Province, and the increase upon the present traffic which may be relied upon, a fair prospect is afforded of their proving directly remunerative, in addition to the numerous advantages conferred upon the community, by improved means of communication effected in time and cost of conveyance—the additional demand for labor, and the employment of capital in opening up new tracts of country—in developing new branches of local manufacture and industry—and in the general benefits arising from the increased demand for the staple articles of consumption consequent upon the lower price at which they can be profitably produced and disposed of.

The total traffic estimated to pass over the proposed line amounts to £2000 per mile per annum, which is considerably below the average over the whole of the Victorian Railways, and I do not think this estimate will be considered exaggerated, when it is remembered that a great part of the country accommodated by the Victorian lines is as yet but thinly populated; whereas the line from Dunedin to the Clutha would intersect and directly accommodate an already populous district, containing upwards of two hundred and fifty (250) square miles of rich agricultural land, a considerable proportion of which has already been brought under cultivation, and as regards fertility of soil, and quality and quantity of the produce obtained from it, will stand a favorable comparison with any similar extent of land in the Colony.

The only remaining point for present enquiry is the probable rate of the working expenses, and in relation to this subject, the result of the working of the Victorian Railways affords a safer means of forming an estimate than can otherwise be obtained; the circumstances in the two cases being sufficiently analogous to justify a comparison in that respect being instituted between them.

From these statements it appears that the proportion which the working expenses bears to the revenue is as follows:—

For the year, 1862	...	...	...	...	54 per cent.
„ 1863	...	...	...	...	50 $\frac{3}{4}$ „
„ 1864	...	...	...	...	47 $\frac{1}{4}$ „

The average for the three years being under 51 per cent. In the estimates previously submitted 60 per cent. upon the gross receipts was allowed for working expenses, but after a careful perusal of the Victorian reports, and upon reconsideration of the subject, I am inclined to think the former rate too high, and have now allowed fifty-five (55) per cent. upon the receipts, which is one (1) per cent. above the highest Victorian rate during the period above referred to.

Statements of the probable Revenue and Expenditure, based upon the foregoing estimate of traffic and working expenses, stand as follows:—

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE—Per mile per annum.					
Passenger traffic,	80,000 at 3d.,	...	...	...	£1,000
Goods	„ tons, 30,000 at 8d.,	...	...	...	1,000
Total	...	...	...	...	£2,000
Deduct working expenses, at 55 per cent.	...	...	...	...	1,100
Leaving a balance of	...	...	...	...	£900

clear revenue, equal to more than 7 per cent. upon the larger estimated capital of £12,500 per mile, and upwards of 13 per cent. on the smaller amount of £6,730 per mile. From the above figures it also appears that irrespective altogether of the passenger traffic—or assuming that it does no more than pay its own working expenses—the goods traffic alone, the amount of which has, I think, been clearly established, would of itself yield nearly 7 per cent. upon the estimated capital of £6,700 per mile, after deduction of 55 per cent. for working expenses.

From the statements and figures which have been adduced in this Report relative to the cost of construction, the amount of traffic, and the cost of working of the proposed line, I believe that a strong case has been established for the necessity of a Railway, and that such an undertaking is not only likely, but almost certain, if economically and efficiently conducted, to prove successful as a financial speculation, and also of immense and incalculable advantage to the interests of the Province, and of the community, in affording greatly improved means of communication at about one-third of the cost now incurred by the present tedious and insufficient modes of conveyance—in opening up new districts of country—and in rendering available for agricultural purposes large tracts of fine land which under present circumstances cannot be thus profitably employed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. PATERSON,

Chief Railway Engineer.

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF RAILWAY ENGINEER
ON THE SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1865.

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APPENDIX No. 1.

SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

DETAILED ESTIMATE of Division No. 3, extending from near East Taieri, at 23 miles 1 furlong 7 chains on Plan, to near Crossing of Turnpike Road from Tokomairiro to Tuapeka, at 36 miles 5 furlongs on Plan.
Single Line in length 13 miles 3 furlongs 3 chains.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	QUANTITY.	RATE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
CUTTINGS.				
	Cub. Yards.			
From 23 miles 1 furlong 7 chains to 24 miles	1,000			
From 24 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 24 miles 5 furlongs	5,200			
From 24 miles 7 furlongs to 25 miles 3 furlongs	22,700			
From 25 miles 4 furlongs to 26 miles 0 furlongs	3,300			
From 26 miles 0 furlongs to 26 miles 5 furlongs	4,800			
From 26 miles 7 furlongs to 27 miles 1 furlong	1,800			
From 27 miles 2 furlongs to 28 miles 0 furlongs	6,600			
From 28 miles 0 furlongs to 29 miles 0 furlongs	5,200			
From 29 miles 0 furlongs to 30 miles 0 furlongs	26,700			
From 30 miles 0 furlongs to 31 miles 0 furlongs	6,000			
From 31 miles 0 furlongs to 32 miles 0 furlongs	2,100			
From 32 miles 0 furlongs to 36 miles 5 furlongs	2,000			
Total Cutting on Line, Division No. 3	87,400	2s. 6d.		10,925 0 0
Side Cutting for Embankment	8,100	2s. 6d.		1,012 10 0
EMBANKMENTS.				
From 23 miles 1 furlong 7 chains to 24 miles	14,000			
From 24 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 25 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains	12,000			
From 25 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 26 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains	8,000			
From 26 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 27 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains	6,800			
From 27 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 28 miles 1 furlong 0 chains	7,800			
From 28 miles 1 furlong 0 chains to 29 miles 1 furlong 0 chains	10,500			
From 29 miles 1 furlong 0 chains to 30 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains	15,200			
From 30 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 31 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains	3,700			
From 31 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 32 miles 5 furlongs 0 chains	5,700			
From 32 miles 5 furlongs 0 chains to 34 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains	3,200			
From 34 miles 0 furlongs 0 chains to 36 miles 5 furlongs 0 chains	8,600			
Total Embankments on Line, Division No. 3	95,500			
Carry forward				11,937 10 0

DETAILED ESTIMATE, *Division No. 3—(Continued.)*

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	QUANTITY.	RATE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward ... ..	...	...	£ s d. ...	£ s d. 11,937 10 0
Pitching Slopes of Embankments at Waihola Lake, sup. yards	4,400	2s. 6d.		550 0 0
Level Crossings for District Roads, including Gates, Gatekeepers' Lodges, &c., Numb.	4	£300		1,200 0 0
Timber openings under Railway at Waihola Lake, lineal yds.	20	£10		200 0 0
Bridge over North Branch of the Tokomairiro River, near 34 miles 3 furlongs				1,000 0 0
OCCUPATION WORKS, PRIVATE LEVEL CROSSINGS, SMALL CULVERTS, DRAINS, &C.				
Miles	13½	£150		2,025 0 0
FENCING.				
To consist of Ditch and Mound, Wooden Posts placed 8 feet apart, and 5 lines of Galvanised Iron Wire, chains	2,000	£3		6,000 0 0
BALLASTING AND PERMANENT WAY.				
Per Mile of Single Line.				
Ballasting and Boxing, cubic yards	3,520	4s.	704 0 0	
Sleepers, Numb.	1,760	7s. 6d.	660 0 0	
Rails, tons	110	£12	1,320 0 0	
Chairs, tons	50	£9	450 0 0	
Fishplates and bolts, tons	8	£15	120 0 0	
Oak Keys, Numb.	3,600	1½d	22 10 0	
Spikes, cwt.	60	20s.	60 0 0	
Rail Laying, lineal yards	1,760	1s. 6d.	132 0 0	
Carriage of Iron for Permanent Way, [tons	200	50s.	500 0 0	
Total per Mile of Single Line Division 3				3,968 10 0
PERMANENT WAY FOR DIVISION NO. 3.				
In length 13 miles 3 furlongs, 3 chains, per mile	£3,970			53,247 12 6
Contingencies				7,539 17 6
Total for Works on Main Line				83,700 0 0
Stations				6,000 0 0
Land and Engineering				5,000 0 0
Rolling Stock				94,700 0 0 10,000 0 0
Total Estimate for Division No. 3				104,700 0 0
Average cost per mile on Division No. 3				7,806 15 0

Railway Department,
Dunedin, 18th November, 1865.

T. PATERSON,
Chief Railway Engineer.

DETAILED

APPENDIX, No. 2.

DETAILED ESTIMATE of Division No. 4, extending from near Crossing of Turnpike Road from Tokomairiro to Tuapeka, at 36 miles 5 furlongs on plan, to termination of Line, near Balclutha Township, at 50 miles on plan. Single Line in length 13 miles 3 furlongs.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	QUANTITY.	RATE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	Cubic Y ds.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
From 36 miles 5 furlongs to 38 miles ...	8,800			
From 38 miles 0 furlongs to 39 miles ...	8,200			
From 39 miles 0 furlongs to 40 miles ...	20,800			
From 40 miles 0 furlongs to 41 miles ...	7,800			
From 41 miles 0 furlongs to 42 miles ...	1,400			
From 42 miles 0 furlongs to 44 miles ...	29,000			
From 44 miles 0 furlongs to 45 miles ...	15,500			
From 45 miles 0 furlongs to 46 miles ...	41,000			
From 46 miles 0 furlongs to 46 miles 4 furlongs ...	12,700			
From 46 miles 4 furlongs to 47 miles 1 furlong ...	24,800	2s. 6d.	37,875 0 0	
From 47 miles 2 furlongs to 47 miles 3 furlongs ...	1,000			
From 47 miles 5 furlongs to 47 miles 7 furlongs ...	53,700			
From 47 miles 7 furlongs to 48 miles 1 furlong ...	12,300			
From 48 miles 1 furlong to 48 miles 3 furlongs ...	40,800			
From 48 miles 4 furlongs to 48 miles 7 furlongs ...	25,200			
From 48 miles 7 furlongs to 49 miles 3 furlongs rock ...	6,500	4s.	1,300 0 0	
From 49 miles 3 furlongs to 50 miles 0 furlongs, rock ...	21,400	4s.	4,280 0 0	
Total Cutting on Line, Division No. 4 ...	330,900			43,455 0 0
EMBANKMENTS.				
From 36 miles 5 furlongs to 37 miles ...	4,600			
From 37 miles 0 furlongs to 38 miles ...	11,000			
From 38 miles 0 furlongs to 39 miles ...	9,200			
From 39 miles 0 furlongs to 40 miles ...	27,000			
From 40 miles 0 furlongs to 41 miles ...	9,600			
From 41 miles 0 furlongs to 43 miles ...	2,500			
From 43 miles 0 furlongs to 44 miles ...	19,000			
From 44 miles 0 furlongs to 45 miles ...	20,000			
From 45 miles 0 furlongs to 46 miles ...	11,000			
From 46 miles 0 furlongs to 47 miles ...	21,500			
From 47 miles 0 furlongs to 47 miles 5 furlongs ...	43,200			
From 47 miles 7 furlongs to 48 miles 0 furlongs ...	12,200			
From 48 miles 0 furlongs to 48 miles 1 furlong ...	7,900			
From 48 miles 1 furlong to 48 miles 2 furlongs ...	22,600			
From 48 miles 3 furlongs to 48 miles 4 furlongs ...	19,200			
From 49 miles 0 furlongs to 49 miles 5 furlongs ...	26,000			
From 49 miles 5 furlongs to 50 miles 0 furlongs ...	9,600			
Total Embankments on Line, Division No 4 ...	276,500			
Fitching Slopes of Embankment at Tuakitoto Lake ...				500 0 0
Carry forward ...				43,955 0 0

DETAILED ESTIMATE, *Division No. 4—(Continued.)*

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	QUANTITY.	RATE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Brought forward ... ..	...	...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 43,955 0 0
Level Crossings for Turnpike Roads, including Gates, Gatekeepers' Lodges, &c., Numb.	2	£350		700 0 0
Bridge over South Branch of the Tokomairiro River, near 37 miles ...				1,000 0 0
Bridge over Lovell's Creek, nearly 43 miles				150 0 0
Bridge over Stoney Creek, near 43 miles 7 furlongs				150 0 0
Timber Openings under Railway at Tuakitoto Lake, lineal yards	30	£10		300 0 0
Bridge over Railway for Kaitangata Road, near 48 miles 3 furlongs				600 0 0
Arched Culverts under Embankments...				800 0 0
Occupation Works, Private Level Crossings, Small Culverts, Drains, &c., [miles	13½	£100		1,350 0 0
Fencing, to consist of Ditch and Mound, Wooden Posts placed 8 feet apart, 5 lines of Galvanised Iron between, [chains	2,000	£3		6,000 0 0
BALLASTING AND PERMANENT WAY. Per Mile of Single Line.				
Ballasting and Boxing, cubic yards	3,520	3s. 6d.	616 0 0	
Sleepers, Numb.	1,760	7s. 6d.	660 0 0	
Rails, tons	110	£12	1,320 0 0	
Chairs, tons	50	£9	450 0 0	
Fish-plates and Bolts, tons	8	£15	120 0 0	
Oak Keys, Numb.	3,600	1½d.	22 10 0	
Spikes, cwt.	60	20s.	60 0 0	
Rail Laying, lineal yards	1,760	1s. 6d.	132 0 0	
Carriage of Iron for Permanent Way, tons	200	50s.	500 0 0	
Total per mile of Single Line on Division 4			3,880 10 0	
PERMANENT WAY FOR DIVISION NO. 4,				
In length 13 miles 3 furlongs, per mile...	£3,880			51,895 0 0
Contingencies				106,900 0 0
				10,700 0 0
Total for Works on Main Line				117,600 0 0
Stations				6,000 0 0
Land and Engineering				123,600 0 0
Rolling Stock				6,000 0 0
				10,000 0 0
Total Estimate for Division No. 4 ...				139,600 0 0
Average cost per Mile on Division No. 4...				10,437 7 6

Railway Department,
Dunedin, 18th November, 1865.

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ABSTRACT

APPENDIX, No. 3.

ABSTRACT OF DETAILED ESTIMATES OF THE SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY, DUNEDIN TO BALCLUTHA.

Division No. 1.—Dunedin to North Taieri, length ... 9 miles 2 furlongs 0 chains
Division No. 2.—North Taieri to East Taieri, length ... 13 miles 7 furlongs 7 chains
Division No. 3.—East Taieri to Tuapeka Road, length ... 13 miles 3 furlongs 3 chains
Division No. 4.—Tuapeka Road to Balclutha, length ... 13 miles 3 furlongs 0 chains
 Total length, 50 miles.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	DIVISION NO. 1.			DIVISION NO. 2.			DIVISION NO. 3.			DIVISION NO. 4.			TOTAL.			AVERAGE PER MILE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.—Cuttings, Side Cuttings, and Embankments ...	57,600	0	0	18,050	0	0	11,937	10	0	43,455	0	0	131,042	10	0	2,620	17	0
2.—Pitching for Slopes of Embankments, where required ...	1,750	0	0	...	...	550	0	0	500	0	0	2,800	0	0	56	0	0	0
3.—Tunnels ...	66,000	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66,000	0	0	1,320	0	0	0
4.—Public Road Alterations, Bridges and Level Crossings ...	5,000	0	0	1,800	0	0	2,200	0	0	1,300	0	0	9,300	0	0	186	0	0
5.—River Bridges ...	...	...	...	20,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	22,000	0	0	440	0	0
6.—Stream Diversions, Bridges, Culverts, and Timber Arching ...	1,410	0	0	565	0	0	200	0	0	1,400	0	0	3,575	0	0	71	10	0
7.—Occupation Works, Small Culverts, and Drains ...	4,500	0	0	4,200	0	0	2,025	0	0	1,350	0	0	12,075	0	0	241	10	0
8.—Fencing ...	4,350	0	0	3,300	0	0	6,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	19,650	0	0	393	0	0
9.—Ballasting and Permanent Way ...	39,775	0	0	54,034	17	6	53,247	12	6	51,895	0	0	198,952	10	0	3,979	1	0
Total For Works on Line ...	180,385	0	0	101,949	17	6	76,160	2	6	106,900	0	0	465,395	0	0	9,307	18	0
Contingencies ...	18,015	0	0	10,150	2	6	7,539	17	6	10,700	0	0	46,405	0	0	928	2	0
Total for Works and Contingencies on Main Line Stations ...	198,400	0	0	112,100	0	0	83,700	0	0	117,600	0	0	511,800	0	0	10,236	0	0
Total for Works on Line and Stations ...	20,000	0	0	7,500	0	0	6,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	39,500	0	0	790	0	0
Land and Engineering, &c., ...	218,400	0	0	119,600	0	0	89,700	0	0	123,600	0	0	551,300	0	0	11,026	0	0
Rolling Stock ...	16,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	33,000	0	0	660	0	0
Totals ...	234,400	0	0	125,600	0	0	94,700	0	0	129,600	0	0	584,300	0	0	11,686	0	0
	8,000	0	0	12,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	0	40,000	0	0	800	0	0
	242,400	0	0	137,600	0	0	104,700	0	0	139,600	0	0	624,300	0	0	12,486	0	0

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Railway Department,
Dunedin, 18th November, 1865

APPROXIMATE

APPENDIX, No. 4.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.

SOUTHERN TRUNK RAILWAY.

APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE for a Railway from Dunedin to Balclutha. Steepest gradient, 1 in 35; radius of sharpest curve, 10 chains; weight of rails, 40 lbs.; gauge of Line, 5ft. 3in. Cost of Stations, Land, and Rolling Stock provided for in Estimate. Length of Line, about 52 miles.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	AMOUNT PER MILE.	TOTAL AMOUNT.
	£	£
Earthwork	1,700 0 0	88,400 0 0
Public Road Crossings	150 0 0	7,800 0 0
River Bridges	250 0 0	13,000 0 0
Stream Bridges	50 0 0	2,600 0 0
Occupation, Crossings, Culverts, &c.	100 0 0	5,200 0 0
Fencing	300 0 0	15,600 0 0
Ballasting and Permanent Way	2,150 0 0	111,800 0 0
Stations	250 0 0	13,000 0 0
Rolling Stock	500 0 0	26,000 0 0
Land	100 0 0	5,200 0 0
Supervision, &c.	350 0 0	18,200 0 0
Contingencies, 5 per cent.	300 0 0	15,600 0 0
	6,200 0 0	322,400 0 0
Allow additional for portion of Line between Dunedin and Taieri Plains.	4,000 0 0	28,000 0 0
Total Estimate	6,738 9 2	350,400 0 0

Total average cost, £6,738 per mile.

T. PATERSON,

Chief Railway Engineer.

Railway Department,
Dunedin, 18th November, 1865.

APPENDIX, No. 5.
VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

STATEMENT showing amount of Debenture Capital, Revenue per Mile, &c., for Year ending 31st December, 1864, extracted from Appendix to Report of Board of Land and Works, for 1864.

	Mean Length of Line Opened.	Debenture Capital raised at 31st December, 1864.	Debenture Capital raised per Mile open.	REVENUE PER MILE PER ANNUM.		PER CENTAGE PROPORTION.			Per Centage of Revenue to Debenture Capital.
				Passengers.	Goods.	Passengers.	Goods.	Total.	
Murray Line ...	115	£ 5,040,800	£ 43,833	£ 880	£ 1,691	34.22	65.78	100	5.86
Williamston Line ...	5½	400,064	72,739	1,830	3,318	35.55	64.45	100	7.07
Ballarat Line ...	90	2,560,406	28,449	953	1,163	45.04	54.96	100	7.44
Totals ...	210½	8,001,270	38,034	936	1,508	38.29	61.71	100	6.42

APPENDIX, No. 6.

STATEMENT of Revenue and Expenditure for year ending 31st December, 1864.

Dr.	Expenditure.	Cost per Train Mile.		Per cent. to Revenue.	Cr.	Revenue.			Revenue per Train Mile.
		£ s. d.	s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	
To Maintenance, Permanent Way & Works	44,670	11	2	8.68	By Traffic Passengers, 963,830	197,029	19	10	
" Locomotive Charges	85,091	6	6	16.54	" Parcels	11,998	19	5	
" Passenger Traffic Charges, Goods Traffic Charges	102,703	17	4	19.96	" Horses, Carriages, & Dogs	5,218	4	4	
" General Charges	10,755	7	4	2.09	" Mails	5,150	0	0	
					" Rents	5,720	0	0	
					" Gold Escort	1,357	15	0	
						226,474	18	7	
					" Goods, 313,582 tons	283,742	10	4	
					" Live Stock	4,208	3	10	
						287,950	14	2	
Balance ...	272,316	16	3		" Hire of Engines, Rolling Stock, &c.	514,425	12	9	
	515,537	18	7			1,112	5	10	
						515,537	18	7	

MILEAGE—PASSENGER TRAINS, 412,226. GOODS TRAINS, 477,524. MIXED TRAINS, 96,577. TOTAL MILEAGE, 986,327.

Railway Department, Dunedin, 18th November, 1865.

APPENDIX, No. 7.
VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

ANALYSIS and Details of Traffic on River Murray, Ballarat, and Williamstown Railways, for Year ending 31st December, 1864. Compiled from Appendix to Report of Board of Land and Works, 1864.

	MURRAY.	BALLARAT.	WILLIAMSTOWN.	TOTAL.	AVERAGE PER MILE OPEN.
Miles Opened	115	90	5½	210½	...
Number of Passengers	400,620	201,143	362,066	963,829	4,578
Goods Conveyed	161,485	84,545	67,531	313,581	1,489
Revenue from Conveyance of Passengers	£ 101,167	£ 85,799	£ 10,064	£ 197,030	986
" " Goods	£ 174,707	£ 91,587	£ 17,448	£ 283,742	1,348
" " Live Stock, Parcels, &c.	£ 19,794	£ 13,057	£ 802	£ 33,653	159
Total Revenue	£ 295,668	£ 190,443	£ 28,314	£ 514,425	2,443
Total Train Mileage	501,863	387,887	96,577	986,327	4,685
Total Mileage Travelled by Passengers	10,866,144	9,711,189	3,066,871	23,644,204	112,324
Revenue per Passenger	s. 5 d. 0.6	s. 8 d. 6.8	s. 0 d. 6.6	s. 4 d. 1.0	...
" " Ton of Goods Conveyed	21 7.6	21 8.0	5 2.0	18 1.1	...
Passenger Revenue per Train Mile	4 0.3	4 5.1	2 1.0	3 11.9	...
Goods	6 11.5	4 8.5	3 7.3	5 9.0	...
Live Stock, Parcels, &c.	0 9.4	0 8.1	0 1.9	0 8.1	...
Total Revenue per Train Mile	11 9.3	9 9.8	5 10.3	10 5.1	...
Mileage per Passenger	27.12	48.28	8.47	24.53	...

Railway Department,
Dunedin, 18th November, 1865.

EXTRACT

APPENDIX, No. 8.

EXTRACT FROM ARTICLE UPON THE MONT CENIS RAILWAY,
PUBLISHED IN CIVIL ENGINEER AND ARCHITECT'S JOURNAL,
FOR AUGUST 1865.

NEW SYSTEM OF ASCENDING STEEP GRADIENTS.

A series of official trials on the proposed Railway over Mont Cenis, to be used during the construction of the celebrated tunnel through the mountain, has just been concluded. Captain Tyler, R.E., was commissioned by the English Government to be present at these trials, and to report thereon, which he has recently done. The experiments were to be made with the loads, and at the rate of speed required to carry out the programme of the projectors for trains crossing the mountain between Susa and St. Michael, carrying fifty passengers, their baggage, and the mail, and performing the distance in $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours. But throughout the trials, the stipulated speed was exceeded.

There is a break of 47.6 English miles, from St. Michael to Susa, in the Railway communication between France and Italy by the Mont Cenis Route, and the contract time allowed for travelling by diligence between these two places is 9 hours in summer, and $10\frac{1}{2}$ in winter. The passage of the mountain, which may be said to commence on the French side at Lanslebourg, is by an excellent road, 9 to 10 metres (say 30 to 32 feet) in width, and on an average gradient of 1 in 13; but the traffic is much impeded during the winter season by snow; and considerable risk is incurred in some states of the weather from the fall of avalanches, and from the difficulty of guiding the heavy diligences over ice and snow in the descent. During portions of the winter, indeed, the service is performed by sledges, and the time occupied by the journey is uncertain, depending on the state of the weather.

To save time, and to obviate the inconveniences of this passage, the Grand Tunnel of the Alps is in course of construction between Modane and Bardoneche, for a length of 12,220 metres (7.593 miles.) In this tunnel headings have been driven for 2011 metres from Modane, and 2700 metres from Bardoneche, leaving 7509 metres (about $4\frac{3}{8}$ English miles) to be pierced. The boring machines in this tunnel, ingeniously contrived by Messrs. Sommeiller, Grandis, and Grattoni, are worked by air, which is compressed to five atmospheres by water-wheels in the valley below.

Captain Tyler states that, "looking to the rate of progress which has hitherto been effected, and the probable nature of the rocks, it cannot be expected, without taking into account any extra difficulties of ventilation, or from water, which may be encountered, that this tunnel can be completed in less than from seven to eight years. There are other works also on the permanent railway, as at present projected, including other tunnels, which will occupy many years in construction.

Under these circumstances, Mr. J. B. Fell has proposed to the French and Italian Governments, on behalf of Messrs. Brassey and Co., to construct a railway from St. Michael, over the Mont Cenis to Susa, to be used pending the completion of the grand tunnel and the permanent railway to be connected with it.

But the gradients contemplated were such as could not be surmounted by any locomotive engine working with a load, on the ordinary system of trusting to its weight for adhesion between its wheels and the rails; and it was considered that the best method of obtaining extra adhesion would be by the revival of a system, long since patented, but never carried out, of adding a third rail between the ordinary bearing rails, to be acted upon by horizontal driving wheels on the engine. A locomotive engine was accordingly constructed, from one of a number of designs which have been patented and described by Mr. Fell, with two pairs of horizontal, as well as two pairs of vertical driving wheel; and an experimental line 800 yards long was laid down in Derbyshire, on the Cromford and High Peak Railway, with the permission and assistance of the London and North-Western Railway Company. The gauge was 3 ft. $7\frac{1}{2}$ in., and there were 180 yards of straight line on a gradient of 1 in 13.5, and 150 yards of curves, with radii of $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$ chains, on a gradient of 1 in 12. The third rail upon this line to be clipped between the horizontal driving wheels of the engine, was laid on its side $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches above the other rails. In the course of a series of experiments, carried on from September, 1863, to February, 1864, the first engine that was constructed, working up to a pressure of 120lbs to the square inch, never failed, as I am informed, to take a load of 24 tons up the above inclines and round the above curves; and its maximum load was 30 tons.

The experiments on the High Peak Railway were so successful that it was determined, with the permission of, and for the satisfaction of, the French Government, to repeat them on a larger scale on the slopes of Mont Cenis.

The experimental line which has now been constructed on Mont Cenis, is situated between Lanslebourg and the summit, commencing at an elevation of 1622 metres, and terminating at an elevation of 1773 metres (or 5815 English feet) above the sea. It is nearly 2 kilometres, or a mile and a quarter in length, and rises for the whole of that distance

distance with a mean gradient of 1 in 13, the maximum gradient being 1 in 12. It passes round a sharp corner, joining two of the zigzags of ascent on a curve of 40 metres, or about 2 chains radius, and except at this point it is laid on the outside of the road, occupying a width of $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 metres, and leaving 5 metres and upwards clear for the road traffic.

The portion of the road which remains appears to be quite sufficient for the circulation of the existing traffic. The diligences and other conveyances traverse the mountain with no more difficulty than before, and with the additional protection of the railway fence between the road and the precipice. Less inconvenience has been experienced than was anticipated from working the locomotive engines so near to the public road; and as the same horses and mules are, for the most part, employed upon the mountain, they will become more and more accustomed to the noise of the engines and trains. During three months of working, no accident appears to have occurred. The traffic on the road will, of course, be comparatively inconsiderable after the opening of the railway, and there can be no doubt that the portion of road remaining for it will then be amply sufficient for all purposes.

This experimental line has been purposely constructed on the most difficult portion of the road on which it is proposed to leave the railway without covering; and it was well tested as to the difficulties arising from snow during very severe weather, in the early part of the present year. The result could hardly have been expected. Better adhesion was obtained on the rails in the winter than can be looked for in the summer season.

The whole line from St. Michel to Susa will be on average gradients (supposing the culminating point in the middle) of 1 in 25.6. The steepest gradient will be 1 in 12, and a middle rail will be added to the permanent way for all gradients steeper than 1 in 25.

Out of 1960 metres on the experimental line, there are 850 metres of curves, in 450 of which the radius of curvature varies from 84 to 40 metres, while in the remaining 400 the radius measures 100 or more metres. The proportion of curves on the whole line between St. Michel and Susa will be much less; and Mr Fell proposes by a happy idea, to modify the gradients on the sharper curves, and to make the gradients on the straight portions of the line contiguous to them more abrupt, though not steeper than 1 in 12. The extra resistance that would otherwise be afforded, in consequence of the friction of the engine and vehicles passing round the worst curves, will thus be partly avoided, and the tractional resistances over the different parts of the line will be more nearly balanced, because the sharpest curves and steepest gradients will not occur anywhere at the same point.

The two locomotive engines now on the Mont Cenis have been designed with a special regard to three objects. 1. To develop a maximum of power with a minimum of weight, so as to leave as great a surplus as possible for conveying traffic on steep gradients. 2. To afford extra adhesion, independently of their weight, by means of horizontal wheels pressed by springs behind the axle boxes against an intermediate rail. 3. To work at moderate speeds and round very sharp curves.

No. 1 engine weighs 14 tons 10 cwt. when loaded with coke and water. It is provided with four cylinders, two outside cylinders $11\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, with a stroke of 18 inches, for working four coupled vertical wheels 2 feet 3 inches in diameter, with a wheel-base of 5 feet 3 inches; and two inside cylinders 11 inches in diameter, with a stroke of 10 inches, for working four horizontal coupled wheels 1 foot 4 inches in diameter, with a wheel-base 1 foot 7 inches. It has now a pressure of 16 tons on the horizontal wheels, 4 tons more than at first applied to them; and about the same weight as is carried from the weight of the engine by the vertical wheels. Guide wheels have also been added to the trailing end of the engine to act upon the middle rail.

In the course of two days, I took six trips with this engine up and down the experimental line, carrying each time a load of 16 tons, in three waggons, including the weight of the waggons, and it performed in the ascent 1800 metres in $8\frac{1}{4}$ minutes.

The speed attained was in every case greater than that which it is proposed to run with the same load with the express trains; and the average speed as above given was at the rate of $13\frac{1}{2}$ kilometres (or $8\frac{1}{2}$ English miles) per hour, instead of 12 kilometres (or $7\frac{1}{2}$ English miles) per hour, which is the highest running speed allowed in the programme given to the French Government for this part of the line.

This engine has run upwards of 100 miles altogether in ballasting and conveying materials upon the experimental line, carrying loads of from 16 to 20 tons, without accident or difficulty.

No. 2 engine, intended specially for working the traffic of the Mont Cenis, is partly of steel. Its net weight is 13 tons, and its greatest weight when fully loaded with fuel and water, 16 tons 17 cwt., giving a mean weight of 16 tons, which will be brought up, when certain parts have been strengthened as contemplated, to a maximum weight of 17 tons 2 cwt., and a mean weight of 16 tons 4 cwt. The extra machinery for the horizontal wheels weighs, however, only 2 tons 13 cwt.

There are only two cylinders, with a diameter of 15in. and a stroke of 16in., which work both the four coupled horizontal, and the four coupled vertical wheels, which are all 27in. in diameter.

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The vertical wheels are worked indirectly by piston rods from the front, and the horizontal wheels directly by piston rods from the back of the cylinders.

No. 2 engine (whose frictional resistance is 120lb. less than No. 1 engine when only 10 tons of pressure are employed on the horizontal wheels) exerted in this instance, omitting the extra resistance from curves, 177 horse power, or adding 10 per cent. for the resistance from curves, 195 horse power, or more than 12 horse power to each ton of its own weight, and nearly 60 horse power in excess of what was required to take the same load up the same gradients and curves at 12 kilometres per hour as proposed in the programme.

I observed, on the following day, that 40 lb. of steam pressure in the boiler, or one-third of the maximum pressure employed, was sufficient to move the engine alone up a gradient of 1 in 12½; and the friction of carriages or waggon being proportionately much less than that of an engine, the same engine ought, *a fortiori*, to be able to move a gross load of three times its own weight, or 48 tons, at its greatest working pressure, up the same gradient.

The road traffic between St. Michel and Susa appears, from the returns of the Victor Emanuel Railway, to show an average increase of more than 10 per cent. per annum during the last four years. Estimating the traffic to increase in the same ratio only after the opening of the railway, the total revenue in seven years from 1867 to 1873 inclusive, would be upwards of 27,000,000 francs; and it is considered that such a revenue would leave at the end of that time a clear profit of several million francs, after deducting all charges, and after paying interest upon, and paying off, the total bond and share capital of 8,000,000 francs. And the projectors have, further, a reasonable hope of carrying the Indian mail, on the ground that they will be able to save 38 hours of time in its transmission between England and Egypt.

To provide for the carriage of 132 passengers and 88 tons of goods daily, they propose to run three trains each way, namely, one train carrying 40 passengers and their luggage, weighing, exclusive of the engine, 16 tons, and travelling at a mean speed of 18 kilometres per hour for the 77 kilometres between St. Michel and Susa; a second train, carrying 26 passengers and 20 tons of goods, and weighing 40 tons, at an average speed of 12 to 14 kilometres per hour, and a third train, carrying 24 tons of goods, and weighing 48 tons, at an average speed of 10 kilometres per hour. The first of these trains they propose to take up the mountain by one engine, and the second and third by two engines each.

The results of this experiment are of great importance to the future of railway construction in mountainous countries, as will be seen from the following observations:—

Whenever it becomes necessary to cross a chain of mountains by a line of railway, the question arises as to whether it will be more economical to pass over the summit, or to make a tunnel of greater or less length. The cost of construction, and of working the estimated traffic, being duly considered, it is necessary to determine what elevation should be reached, and what length, if any, of tunnel should be formed, according to the circumstances of each case; and the most important element in the calculation is the limit up to which steep gradients may be safely and economically worked.

Mr. Fell has shown practically that gradients of 1 in 12 to 1 in 15 may, by a system of horizontal driving wheels acting upon a middle rail, be substituted for 1 in 25 to 1 in 30, which have hitherto been practicable, and that sharper curves may also, by this system, be more safely worked.

The temporary line is estimated (by Mr. Brunlees, C.E.) to cost 8,000,000f., or £320,000, or about £6,720 per mile; whereas the tunnel line will probably cost, including interest, at 6 per cent. during construction, 135,000,000 of francs, or £5,400,000, or £128,500 per mile.

The cost of a permanent and independent summit line, with a wider gauge and better curves, may be taken at £20,000 a mile, or nearly three times as much as the above temporary line.

This estimate would, of course, be materially modified by local circumstances, but it is as good an illustration as can be given at present of the advantage that may be derived, in cases in which stationary engines and inclines worked by ropes are not appropriate, from constructing railways on steeper gradients than have hitherto been considered practicable, in the manner in which Mr. Fell has now shown to be available.

As the results of his observations and experiments, Captain Tyler reports in conclusion, that this scheme for crossing the Mont Cenis is, in his opinion, practicable, both mechanically and commercially; and that the passage of the mountain may thus be effected, not only with greater speed, certainty, and convenience, but also with greater safety than under the present arrangements. Few would, in the first instance, either contemplate or witness experiments on such steep gradients, and round such sharp curves on the mountain side, without a feeling that much extra risk must be incurred, and that the consequences of a fractured coupling, or a broken tyre, or a vehicle leaving the rails, would on such a line be considerably aggravated.

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But there is an element of safety in this system of locomotive working which no other railway possesses. The middle rail not only serves to enable the engine to surmount, and to draw its train up these gradients, but it also affords a means of applying any required amount of extra break-power for checking the speed, or for stopping any detached vehicles during the descent; and it further acts, by the use of horizontal guiding wheels on the different vehicles, as a most perfect safeguard, to prevent engines, carriages, or waggons from leaving the rails, in consequence either of defects in the bearing rails or of failure in any part of the rolling stock. The safest portions of the proposed railway ought indeed, under proper management, to be those on which, the gradients being steeper than 1 in 25, the middle rail will be employed.

There is no difficulty in so applying and securing that middle rail, and making it virtually one continuous bar, as to preclude the possibility of accident from its weakness or from the failure of its fastenings; and the only question to my mind is, whether it would not be desirable still further to extend its application to gradients less steep than 1 in 25. It would apparently be advantageous to do so, not only for the sake of obtaining increased adhesion with less proportional weight, and therefore economical traction, but also with a view to greater security, especially on curved portions of the line.



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(No. III.)

EXPENDITURE ON ROADS FROM 1854 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1865.—

ORDERED ON MOTION OF MR. THOMSON, NOV. 24.

(Laid on the Table by the Provincial Treasurer, December 1.)

NAMES OF ROADS.	Amount expended from 1854 to 31st March, 1865.			Amount expended from 31st March, 1865, to 30th September, 1865.			Total expenditure from 1854 to 30th September, 1865.			Total Expenditure on Trunks to 30th September, 1865.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MAIN ROADS.												
Maintaining Main Road through the City of Dunedin, and filling up Market Reserve, Princes-street South	22,149	16	6	911	17	8	23,061	14	2			
Maintaining Main Road through the Town of Port Chalmers	2,000	0	0	...			2,000	0	0			
										25,061	14	2
NORTHERN TRUNK.												
Dunedin to Waikouaiti	100,501	13	10	2,806	5	10	103,307	19	8			
Waikouaiti to Waihemo	21,993	0	9	2,204	8	1	24,197	8	10			
Waihemo to Oamaru...	27,211	1	2	487	18	10	27,699	0	0			
										155,204	8	6
SOUTHERN TRUNK.												
Dunedin to Taieri Ferry	74,610	1	1	2,117	15	9	76,727	16	10			
Taieri Ferry to Tokomairiro	47,939	15	2	1,814	1	6	49,753	16	8			
Tokomairiro to Clutha Ferry	22,905	17	2	1,198	16	0	24,104	13	2			
Clutha Ferry to Mataura	7,379	9	10	200	11	10	7,580	1	8			
										158,166	8	4
NORTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.												
Oamaru to Wanaka	13,696	14	0	285	6	0	13,982	0	0			
Palmerston to Manuherikia	10,274	15	9	597	12	2	10,872	7	11			
										24,854	7	11
CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK.												
Saddle Hill to West Taieri	20,854	16	5	774	7	3	21,629	3	8			
Do. Silverstream Bridge	523	4	6	...			523	4	6			
West Taieri to Dunstan	13,939	0	1	175	16	3	14,114	16	4			
										36,267	4	6
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	14,652	4	11	287	5	6	14,939	10	3			
Tuapeka to Dunstan	23,102	16	1	462	11	0	23,565	7	1			
Dunstan to Wanaka	9,550	16	7	..			9,550	16	7			
										48,055	14	1
Dunstan to Kawarau	3,705	11	6	747	16	6	4,453	8	0			
Kawarau to Frankton	23,029	17	4	...			23,029	17	4			
Do. Wakatipu	...			594	14	0	594	14	0			
										28,077	19	4
SOUTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.												
Popotunoa to Mataura	6,360	0	9	...			6,360	0	9			
										6,360	0	9
MAIN BRANCH ROADS.												
Dunedin to Portobello	8,002	1	11	248	12	6	8,250	14	5			
Do. to West Taieri	5,093	13	11	100	17	0	5,194	10	11			
North-east Valley to Timber District	2,069	3	2	142	0	0	2,211	3	2			
Northern Trunk to Waikouaiti Bay	2,344	0	6	...			2,344	0	6			
Do. to Port Chalmers	11,987	4	2	178	13	9	12,165	17	11			
Do. to Moeraki Bay	3,460	4	3	64	6	0	3,524	10	3			
Southern Trunk to Clarendon	1,374	10	6	...			1,374	10	6			
Do. to Kaitangata	2,672	19	9	...			2,672	19	9			
Do. to Clutha Mouth	5,549	15	6	159	14	6	5,709	10	0			
West Taieri to Waihola	1,168	7	0	30	18	3	1,199	5	3			
Do. to Tuapeka	1,119	6	6	...			1,119	6	6			
Landslip Hill to Bengier Burn	1,199	4	0	1	16	0	1,201	0	0			
Lawrence to Gabriel's	3,018	9	9	...			3,018	9	9			
Do. to Wetherstone's	771	6	0	61	12	6	832	18	6			
Havelock to Waitahuna	2,661	4	1	...			2,661	4	1			
Oamaru to Waitaki	3,284	4	5	...			3,284	4	5			
										56,764	5	11
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS.												
Street in Port Chalmers	79	9	0	...			79	9	0			
Main Road through Hawksbury	360	13	10	...			360	13	10			
Roads unprovided for	1,900	14	0	...			1,900	14	0			
Do. on Gold Fields	4,943	0	6	425	16	0	5,368	16	6			
Branch to Kaikorai Quarry	1,967	0	10	...			1,967	0	10			
Lee Stream to Waipori	...			30	0	0	30	0	0			
Supplemented Roads	...			195	0	0	195	0	0			
Peninsula Beach to Portobello	...			100	0	0	100	0	0			
Nevis Road	...			498	13	0	498	13	0			
Track to West Coast	...			275	9	8	275	9	8			
										10,775	16	10
	531,407	7	0	18,180	13	4	549,588	0	4	549,588	0	4

NOTE.—This Return does not include Salaries of Staff, but only actual outlay on Works.

J. T. THOMSON, Engineer of Roads and Works.

Jno. Jos. KELLY, Storekeeper and Accountant.

29th November, 1865.



COUNCIL PAPER.

IV.

CONVEYANCE OF INLAND MAILS, &c.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Wellington, 9th December, 1865.

SIR—

I HAVE observed that very high and increasing charges are being incurred for the conveyance of Inland Mails in the several Provinces; in proof of which I enclose a Return of the average cost of each letter delivered at several Post Offices in certain specified Mail Services.

It does not appear to be equitable to the public generally, that the persons on whose behalf special charges of the kind in question are incurred, should receive their letters without paying any additional postage beyond the charge on letters posted for delivery in towns; and I think, therefore, that some extra postage on letters conveyed by Inland Mails might fairly be charged.

I have to request your Honor to be good enough to state whether you concur in this opinion, and if so, to suggest such rates of additional postage as you may think suitable.

I have further to request you also to state whether you think a postage rate should be charged on Newspapers conveyed into Inland Districts.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. W. STAFFORD.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

AVERAGE COST OF EACH LETTER DELIVERED AT THE DIFFERENT POST OFFICES IN THE MAIL SERVICES ENUMERATED BELOW.

	s.	d.
Auckland—Waikato Line	0	3½
” Raglan	0	7
” Helensville	1	1
” Maungawhare	1	10½
” Muddy Creek	6	3½
” Waipu and Paroa Bay	3	9
Hawke's Bay—Mahia Line	2	7
” Pourere	1	1
Wellington—Wairarapa Line	0	8½
Nelson—Waimea Line	0	9½
” Motueka Line	1	2
Canterbury—Waitaki Line	1	0
” West Coast	1	10
Otago—Morven Hills Line	9	5½
” Dunstan	1	2
” Queenstown	1	8½
” Nevis	3	4½
” Switzer's	2	9
” Kingston	4	0
Southland—Riverton Line	1	3½
” Gunny's Bush	1	5½
” Te Anau Lake	1	6½
” Lake Wakatipu	2	7

Exclusive of all steam subsidies.

(Signed)

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT.

December, 1865.

[Turn over.]

**AVERAGE COST OF EACH LETTER DELIVERED WITHIN THE DIFFERENT
PROVINCES.**

				s.	d.
Auckland	...	...	...	0	$3\frac{1}{4}$
Taranaki	...	...	...	0	$3\frac{1}{10}$
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Wellington	...	...	...	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Nelson	...	...	...	0	$6\frac{1}{3}$
Marlborough	...	...	...	0	$8\frac{1}{4}$
Canterbury	...	...	...	0	$10\frac{1}{2}$
Otago	...	...	...	0	$10\frac{3}{4}$
Southland	...	...	...	1	$2\frac{1}{4}$

The above calculations are exclusive of steam subsidies.

(Signed)

G. ELLIOTT ELLIOTT.

6th December, 1865.

IMMIGRATION ACCOUNT.

To 30th September, 1865.

NAME OF SHIP.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PASSAGES.				TOTAL AMOUNT PAID.				BALANCE DUE.						
		Guaranteed.		Not Guaranteed.		Guaranteed.		Not Guaranteed.								
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.			d.	£	s.	d.	
Southern Cross ...	Feb. 1856	634	17	7	200	18	7	634	17	7	150	19	4	49	19	3
Strathmore	Oct. 1856	861	0	0	1,069	5	0	826	14	0	1,040	5	0	63	6	0
George Canning ...	Nov. 1857	526	0	0	585	0	0	478	0	0	470	0	0	163	0	0
Strathallan	Jan. 1858	647	0	0	1,994	1	0	568	14	0	1,721	1	10	351	5	2
Robert Henderson 1	Feb. 1858	352	0	0	2,494	0	0	279	10	0	1,826	0	0	740	10	0
Palmyra	Feb. 1858	14	0	0	1,122	0	0	14	0	0	964	0	0	158	0	0
Strathfieldsaye ...	April 1858	448	0	0	2,338	0	0	387	0	0	1,156	0	0	1,243	0	0
Nourmahal	May 1858	54	0	0	1,558	6	1	32	0	0	1,073	16	1	506	10	0
Three Bells	July 1858	429	0	0	2,297	0	0	383	0	0	1,979	15	0	363	5	0
Jura	Sept. 1858	658	0	0	1,443	0	0	615	0	0	1,126	0	0	360	0	0
Lord Worsley	Oct. 1858	64	0	0	353	0	0	48	0	0	309	0	0	60	0	0
Gloucester	Dec. 1858	99	0	0	84	0	0	74	0	0	84	0	0	25	0	0
Alpine	Sept. 1859	1,395	0	0	1,870	0	0	935	15	0	1,214	9	2	1,114	15	10
Savilla	Dec. 1859	1,045	0	0	1,344	2	6	651	0	0	733	15	0	1,004	7	6
Gala	Feb. 1860	751	0	0	1,945	0	0	302	0	0	977	2	11	1,416	17	1
Storm Cloud	April 1860	760	10	0	2,156	0	0	361	0	0	848	4	0	1,707	6	0
William Pope	Feb. 1860	...	...	...	15	0	0	...	...	...	13	0	0	2	0	0
Henry	Feb. 1860	...	...	...	24	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	10	0
Airedale	Feb. 1860	...	...	...	362	10	0	...	...	...	132	0	0	230	10	0
Dunedin	March 1860	...	...	...	366	10	0	...	...	...	110	10	0	256	0	0
Gil Blas	March 1860	...	...	...	339	0	0	...	...	...	109	10	0	229	10	0
Pladda	Aug. 1860	708	0	0	2,377	0	0	426	4	0	1,087	15	0	1,571	1	0
Robert Henderson 2	Sept. 1860	88	0	0	1,738	0	0	58	0	0	817	5	0	950	15	0
Henrietta	Sept. 1860	612	0	0	1,431	0	0	243	0	0	338	15	0	1,461	5	0
William Miles	Oct. 1860	415	0	0	157	0	0	188	0	0	48	0	0	336	0	0
Evening Star	Oct. 1860	76	0	0	584	0	0	48	0	0	77	0	0	535	0	0
Silistria	Oct. 1860	551	0	0	1,791	0	0	177	0	0	599	0	0	1,566	0	0
Chile	Dec. 1860	104	0	0	533	0	0	48	0	0	99	0	0	490	0	0
Lady Egidia	Jan. 1861	1,271	0	0	2,770	0	0	633	9	0	784	18	6	2,622	12	6
Melbourne	Jan. 1861	582	0	0	928	0	0	119	0	0	230	0	0	1,161	0	0
Storm Cloud	July 1861	868	10	0	1,764	0	0	445	7	6	219	15	0	1,967	7	6
Pladda	Sept. 1861	612	0	0	2,770	0	0	163	0	0	747	0	0	2,472	0	0
Robert Henderson 3	Oct. 1861	227	0	0	1,904	0	0	87	0	0	473	0	0	1,571	0	0
Derwentwater	Nov. 1861	16	0	0	1,075	0	0	2	0	0	85	9	3	1,003	10	9
Chile	Dec. 1861	...	...	...	1,396	0	0	...	...	...	93	0	0	1,303	0	0
Silistria	Jan. 1862	693	0	0	1,763	10	0	246	0	0	517	0	0	1,698	10	0
Jura	Oct. 1862	...	...	...	46	0	0	...	...	...	31	0	0	15	0	0
Sevilla	Nov. 1862	16	0	0	797	10	0	...	...	...	301	10	0	512	0	0
Star of Tasmania	Nov. 1862	...	...	...	159	0	0	...	...	...	13	0	0	146	0	0
Chile	Nov. 1862	7	0	0	201	10	0	...	...	...	9	0	0	199	10	0
Pladda	Dec. 1862	64	0	0	1,234	10	0	15	10	0	145	10	0	1,137	10	0
Sarah M.	Dec. 1862	...	...	...	487	10	0	...	...	...	79	10	0	408	0	0
Benlomond	Jan. 1863	92	0	0	1,040	0	0	68	0	0	168	10	0	895	10	0
John Duncan	Feb. 1863	94	0	0	752	10	0	89	0	0	132	10	0	625	0	0
Gananoque	March 1863	...	...	...	287	0	0	...	...	...	26	0	0	261	0	0
Arima	March 1863	136	0	0	666	10	0	72	0	0	71	10	0	659	0	0
Silistria	April 1863	284	0	0	657	0	0	163	0	0	105	10	0	672	10	0
Prince of Wales ...	June 1863	...	...	...	125	0	0	...	...	...	4	0	0	121	0	0
Matoaka	July 1863	201	10	0	148	0	0	103	0	0	22	0	0	224	10	0
Victory	July 1863	984	0	0	558	10	0	615	3	4	162	0	0	825	6	8
Crimea	Sept. 1863	...	...	...	87	0	0	...	...	...	40	0	0	47	0	0
Mataura	Sept. 1863	528	0	0	461	0	0	272	0	0	111	5	0	605	15	0
Nelson	Nov. 1863	840	0	0	...	...	...	635	0	0	...	...	...	205	0	0
Chile	Nov. 1863	152	0	0	...	...	...	104	0	0	...	...	...	48	0	0
Daniel Rankin	Dec. 1863	208	0	0	...	...	...	117	0	0	...	...	...	91	0	0
Aboukir	Jan. 1864	360	0	0	...	...	...	215	0	0	...	...	...	145	0	0
Vectis	June 1864	568	0	0	8	0	0	282	0	0	...	...	...	294	0	0
Severn	May 1864	112	0	0	...	...	...	61	0	0	...	...	...	51	0	0
Andrew Jackson ...	July 1864	861	0	0	69	0	0	397	0	0	15	0	0	518	0	0
Ajmeer	Sept. 1864	21	0	0	6	0	0	10	10	0	...	...	...	16	10	0
Hamilla Mitchell ...	Sept. 1864	669	0	0	190	10	0	320	0	0	104	10	0	435	0	0
Black Swan	Oct. 1864	42	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	0	0
Gala	Oct. 1864	252	0	0	102	0	0	107	0	0	30	0	0	217	0	0
Chile	Nov. 1864	49	0	0	29	0	0	34	0	0	10	10	0	33	10	0
Celano	Dec. 1864	84	0	0	23	0	0	70	0	0	11	0	0	26	0	0
Aboukir	Jan. 1865	751	0	0	109	0	0	371	19	0	38	0	0	450	1	0
Gloriosa	Jan. 1865	126	0	0	22	0	0	31	0	0	4	0	0	115	0	0
St. Vincent	March 1865	519	0	0	68	10	0	142	10	0	11	10	0	433	10	0
Esmock	March 1865	14	0	0	6	0	0	14	0	0	...	...	...	6	0	0
Jessie Gilbert ...	June 1865	35	0	0	36	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	71	0	0
Lizzie Southard ...	June 1865	77	0	0	5	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	82	0	0
Caribou	July 1865	687	0	0	79	0	0	...	...	...	2	0	0	764	0	0
Total .....	...	24,400	7	7	55,404	3	2	13,784	3	5	23,845	11	1	42,174	16	3

ALFRED F. OSWIN, Sub-Treasurer.

Treasury, Dunedin, Nov. 17th, 1865.



	BALANCES.		TRANSACTIONS.		BALANCES.	
	MARCH 31, 1865.		HALF-YEAR TO SEPT. 30, 1865.		SEPTEMBER 30, 1865.	
	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
REVENUE—Cr.—By Balance on March 31, 1865, for advances on Loan Account	35,687 15 9	.....	.....	.....	35,687 15 9
By Receipts from April 1 to September 30, 1865	155,130 1 1	.....	155,130 1 1
REVENUE—Dr.—To Expenditure do	126,256 8 1	.....	126,256 8 1	.....
BALANCE carried down	64,561 8 9	.....
REVENUE—Cr.—Balance brought down	190,817 16 10	.....
DEBENTURES—LOAN 1866—Cr.—By amount negotiated	18,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	64,561 8 9
—Dr.—To amount redeemed April 1 to September 30	3,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....
—LOAN 1861—Cr.—By amount negotiated	50,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	14,500 0 0
—Dr.—Do.	50,000 0 0
—HARBOR LOAN, 1862—Cr.—By amount negotiated	193,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....	193,500 0 0
—Dr.—By amount Debentures sold from April 1 to September 30	6,550 0 0	.....	.....
HARBOR LOAN, 1862—Dr.—To expenditure in advance of sale	42,424 8 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,100 0 0
—Cr.—By Debentures sold April 1 to September 30
LOAN, 1862—Dr.—To expenditure in advance of sale
LOAN, 1861—Cr.—By Balance of Debentures sold in excess of expenditure	229,002 5 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,874 8 8
DUNEDIN TOWN BOARD—Dr.—Loan to them	229,002 5 3
Second Loan, paid on account to 31st March, 1865	4,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,500 0 0
Payments on account of second Loan from April 1 to September 30	33,328 12 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LOAN on Cemetery account
PORT CHALMERS TOWN BOARD—Dr.—Loan to them
Second Loan
Loan on Cemetery account
J. G. LEWIS, Clutha —Dr.—For advances to him	100 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HARBOR ENDOWMENT—Dr.—For advances on account of Reclaimed Land	500 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
—Cr.—By Rents received April 1 to September 30
ADVANCES TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS—
DEBENTURES —Cr.—By advances (special) thereon
—Dr.—To Discount on Sales
HOME AGENTS—Dr.—For Cash in their hands
DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS—Cr.—By various accounts
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT —Cr.—By various sums carried to debit of the respective votes, but not paid at the close of the Half-year, March 31, 1865
do.
—Cr.—Do.
—Dr.—To payments on account, April 1 to September 30, 1865
LOAN LIABILITIES (for Debentures sold, exclusive of Loan, 1866)
ASSETS—By debts due to Province...
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, Dunedin
London
TOTAL	624,992 0 3	624,992 0 3	382,723 3 9	382,723 3 9	626,055 1 1	626,055 1 1

Treasury, Dunedin, October 20, 1865. F. J. MOSS, Provincial Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE RECEIVED AT THE TREASURY DURING THE HALF-YEAR, FROM
APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1865.

HEADS OF REVENUE.							TOTAL.
					£	s. d.	£ s.
Customs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			38,583 13
Gold Export Duty .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45,994	6 7	15,215 13
Crown Lands .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,295	8 0	
Do., Miners' Rights and Licenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			54,289 14
Harbor Dues .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			63 9
Jetty Dues .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			1175 14
Sheep Assessment .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			181 15
Dog Tax .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			1264 6
—							
LICENSES.							
General .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2639	14 0	
General Night .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	297	10 0	
Packet .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	0 0	
Billiards .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	10 0	
Bagatelle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	10 0	
Temporary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0 0	
Wholesale .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	0 0	
Slaughtering .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	5 0	
Bottle .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	10 0	
Auctioneers' .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	0 0	
Hawkers' .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	0 0	
Theatre .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	0 0	
Carriage .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	0 0	
Rents, Ground, and other .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			3679 1
Immigration, Repayment of Passages .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			305 0
							3480 1
—							
EDUCATION.							
School Books .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			361 1
High School Fees .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			437
—							
HOSPITALS.							
Hospital, Dunedin—Repayments .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	1 6	
Lunatic Asylum do. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	4 0	
							147
—							
GAOLS.							
Maintenance of Debtors .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	3 0	
Prison Labor .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2562	2 5	
							2617
Tolls on Roads .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			6171
Lithographic Maps .....	.....	.....	.....	.....			67
—							
INCIDENTAL RECEIPTS.							
POLICE.....	Arms and Accoutrements .....	.....	.....	.....	71	8 0	
"	Escort Waggon .....	.....	.....	.....	7	12 0	
STATIONERY AND PRINTING	Parchment .....	.....	.....	.....	15	10 0	
"	Ordinances .....	.....	.....	.....	40	14 6	
"	Gazette Fees .....	.....	.....	.....	132	2 6	
"	Regulations, &c .....	.....	.....	.....	4	5 0	
GAOL	Sale of Sundries .....	.....	.....	.....	14	11 0	
HARBOR	Compass and Oars .....	.....	.....	.....	8	11 0	
RECREATION GROUNDS	Depasturing Sheep .....	.....	.....	.....	4	0 0	
ROADS	Sale of Bullocks .....	.....	.....	.....	18	0 0	
STOREKEEPER	Sale of condemned and surplus Stores .....	.....	.....	.....	186	6 8	
EXHIBITION BUILDING	Gas Fittings .....	.....	.....	.....	6	0 0	
VOLUNTEERS	Refund from Home Agent .....	.....	.....	.....	189	6 0	
TURNPIKES	Timber—Tokomairiro .....	.....	.....	.....	6	0 0	
SURVEY	Surcharge .....	.....	.....	.....	4	2 0	
SUNDRIES	Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	6	19 0	
"	Refund average on goods ex "Esmok" .....	.....	.....	.....	2	11 6	
"	Conscience Money .....	.....	.....	.....	1	0 0	
							718
							718
Incidental Receipts on Gold Fields .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1711	5 0	
Repayments by General Government Officers on Gold Fields .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,939	10 3	25,650
Do do. Surplus Revenue.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			155,130

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

FROM

GENERAL REVENUE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE HALF-YEAR,

From April 1 to September 30, 1865

	Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.		Below Estimate.		Above Estimate.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
SUPERINTENDENT.								
Superintendent	483	6 8	483	6 8				
Secretary to do.	191	13 4	191	13 4				
EXECUTIVE.								
Provincial Secretary	290	0 0	272	11 6	17	8 6		
Do. Treasurer and Secretary of Public Works	290	0 0	290	0 0				
Secretary of Public Works			28	6 8			28	6 8
Non-official Members	366	13 4	328	6 1	38	7 3		
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.								
Speaker	96	13 4	66	13 4	30	0 0		
Chairman of Committees	48	6 8	48	6 8				
Clerk and Librarian	166	13 4	166	13 4				
Sergeant-at-Arms	10	0 0	11	13 4			1	13 4
Temporary Accommodation and Expenses of Select Committees	200	0 0	149	4 8	50	15 4		
Expenses of Country Members	658	0 0	683	15 0			25	15 0
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	600	0 0	793	8 0			193	8 0
Temporary Assistance and Incidental Expenses	90	0 0	78	10 0	11	10 0		
AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT.								
Auditor	241	13 4	241	13 4				
Deputy-Auditor	48	6 8	48	6 8				
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.								
Under Secretary	241	13 4	241	13 4				
Clerk	140	0 0	250	0 0				
Do.	110	0 0						
Office-keeper	66	13 4	67	2 0			0	8 8
Messenger	73	6 8	73	6 8				
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	50	0 0	29	1 3	20	18 9		
Incidental Expenses	50	0 0	9	0 0	41	0 0		
Clerical Assistance	25	0 0			25	0 0		
Carry forward	4,538	0 0	4,552	11 10	234	19 10	249	11 8

	Amount Appropriated.			Amount Expended.			Below Estimate.			Above Estimate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	4,538	0	0	4,552	11	10	234	19	10	249	11	8
SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT.												
Solicitor	283	6	8	283	6	8						
Clerk	140	0	0	140	0	0						
Clerical Assistance	25	0	0	74	5	0				49	5	0
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	7	9	0	42	11	0			
CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT.												
Chief Commissioner	333	6	8	333	6	8						
Chief Clerk	191	13	4	191	13	4						
Clerks	406	13	4	340	0	0	66	13	4			
Clerks to Treasurer	379	3	4	334	11	8	44	11	8			
Crown Grants, Clerks	273	6	8	273	6	8						
Ranger (Constable)	63	14	0	64	1	0						0 7 0
Non-Official Members of Waste Land Board	25	0	0	8	0	0	17	0	0			
Rangers of Bush Reserves	100	0	0	20	0	0	80	0	0			
Refunds on Land	150	0	0	11	18	6	138	1	6			58 19 4
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	250	0	0	308	19	4						
Incidental Expenses	300	0	0	20	15	0	279	5	0			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery for Receiver of Land Revenue	150	0	0	160	15	7						10 15 7
Incidental Expenses, do.	50	0	0	3	15	3	46	4	9			
SURVEY DEPARTMENT.												
Chief Surveyor	333	6	8	333	6	8						
Geodesical do.	225	0	0	225	0	0						
District do.	525	0	0	525	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 Draughtsmen	675	0	0	675	0	0						
Lithographic Draughtsman	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Lithographic Printer	125	0	0	125	0	0						
Apprentice do.	23	8	0	22	6	0	1	2	0			
Laborers' Wages	1970	0	0	1455	4	0	514	16	0			
Allowance in lieu of Rations	1050	0	0	866	12	0	183	8	0			
Equipment of Survey Parties	300	0	0	244	16	10	55	3	2			
Travelling Expenses	200	0	0	63	11	6	136	8	6			
Lithographic Materials	50	0	0	8	0	6	41	19	6			
Incidental Expenses	75	0	0	19	4	5	55	15	7			
Outstanding Accounts for Survey Parties	200	0	0	19	0	9	180	19	3			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	75	0	0	3	14	6	71	5	6			
POLICE DEPARTMENT.												
Commissioner	333	6	8	333	6	8						
Clerk	156	13	4	140	0	0	16	13	4			
Inspector	191	13	4	187	10	0	4	3	4			
Sub-Inspectors	500	0	0	483	6	8	16	13	4			
Sergeants and Constables	10,601	10	10	10,130	10	10	471	0	0			
Female Cooks and Searchers	50	0	0	43	16	11	6	3	1			
Gold Fields Allowance	250	0	0	90	18	0	159	2	0			
Travelling Expenses	100	0	0	140	1	4						40 1 4
Transport of Prisoners	50	0	0	174	5	0						124 5 0
Shoeing and Farriery	70	0	0	108	10	9						38 10 9
Saddlery and Repairs	10	0	0	12	16	6						2 16 6
Stores and Furniture	30	0	0	30	18	1						0 18 1
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	90	0	0	121	2	7						31 2 7
Transport of Stores	50	0	0	8	5	6	41	14	6			
Fuel and Light	390	0	0	385	18	2	4	1	10			
Electric Telegraph Messages	30	0	0	16	9	9	13	10	3			
Compensation for Loss of Clothing, and Medical Expenses	20	0	0	8	11	0	11	9	0			
Special Detective Service	30	0	0	30	17	0						0 17 0
Rewards	20	0	0	15	0	0	5	0	0			
Police Paddocks	50	0	0	27	17	0	22	3	0			
Temporary Accommodation	50	0	0	31	8	9	18	11	3			
Drill Instructors	18	6	0	9	3	0	9	3	0			
Prisoners' Rations	50	0	0	24	18	1	25	1	11			
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	40	15	5	9	4	7			
Arms and Accoutrements				7	2	0						7 2 0
Forage				300	0	0						300 0 0
Carry forward	27,702	8	10	25,593	1	8	3,023	19	0	914	11	10

	Amount Appropriated.			Amount Expended.			Below Estimate.			Above Estimate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	27,702	8	10	25,593	1	8	3,023	19	0	914	11	10
ESCORT SERVICE.												
Sub-Inspector	166	13	4	166	13	4						
Sergeants, Constables, and Drivers	1207	16	0	1194	9	0	13	7	0			
Gold Fields Allowance	200	0	0	198	9	0	1	11	0			
Travelling Expenses	200	0	0	167	7	8	32	12	4			
Forage	700	0	0	752	12	7				52	12	7
Shoeing and Farriery	180	0	0	176	15	6	3	4	6			
Saddlery and Repairs	50	0	0	57	19	0				7	19	0
Vehicles and Repairs	40	0	0	39	12	0	0	8	0			
Stores and Furniture	20	0	0	20	0	0						
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	10	0	0	10	0	0						
Fuel and Light	60	0	0	50	0	0	10	0				
Police Paddocks	50	0	0	27	10	0	22	10	0			
HARBOR DEPARTMENT.												
Harbor Master	283	6	8	283	6	8						
Assistant do.	145	16	8	145	16	8						
Apprentice Pilots	100	0	0	87	10	0	12	10	0			
Clerk	123	6	8	123	6	8						
Crews of Boats	624	6	8	624	6	8						
Signal Masters	233	6	8	159	4	6	74	2	2			
Light-keeper, Port Chalmers	25	0	0	7	5	1	17	14	11			
Beach Master, Oamaru	60	0	0	60	0	0						
Pilot Schooner	100	0	0	36	4	6	63	15	6			
Boats	30	0	0	40	8	5				10	8	5
Signals and Flagstaves	20	0	0	1	3	0	18	17	0			
Buoys and Beacons	50	0	0	17	9	0	32	11	0			
Fuel and Light	35	0	0	34	9	6	0	10	6			
Travelling Expenses	30	0	0	16	19	6	13	0	6			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	20	0	0	3	8	0	16	12	0			
Incidental Expenses	25	0	0	11	16	3	13	3	9			
GOLD FIELDS DEPARTMENT.												
Secretary	333	6	8	333	6	8						
Clerk	120	0	0	116	2	6	3	17	6			
Draughtsman	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Wardens	2908	6	8	2898	6	8	10	0	0			
Registrars and Receivers	1800	0	0	1968	17	9				168	17	9
Do. also, Clerks of Court	350	0	0	320	16	8	29	3	4			
Inspectors of Licenses	216	13	4	433	6	8				216	13	4
Bailiffs	386	13	4	392	0	10				5	7	6
Mining Surveyors	1433	6	8	1266	13	4	166	13	4			
Fuel and Light	300	0	0	231	19	3	68	0	9			
Office Furniture	50	0	0	8	7	9	41	12	3			
Horse Allowance	100	0	0	233	6	8				133	6	8
Travelling Expenses	75	0	0	113	3	0				38	3	0
Surveyors' Field Parties	75	0	0	14	10	0	60	10	0			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	150	0	0	87	3	5	62	16	7			
Carriage of Stores	50	0	0	11	6	6	38	13	6			
Incidental Expenses	100	0	0	38	5	2	61	14	10			
Clerical Assistance				34	10	0				34	10	0
GOLD RECEIVER'S DEPARTMENT.												
Chief Gold Receiver	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	25	0	0	16	16	8	8	3	4			
Incidental Expenses	75	0	0	4	3	0	70	17	0			
GAOL DEPARTMENT.												
Gaoler	191	13	4	191	13	4						
Matron	30	0	0	30	0	0						
Clerk and Storekeeper	120	0	0	120	0	0						
Chief Warder	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Overseers	216	13	4	143	0	1	73	13	3			
Sergeants and Warders	2037	8	0	1816	3	0	221	5	0			
Female Warder	45	15	0	45	15	0						
Rations	1380	0	0	1040	4	11	339	15	1			
Stores and Furniture	70	0	0	46	1	4	23	18	8			
Library	10	0	0	10	0	0						
Carry forward	45,591	17	10	42,523	4	4	4,651	3	7	1,582	10	1

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Brought forward	45,591	17	10	42,523	4	4	4,651	3	7	1,582	10	1
GAOL DEPARTMENT—continued.												
Fuel and Light	200	0	0	174	11	6	25	8	6			
Medicines and Medical Comforts	100	0	0	79	15	0	20	5	0			
Tools and Materials for Employment of Prisoners	1100	0	0	568	19	10	531	0	2			
Clothes and Bedding	100	0	0	95	9	8	4	10	4			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	15	0	0	6	19	9	8	0	3			
Relief of Destitute Persons Discharged	20	0	0	14	5	0	5	15	0			
Incidental Expenses	150	0	0	6	0	0	144	0	0			
DISTRICT GAOLS.												
Gaolers	870	0	0	870	0	0						
Rations, Tools, Stores	600	0	0	318	17	8	281	2	4			
Commissions of Enquiry	250	0	0				250	0	0			
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.												
Sub-Treasurer	233	6	8	233	6	8						
Clerk to Provincial Treasurer	166	13	4	166	13	4						
Clerk	131	13	4	131	13	4						
Messenger	60	0	0	60	0	0						
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	37	10	0	39	2	7				1	12	7
Incidental Expenses	12	10	0	15	13	6				3	3	6
SHEEP INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT.												
Chief Inspector	333	6	8	333	6	8						
Sub-Inspectors	1000	0	0	991	13	4	8	6	8			
Registrar of Brands and Clerk	123	6	8	123	6	8						
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	2	14	8	47	5	4			
IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.												
Immigration Agent	191	13	4	191	13	4						
Clerk	100	0	0	100	0	0						
Matron	50	0	0	50	0	0						
Travelling Expenses	50	0	0	29	11	0	20	9	0			
Fuel and Light	20	0	0	18	7	0	1	13	0			
Rations	50	0	0	35	0	11	14	19	1			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	10	0	0	11	9	7				1	9	7
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	5	11	8	44	8	4			
Home Agency, Edinburgh	750	0	0	431	17	4	318	2	8			
QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT.												
Health Officer	83	6	8	83	6	8						
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	10	0	0	40	0	0			
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.												
Secretary and Inspector	241	13	4	241	13	4						
Clerk	30	0	0	30	0	0						
Travelling Expenses	35	0	0	24	0	6	10	19	6			
Pupil Teachers	35	0	0	37	10	0				2	10	0
Public Libraries, Advance	500	0	0	494	4	3	5	15	9			
Rents, Purchase of Sites, and other Incidental Expenses connected with School Buildings	150	0	0	99	9	9	50	10	3			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	10	0	0	2	18	0	7	2	0			
Free Schools	175	0	0	157	3	8	17	16	4			
Incidental Expenses	10	0	0	14	13	6				4	13	6
HIGH SCHOOL.												
Master	725	0	0	725	0	0						
Master	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Master				33	17	4				33	17	4
Carry forward	54,611	17	10	49,733	1	4	6,508	13	1	1,629	16	7

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Brought forward	54,611	17	10	49,733	1	4	6,508	13	1	1,629	16	7
HIGH SCHOOL—continued.												
Charwoman	20	0	0	20	0	0						
Rent Allowance to Masters	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Incidental Expenses	25	0	0	17	1	6	7	18	6			
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.												
Teachers	1450	0	0	1201	6	8	248	13	4			
Do. on Gold Fields	400	0	0	133	15	0	266	5	0			
HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.												
Provincial Surgeon	250	0	0	250	0	0						
Assistant do.	100	0	0	100	0	0						
Resident do.	150	0	0	150	0	0						
Dispenser	75	0	0	75	0	0						
Storekeeper	100	0	0	100	0	0						
Matron	30	0	0	30	0	0						
Midwife	30	0	0	30	0	0						
Laundress	75	0	0	54	8	0	20	12	0			
Male Attendants	536	13	4	430	0	0	106	13	4			
Female do.	175	0	0	149	14	10	25	5	2			
Chaplain	125	0	0	125	0	0						
Rations	1500	0	0	1249	19	2	250	0	10			
Stores and Furniture	250	0	0	63	17	7	186	2	5			
Fuel and Light	150	0	0	269	13	7				119	13	7
Instruments	15	0	0				15	0	0			
Medicines and Medical Comforts	400	0	0	163	12	0	236	8	0			
Bedding and Clothing	75	0	0	96	16	9				21	16	9
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	20	0	0	14	19	0	5	1	0			
Incidental Expenses	150	0	0	110	18	2	39	1	10			
LUNATIC ASYLUM.												
Surgeon	33	6	8	33	6	8						
House Steward	100	0	0	100	0	0						
Matron	50	0	0	50	0	0						
Male Attendants	200	0	0	158	6	8	41	13	4			
Female do.	92	10	0	92	10	0						
Rations	750	0	0	516	4	11	233	15	1			
Stores and Furniture	100	0	0	17	16	10	82	3	2			
Fuel and Light	100	0	0	120	4	10				20	4	10
Medicine and Medical Comforts	100	0	0	85	18	2	14	1	10			
Bedding and Clothing	100	0	0	77	12	5	22	7	7			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	12	10	0	2	4	6	10	5	6			
Incidental Expenses	50	0	0	3	0	0	47	0	0			
STOREKEEPER'S DEPARTMENT.												
Storekeeper and Accountant	241	13	4	241	13	4						
Incidental Expenses	25	0	0	32	7	1				7	7	1
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.												
Inspectors	50	0	0	36	10	6	13	9	6			
Incidental Expenses	12	10	0				12	10	0			
TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS.												
Inspector of Markets	100	0	0				100	0	0			
Inspector of Nuisances	131	13	4	131	13	4						
Public Vaccinators	175	0	0	19	12	6	155	7	6			
Immigration	1500	0	0	1067	15	0	432	5	0			
Courts of Justice	50	0	0				50	0	0			
Carry forward	64,837	14	6	57,506	0	4	9,130	13	0	1,798	18	10

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Brought forward	64,837 14 5	57,506 0 4	9,130 13 0	1,798 18 10
DEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCIES.				
STEAM SERVICE.				
River	600 0 0	600 0 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 January in each year, 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:—				
Lawrence Hospital	400 0 0	400 0 0		
Clyde "	600 0 0	600 0 0		
Wakatipu "	500 0 0	500 0 0		
Oamaru "	200 0 0		200 0 0	
Grants-in-Aid, on condition that a statement of transactions, and account of receipts and expenditure be furnished quarterly to the Government:—				
Benevolent Institution Building	1500 0 0	1500 0 0		
„ Maintenance	500 0 0	500 0 0		
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Volunteers	300 0 0	291 2 4	8 17 8	
Burial of Paupers	150 0 0	94 13 0	55 7 0	
Relief to Destitute	175 0 0	199 9 6		24 9 6
„ on Gold Fields	250 0 0	13 3 0	236 17 0	
Expenses of Returning Officers	75 0 0	48 18 0	26 2 0	
Advertising	500 0 0	539 14 4		39 14 4
Printing	400 0 0	55 15 10	344 4 2	
Stationery	125 0 0	105 9 0	19 11 0	
Fuel and Light	100 0 0	120 16 11		20 16 11
Collecting Dog Tax	90 0 0	133 2 1		43 2 1
Photographic Views	65 0 0		65 0 0	
Carriage for Sir G. Grey	50 0 0	50 0 0		
Compensation to Mr. Steavenson	166 13 4	166 13 4		
Grant to Simon Fraser	50 0 0	50 0 0		
Refund to Mr. Telford (Sheep Assessment)	41 13 8	41 13 8		
To Thomas Reid	248 10 0	248 10 0		
Law Expenses (Cuttan v. Jones)	121 13 0	121 13 0		
Refund, Sheep Assessment		57 18 1		57 18 1
Compensation for Road deviations, Purchase of Land and Runs	750 0 0	111 13 9	638 6 3	
Meteorological Observations	150 0 0	25 0 0	125 0 0	
Pilot Board	150 0 0	150 0 0		
Pilots	300 0 0	300 0 0		
Rent of Cape Saunders	10 0 0	10 0 0		
Cemetery, Glenore	50 0 0		50 0 0	
General Contingencies	175 0 0	175 5 10		0 5 10
Compensation Contingent	750 0 0		750 0 0	
Refund, sale of Stock in Pound		16 10 0		16 10 0
Compensation, Louden		120 0 0		120 0 0
Dunedin Town Board		1499 19 9		1499 19 9
Carry forward	74,381 4 6	66,353 1 9	11,649 18 1	3,621 15 4

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Brought forward	74,381	4 6	66,353	1 9	11,649	18 1	3,621	15 4
LOANS.								
Repayment Debentures, 1856	3,500	0 0	3,500	0 0				
Interest on Loan, 1856	812	10 0	224	18 7	587	11 5		
Interest on Loan, 1861	2,000	0 0	1,108	0 0	892	0 0		
Interest on Harbor Loan	2,000	0 0	208	13 3	1,791	6 9		
Interest on Loan, 1862	12,000	0 0	165	0 0	11,835	0 0		
Bank Interest, Ex., and Com.	3,000	0 0	819	3 6	2,180	16 6		
Sinking Fund, 1861	1,500	0 0	1,500	0 0				
Sinking Fund, 1862	5,000	0 0	5,000	0 0				
ROADS AND WORKS.								
Assistant Engineer	116	13 4	116	13 4				
District Engineers	400	0 0	400	0 0				
Inspectors	416	13 4	391	10 0	25	3 4		
Draughtsman	150	0 0	150	0 0				
Accountant	116	13 4	116	13 4				
Inspector of Works and Buildings	150	0 0	150	0 0				
Messenger	60	0 0	60	0 0				
CONTINGENCIES.								
Maintenance for horse and man	200	0 0			200	0 0		
Travelling Expenses	200	0 0	219	3 0			19	3 0
Instruments	15	0 0			15	0 0		
Printing, Advertising, &c.	50	0 0	25	5 8	24	14 4		
Fuel and Light	10	0 0			10	0 0		
Incidentals	50	0 0	36	1 3	13	18 9		
Horse Allowance	50	0 0	113	12 3			63	12 3
Travelling Expenses late Chief Engineer	70	8 0	68	7 6	2	0 6		
COMMISSION ON ROADS AND THEIR DEVIATIONS.								
Commissioner	191	13 4	191	13 4				
Surveyors	220	16 8	220	16 8				
Clerk	83	6 8	83	6 8				
Draughtsman	120	16 8	120	16 8				
CONTINGENCIES.								
Laborers' Wages, &c.	300	0 0	137	9 0	162	11 0	50	0 0
Line of Road Survey			50	0 0				
Horse Allowance	50	0 0	50	0 0				
Printing &c.	60	0 0	30	19 3	29	0 9		
Incidentals	50	0 0	33	3 0	16	17 0		
RAILWAY.								
Chief Engineer	500	0 0	500	0 0				
Assistant Engineer	200	0 0	200	0 0				
Surveyor	150	0 0	150	0 0				
Draughtsman	125	0 0	125	0 0				
CONTINGENCIES.								
Laborers' Wages	400	0 0	386	18 7	13	1 5		
Travelling Expenses	300	0 0	38	10 6	261	9 6		
Office Rent	60	0 0	54	6 8	5	13 4		
Incidentals	100	0 0	49	9 11	50	10 1		
MARINE ENGINEER.								
Marine Engineer	500	0 0	339	12 0	160	8 0		
Assistant Engineer	150	0 0	150	0 0				
Clerk	123	6 8	123	6 8				
Dredge Engineer	91	0 0	205	10 0			114	10 0
Master of Dredge	84	10 0	84	10 0				
CONTINGENCIES.								
Survey Expenses	400	0 0	34	13 0	365	7 0		
Instruments	50	0 0	17	9 6	32	10 6		
Fuel and Light	10	0 0	2	7 3	7	12 9		
Brought forward	110,569	12 6	84,106	2 1	30,332	11 0	3,869	0 7

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	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Carry forward	110,569	12 6	84,106	2 1	30,332	11 0	3,869	0 7
MARINE ENGINEER—continued.								
CONTINGENCIES.								
Printing and Advertising	20	0 0	1	7 9	18	12 3		
Office Rent	75	0 0	75	0 0				
Experiments on Timber	50	0 0			50	0 0		
Incidental Expenses	50	0 0	9	11 10	40	8 2		
RECREATION GROUNDS.								
Gardener	120	16 8	120	16 8				
Botanical Gardens and Recreation Grounds	500	0 0	329	5 5	170	14 7		
Purchase of Trees	50	0 0			50	0 0		
HARBORS.								
Removing Snags, Clutha	100	0 0	92	4 0	7	16 0		
Moorings, Moeraki	50	0 0			50	0 0		
Do., Clutha	50	0 0			50	0 0		
Do., Oamaru	50	0 0	46	12 9	3	7 3		
BRIDGES.								
Gentle Annie	845	1 2	745	1 2	100	0 0		
Kawarau	2674	19 2	913	10 11	1761	8 3		
Roaring Meg	141	5 0	114	13 5	26	11 7		
Whare Kuri	564	17 6	560	17 6	4	0 0		
SCHOOL BUILDINGS.								
High School	50	0 0	45	15 0	4	5 0		
North Dunedin	100	0 0	109	13 6			9	13 6
Oamaru	180	0 0	180	0 0				
Lawrence	80	0 0	80	0 0				
Cromwell	100	0 0	100	0 0				
Lake Waipori	15	0 0	15	0 0				
Buildings not provided for	100	0 0	50	0 0	50	0 0		
Caversham			1	5 0				5 0
MISCELLANEOUS WORKS AND BUILDINGS.								
Exploring Track to West Coast, Mr. Pyke			114	2 7			114	2 7
Do. do., Mr. O'Neill			161	7 1			161	7 1
Cargill Monument	303	0 0	295	2 6	7	17 6		
Signal Station, Port Chalmers	56	12 0	56	12 0				
Gold Fields Buildings	620	0 0	528	0 6	91	19 6		
Oamaru Breastwork	40	0 0			40	0 0		
Telegraph Office, Port Chalmers	65	0 0			65	0 0		
Auctioneer's Commission	100	0 0			100	0 0		
Arbitration Fees	100	0 0	10	13 0	89	7 0		
Ligherage, Cartage, and Storage	100	0 0	82	16 6	17	3 6		
Hospital, Dunedin	250	0 0	28	0 0	222	0 0		
Hospital, Tuapeka			100	0 0			100	0 0
Lunatic Asylum, Dunedin	200	0 0	182	16 0	17	4 0		
Hulk "Thomas and Henry"			42	12 0			42	12 0
Waipahi Punt	39	2 11	39	2 10	0	0 1		
Turnpikes	636	8 0	36	8 0	600	0 0		
Harbor Plant, for Repairs, &c.	100	0 0	4	15 0	95	5 0		
Removing Punt from Taieri Ferry	50	0 0			50	0 0		
Flood Gates, Recreation Ground	20	0 0			20	0 0		
Fencing Cargill Monument	50	0 0	55	0 0			5	0 0
Accommodation for Registrar of Deeds	300	0 0	298	11 2	1	8 10		
Lock-up, Nokomai	150	0 0			150	0 0		
District Police Buildings	200	0 0	95	8 0	104	12 0		
Central do.	150	0 0	99	19 2	50	0 10		
Enlargement for District Court Houses	800	0 0	254	16 0	545	4 0		
Additions to District Gaols and Cells	1200	0 0	13	0 0	1187	0 0		
Court House, Tokomairiro			7	7 0			7	7 0
Warps and Buoys, Clutha	272	10 0			272	10 0		
Court House, Woolshed	14	9 2	5	0 0	9	9 2		
Carry forward	122,353	14 1	90,208	6 4	36,455	15 6	4,310	7 9

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Brought forward	122,353	14 1	90,208	6 4	36,455	15 6	4,310	7 9
MISCELLANEOUS WORKS AND BUILDINGS—continued.								
Oamaru Court House	149	10 0			149	10 0		
Contingent Liabilities	2000	0 0			2000	0 0		
Caversham Police Station	165	0 0	165	0 0				
Purchase of Exhibition—Annexe and alterations	4000	0 0	1862	0 0	2138	0 0		
Works not provided for	300	0 0	182	18 8	117	1 4		
JETTIES.								
Oamaru	3000	0 0			3060	0 0		
Port Chalmers			52	17 5			52	17 5
FERRY.								
Clutha			15	4 0			15	4 0
ROADS.								
NORTHERN TRUNK ROAD.								
Dunedin to Waikouaiti	3060	0 0	2806	5 10	253	14 2		
Waikouaiti to Waihemo	2785	0 0	2204	8 1	580	11 11		
Waihemo to Oamaru	2320	0 0	487	18 10	1832	1 2		
SOUTHERN TRUNK ROAD.								
Dunedin to Taieri Ferry	2118	0 0	2117	15 9	0	4 3		
Taieri Ferry to Tokomairiro	2671	0 0	1814	1 6	856	18 6		
Tokomairiro to Clutha	1498	0 0	1198	16 0	299	4 0		
Clutha to Mataura	457	0 0	200	11 10	256	8 2		
CENTRAL INTERIOR TRUNK.								
Saddle Hill to West Taieri	1178	0 0	774	7 3	403	12 9		
West Taieri to Dunstan	643	0 0	175	16 3	467	3 9		
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	756	0 0	287	5 6	468	14 6		
Tuapeka to Dunstan	1177	0 0	462	11 0	714	9 0		
Dunstan to Kawarau	300	0 0	747	16 6			447	16 6
NORTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.								
Oamaru to Wanaka Lake	545	0 0	285	6 0	259	14 0		
Palmerston to Mauherikia	1427	0 0	597	12 2	829	7 10		
SOUTHERN INTERIOR TRUNK.								
Popotunoa to Mataura	42	0 0			42	0 0		
MAIN BRANCH ROADS.								
Northern Trunk to Port Chalmers	409	0 0	178	13 9	230	6 3		
Do. to Waikouaiti Bay	212	0 0			212	0 0		
Do. to Moeraki Bay	202	0 0	64	6 0	137	14 0		
Oamaru to Waitaki	240	0 0			240	0 0		
Dunedin to Portobello	316	0 0	248	12 6	67	7 6		
Southern Trunk to Clutha Mouth	175	0 0	159	14 6	15	5 6		
MAIN BRANCH ROADS, CENTRAL.								
Dunedin to West Taieri	213	0 0	100	17 0	112	3 0		
N. E. Valley to Timber District	150	0 0	142	0 0	8	0 0		
MAIN BRANCH ROADS, INTERIOR.								
Lawrence to Wetherstone's	75	0 0	61	12 6	13	7 6		
Do. to Gabriel's	37	0 0			37	0 0		
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS.								
Landslip Hill to Benger Burn			1	16 0			1	16 0
Main Road through Hampden	200	0 0			200	0 0		
Do. through Dunedin	1106	0 0	911	17 8	194	2 4		
Lee Stream to Waipori	150	0 0	30	0 0	120	0 0		
West Taieri to Wahola	34	0 0	30	18 3	3	1 9		
Kawarau to Frankton	80	0 0			80	0 0		
Do. to Wakatip	6147	0 0	594	14 0	5552	6 0		
Roads on Gold Fields	2000	0 0	425	16 0	1574	4 0		
Carry forward	164,691	4 1	109,597	17 1	59,921	8 8	4,828	1 8

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	164,691	4	1	109,597	17	1	59,921	8	8	4,828	1	8
ROADS— <i>continued.</i>												
MISCELLANEOUS ROADS.												
Supplemented Roads ...	1640	0	0	195	0	0	1445	0	0			
Rent of Quarry, East Taieri ...	15	0	0				15	0	0			
Peninsula Beach to Portobello ...	100	0	0	100	0	0						
Nevis Road ...	500	0	0	498	13	0	1	7	0			
Clutha Ferry to Clutha Mouth ...	250	0	0				250	0	0			
Road through Block V., Hawksbury ...	500	0	0				500	0	0			
TELEGRAPH.												
Tokomairiro to Wakatip ...	4680	0	0	1456	18	4	3223	1	8			
Harbor Reclamation ...	15,017	3	7	14,407	19	8	609	3	11			
	187,393	7	8	126,256	8	1	65,965	1	3	4828	1	8

STATEMENT NO. II.

OTAGO PUBLIC BUILDINGS LOAN ORDINANCE.

	Amount Appropriated.			Amount Expended.			Below Estimate.			Above Estimate.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provincial Government Buildings ...	16,000	0	0				16,000	0	0			
Post Office ...	23,000	0	0				23,000	0	0			
	39,000	0	0				39,000	0	0			

FREDERICK J. MOSS,
Provincial Treasurer.

Treasury, Dunedin,
October 20, 1865.

I CERTIFY that I have examined the above Statement of the Provincial Treasurer for the Half-Year ended 30th September, 1865, 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 that the expenditure in excess of the Appropriation Ordinance is separately shown.

A. LIVINGSTON,
Provincial Auditor.

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURE

	For the Year	For the Year	For the Year	For the Year
	Ended September 30th, 1854.	Ended September 30th, 1855.	Ended September 30th, 1856.	Ended September 1857.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£
Superintendent's Department	300 0 0	400 0 0	530 0 0	550
Council, Audit, and Executive Department	117 14 9	150 0 0	137 2 9	100
Provincial Secretary's	...	...	...	...
Provincial Solicitor's	100 0 0	100 0 0	184 11 3	200
Crown Lands	...	...	...	...
Survey	...	...	...	...
Police	319 1 4	680 3 9	765 12 10	874 1
Escort	...	...	...	...
Harbor	225 14 9	435 15 7	547 9 7	583
Gold Fields	...	...	...	...
Gaol	222 12 9	214 7 5	472 0 0	180
Geological	...	...	...	...
Provincial Treasurer's	50 0 0	100 0 0	184 11 3	200
Sheep Inspector's	...	...	...	430
Immigration	...	670 0 0	1,503 9 9	3,490
Education	...	...	2,010 0 0	600
Hospital	...	47 5 3	188 13 3	359
Lunatic Asylum	...	...	...	...
Provincial Storekeeper's	...	...	...	...
Railway Engineer's	...	...	...	...
Marine Engineer's	...	...	...	...
Provincial Engineer's	...	...	...	...
Recreation Grounds	...	...	...	...
Resident Magistrate's Court, and Registrar	...	166 13 4	125 16 4	478
Steam Services	...	...	...	250
Public Buildings	169 7 6	438 8 10	306 14 5	...
Jetties	...	...	...	...
Navigation of Rivers	...	...	...	...
Bridges	...	...	...	...
Roads	298 18 5	396 3 0	707 5 2	3,500
Ferries	...	...	630 0 0	261
Clutha Coal Field	...	...	...	...
Electric Telegraphs	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous, including Grants-in-Aid, Purchase of Runs, Compensations, Charitable Aid, Witnesses Expenses, &c., and Loan to Town Boards	210 13 3	1,451 7 3	887 1 8	3,038
Debentures, Repayment Interest and Sinking Fund	...	...	...	...
Bank Interest, Exchange and Commission	...	...	...	...
Harbor Reclamation	...	...	...	...
Harbor, Advance from Revenue, prior to Issue of Debentures	...	...	...	...
	2,014 2 9	5,250 4 5	9,180 8 3	15,096

Treasury, Dunedin, November 25, 1865.

53, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1865.

For Half-Year to March 31st, 1862.	For Half-Year to September 30th, 1862.	For Half-Year to March 31st, 1863.	For one Year to March 31st, 1864.	For Half-Year to September 30th, 1864.	For Half-Year to March 31st, 1865.	For Half-Year to September 30th, 1865.	TOTALS.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
5,806 3 8	27,317 10 0	46,698 5 10	97,342 3 0	36,734 8 7	37,156 6 6	38,583 13 7	357,461 9 10
2,513 0 10	20,371 18 5	36,171 11 2	69,919 14 4	28,714 18 5	20,670 6 1	15,215 13 3	230,577 2 6
3,681 7 11	53,577 16 0	55,480 3 2	80,589 0 6	95,475 9 11	42,863 16 10	45,994 6 7	658,318 4 8
...	...	...	33,255 16 0	15,839 11 6	11,150 18 6	8,295 8 0	68,541 14 0
597 11 2	1,038 7 8	3,581 5 2	2,761 7 2	367 14 3	1,738 5 1	718 19 2	17,870 3 5
...	...	...	...	177 7 0	390 19 0	718 9 6	1,286 15 6
2,447 0 0	4,505 0 0	2,614 10 0	10,515 18 4	5,979 10 0	5,344 10 0	3,679 19 0	38,762 13 2
2,348 8 0	2,480 13 9	4,359 16 6	9,920 16 2	2,486 4 4	1,016 4 2	63 9 6	24,170 18 3
117 10 0	92 1 0	59 2 0	258 8 0	1,115 10 0	309 10 6	1,264 6 0	4,677 15 0
2,073 8 10	5,179 2 5	3,362 19 7	6,140 5 2	4,560 8 9	3,191 13 6	3,480 15 9	55,280 18 1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	799 17 2
1,864 12 11	...	22,621 17 2	34,472 2 4	15,541 4 1	10,840 3 7	25,650 15 3	122,049 18 2
446 9 0	435 9 4	397 18 6	...	...	...	...	1,819 16 10
...	...	...	1,042 11 11	2,901 16 1	3,407 9 8	6,171 2 8	13,523 0 4
281 5 11	1,105 15 5	92 12 8	2,782 13 6	2,866 15 6	3,468 0 7	181 15 6	14,204 0 9
87 0 0	419 5 0	172 10 6	1,406 0 3	1,403 2 10	1,155 13 7	305 0 1	5,248 9 9
1,093 18 11	1,237 18 5	1,555 10 0	3,663 2 11	1,791 13 6	1,110 13 7	1,175 14 0	14,119 15 8
2 11 6	386 4 1	177 16 4	302 1 9	141 14 9	78 16 6	66 1 6	1,266 9 0
298 17 2	159 1 11	179 14 2	930 2 4	711 4 0	752 16 11	798 13 9	4,626 7 11
84 14 6	46 18 5	81 4 5	198 2 1	115 19 10	90 3 3	67 8 7	704 7 1
...	...	8 6 0	4,724 17 6	5,468 12 7	3,330 4 6	2,562 2 5	16,094 3 0
...	...	...	99 1 0	92 5 9	119 5 0	55 3 0	365 14 9
...	...	...	...	...	319 8 3	81 4 0	400 12 3
744 0 4	118,353 1 10	177,615 3 2	360,324 4 3	222,485 11 8	148,505 5 7	155,130 1 1	1,652,170 6 10

ALFRED F. OSWIN,
Sub-Treasurer.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.

RE FROM OCTOBER 1, 1853, TO SI

Year	For the Year Ended September 30th, 1858.	For the Year Ended September 30th, 1859.	For the Year Ended September 30th, 1860.	For the Year Ended September 30th, 1861.	For Half-year Ended March 31st, 1862.	For Half-year Ended September 30th, 1862.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
0 0	580 0 0	730 0 0	855 0 0	738 13 1	856 16 0	1,169 13 3
0 0	100 0 0	75 0 0	272 14 0	687 9 8	867 11 11	1,019 3 4

0 0	240 0 0	275 0 0	387 10 0	325 0 0	191 13 4	281 19 4
	...	3,351 19 8	4,084 4 2	2,400 5 5	935 0 1	1,886 9 4
	...	3,609 3 2	7,099 14 1	10,454 1 8	5,060 5 5	6,728 8 6
6 2	952 4 9	1,087 8 8	2,163 0 7	2,243 5 1	16,429 6 2	15,138 13 6

7 7	676 19 6	1,183 11 4	2,336 19 4	2,844 3 3	3,761 19 1	4,064 9 10
	...	...	...	4,485 5 9	2,301 5 8	2,557 13 3
1 8	335 13 2	472 3 0	939 16 5	811 13 8	1,950 16 5	3,244 2 4

0 0	240 0 0	275 0 0	387 10 0	475 0 0	300 0 0	320 16 8
3 0	754 12 10	1,072 10 0	1,060 0 0	830 0 0	335 15 6	1,029 19 4
9 0	10,727 0 0	4,340 0 0	16,789 17 10	22,587 10 1	11,991 7 11	2,134 12 7
0 0	2,600 0 0	3,000 0 0	2,026 1 11	4,610 18 5	1,715 15 10	1,460 2 3
0 10	441 4 8	681 15 11	919 13 0	921 15 9	1,627 16 6	3,955 4 4

	...	...	...	...	...	3,710 15 5
	...	...	...	...	...	335 4 10
1 1	399 0 0	341 4 0	240 0 0	265 16 8	...	...
0 0	...	3,633 6 8	5,287 10 0	4,687 10 0	1,062 10 0	2,100 0 0
	3,699 14 6	2,411 5 6	9,610 17 6	15,058 16 3	15,609 15 7	20,038 4 9
	...	1,199 18 5	4,272 17 8	2,034 4 0	1,806 3 10	1,658 2 0
	19 0 0	213 3 0	15 6 11	...	...	1,103 19 10
	...	533 5 0	...	2,313 15 7	417 14 8	3,451 2 11
0 0	6,920 0 3	10,555 9 1	26,142 4 0	30,007 6 5	26,091 10 11	66,033 18 1
12 0	483 0 2	148 17 10	370 0 9	50 0 0	...	1,032 4
	...	727 15 5	4,916 13 4	1,100 0 0	386 2 9	...
	...	...	...	...	...	275 12
2 6	4,846 19 4	2,017 9 11	2,272 9 9	3,948 16 3	13,468 4 8	14,297 18 :
	1,107 17 6	2,058 15 1	357 13 6	3,209 3 7	2,013 11 7	1,162 11 9
	...	...	8 11 5	349 17 6	129 15 8	23 4 0

13 10	35,123 6 8	43,994 1 8	92,816 6 2	117,440 8 1	109,310 19 6	160,214 6 :

PROVINCE OF OTAGO.

REVENUE FROM OCTOBER 1, 18

For one Year to September 30th, 1856.	For one Year to September 30th, 1857.	For one Year to September 30th, 1858.	For one Year to September 30th, 1859.	For one Year to September 30th, 1860.	For one Year to September 30th, 1861.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,996 12 3	2,936 16 6	3,971 2 10	6,893 14 3	10,281 1 7	15,452 12 1
...
721 11 0	13,628 1 0	19,050 16 0	55,071 2 8	71,250 11 9	43,886 4 0
...
43 15 2	66 4 11	1,140 8 10	546 17 8	1,015 5 7	3,691 19 1
...
210 0 0	314 5 0	444 2 6	683 15 0	624 17 6	1,089 5 10
105 1 2	70 13 9	97 4 11	267 2 9	304 12 8	517 6 10
283 0 0	134 10 0	209 7 6	153 10 0	202 10 0	282 10 0
1,399 9 1	1,287 19 9	714 15 11	3,758 11 0	6,218 8 11	89,12 19 5
318 11 2	142 1 6	339 4 6	...	...	...
1,043 0 0	370 11 0	3,000 0 0	594 1 6	...	6,051 10 4
...	30 16 8	116 13 4	130 0 0	152 10 0	110 0 0
...
...	...	522 2 5	1,033 2 8	852 11 7	1,017 5 0
...	...	...	66 0 0	88 10 0	145 7 6
...	...	...	636 15 2	781 0 11	1,073 8 3
...	...	...	43 10 3	67 12 4	...
...	...	...	...	...	795 17 8
...	...	...	...	...	19 16 0
...
...
...
...
6,120 19 10	18,982 0 1	29,605 18 9	69,878 2 11	91,839 12 10	83,046 2 0

SEPTEMBER 30, 1865.

For Half-year Ended March 31st, 1863.	For the Year Ended March 31st, 1864.	For Half-year Ended September 30th, 1864.	For Half-year Ended March 31st, 1865.	For Half-year Ended September 30th, 1865.	TOTALS.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,474 8 7	1,512 10 0	700 0 0	700 0 0	675 0 0	117,72 0 11
1,464 5 9	6,796 19 4	4,009 1 8	3,298 19 3	3,207 8 7	22,303 11 0
...	1,783 19 7	723 19 11	712 4 0	670 3 3	3,890 6 9
404 3 4	334 11 7	541 13 0	535 0 2	505 0 8	4,606 2 8
1,888 6 6	4,192 2 6	1,685 1 0	2,047 0 6	2,071 3 0	24,541 12 2
7,680 1 3	21,215 3 1	12,490 9 3	7,794 19 7	5,560 17 2	87,693 3 2
21,815 10 11	75,840 11 9	24,311 18 11	19,961 19 6	12,903 9 0	195,487 2 11
...	...	...	...	2,861 8 1	2,861 8 1
6,325 3 9	13,250 17 2	5,667 8 8	3,565 3 11	1,791 11 2	47,260 14 6
5,725 8 11	22,594 7 4	12,168 11 0	10,754 5 1	8,823 2 6	69,409 19 6
3,700 11 11	10,757 18 4	6,915 4 3	5,918 0 8	5,721 15 0	41,856 17 0
1,312 5 11	3,263 2 9	1,723 5 6	1,618 17 1	...	8,417 11 3
345 5 11	1,257 8 8	721 12 6	751 16 9	646 9 5	6,255 11 2
800 10 2	2,499 14 2	1,369 10 0	1,518 14 2	1,457 1 4	13,158 10 6
8,235 9 7	15,468 19 3	1,118 10 11	3,463 12 4	2,034 12 6	104,556 1 9
1,505 4 5	18,377 8 1	3,162 4 1	3,855 13 10	3,532 13 6	48,456 2 4
4,096 14 10	9,791 19 4	4,302 12 6	4,503 10 2	3,463 19 1	35,301 15 5
...	1,723 13 5	1,391 14 10	1,236 5 7	1,257 5 0	5,608 18 10
...	340 2 2	212 9 10	251 8 4	274 0 5	1,078 0 9
...	...	...	1,175 4 6	1,504 5 8	2,679 10 2
...	1,467 9 7	1,677 8 1	1,499 4 0	1,043 8 0	5,687 9 8
2,595 0 8	7,361 8 1	3,042 6 2	409 18 0	...	17,119 8 4
1,683 9 5	3,395 1 0	1,354 12 11	684 11 5	450 2 1	7,903 1 8
...	...	...	...	...	2,016 11 5
2,700 0 0	2,283 6 8	900 0 0	1,462 10 0	600 0 0	24,966 13 4
16,840 8 4	76,041 4 6	28,270 1 11	12,461 10 2	5,303 1 6	206,259 11 3
244 10 7	1,979 4 1	1,525 1 1	23 3 5	52 17 5	14,796 2 6
...	9,248 4 11	3,346 0 3	5,912 15 9	...	19,838 10 8
7,240 19 3	24,227 15 5	14,729 18 7	9,277 14 1	2,334 3 0	64,526 8 6
55,516 18 5	247,586 17 7	89,521 9 8	42,444 1 1	20,670 14 8	626,392 16 9
880 16 9	3,433 6 4	150 9 3	159 14 9	15 4 0	7,624 6 4
...	...	...	...	...	7,130 11 6
75 2 4	883 10 0	15,645 10 5	2,692 16 0	1,456 18 4	21,029 9 9
15,773 13 6	43,518 11 9	49,631 9 11	22,368 6 4	8,434 18 9	186,156 3 6
351 9 6	5,575 12 7	7,710 15 9	13,645 6 9	11,706 11 10	48,899 8 10
361 7 3	6,663 18 7	8,239 3 5	20,795 4 2	819 3 6	37,390 5 6
...	21,618 12 7	13,136 2 11	15,219 13 2	14,407 19 8	64,382 8 4
...	27,373 15 5	...	...	...	27,373 15 5
171,546 7 9	693,659 7 7	322,095 8 2	222,719 4 6	126,256 8 1	2,126,718 4 1

ALFRED F. OSWIN,
Sub-Treasurer.

ABSTRACT OF

	For one Year to September 30th, 1854.	For one Year to September 30th, 1855.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Customs, three-eighths	3,170 4 7	3,120 14 7
Gold Export Duty ... ..	...	...
Land Sales and Pastoral Rents	612 2 6	435 14 7
Miners' Rights and Licenses ... ..	...	...
Incidental Receipts	421 4 10	140 17 6
Do. on Gold Fields ... ..	...	...
Provincial Licenses	170 0 0	140 0 0
Harbor Dues	43 12 6	89 11 8
Dog Tax	78 10 0	117 10 0
Immigration Repayments ... ..	...	...
Resident Magistrate's Court (Fines) ... ..	...	...
Surplus Revenue and Refunds ... ..	...	...
Ferries ... ..	...	...
Tolls on Roads ... ..	...	...
Sheep Assessment ... ..	...	...
Rents "Miscellaneous" ... ..	...	...
Jetty Dues ... ..	...	...
Hospital Repayments ... ..	...	...
Education Fees and Books ... ..	...	...
Lithographic Maps ... ..	...	...
Gaol, Prison Labor ... ..	...	...
Do. Maintenance of Debtors ... ..	...	...
Lunatic Asylum Repayments ... ..	...	...
	4,495 14 5	4,044 8 1

Treasury, Dunedin, November 25, 1865.



COUNCIL PAPER.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF OTAGO, FOR THE YEAR FROM 1ST OCTOBER 1865, TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1866.

Crown Lands - - - -	£60,000	0	0
Miners' Rights, Licenses, &c. - - - -	12,000	0	0
Customs - - - -	70,000	0	0
Gold Export Duty - - - -	30,000	0	0
Jetty Dues - - - -	3,696	0	0
Tolls on Roads - - - -	10,992	0	0
Sheep Assessment - - - -	3,500	0	0
Dog Tax - - - -	1,500	0	0
Licenses - - - -	10,000	0	0
School Fees and Books - - - -	1,650	0	0
Repayments, Hospital and Lunatic Asylum - - - -	300	0	0
Gaol, Maintenance of Debtors - - - -	100	0	0
Do. Prison Labor - - - -	4,500	0	0
Lithographic Maps - - - -	100	0	0
Half Expense of Gold Fields Officers paid by General Government- - - -	4,200	0	0
Immigration, Repayment of Passage Money - - - -	6,500	0	0
Rents, Ground and other - - - -	1,200	0	0
Incidental Receipts - - - -	1,000	0	0
Incidental Receipts on Gold Fields - - - -	1,000	0	0
	222,238	0	0
Balance due by Bank New Zealand, London, estimated - - - -			
Unsold Debentures - - - -			
Harbor Dues under New Act - - - -			

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PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.

DETAIL OF THE SUMS PROPOSED TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HEREINAFTER STATED.

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION.				TOTALS.			
				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES.					
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. SUPERINTENDENT AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.											
1	1	Superintendent	483	6	8	900	0	0			
1	1	Secretary to do.	191	13	4	350	0	0	1250	0	0
EXECUTIVE.											
1	1	Provincial Secretary	290	0	0	540	0	0			
1	1	Do. Treasurer, and Secretary for Public Works	290	0	0	540	0	0			
	1	Provincial Solicitor				540	0	0			
4	3	Non-Official Members	366	13	4	450	0	0	2070	0	0
II. PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.											
1	1	Speaker	96	13	4	180	0	0			
1	1	Chairman of Committees	48	6	8	90	0	0			
1	1	Clerk and Librarian	166	13	4	300	0	0			
1	1	Serjeant at Arms	10	0	0	20	0	0	590	0	0
		Council Accommodation and Expenses of Select Committees	200	0	0			150	0	0	
		Expenses of Country Members	658	0	0			1200	0	0	
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	600	0	0			600	0	0	
		Incidental Expenses, Clerical Assistance, &c.	90	0	0			150	0	0	2100
AUDITOR.											
1	1	Auditor	241	13	4	450	0	0			
1	1	Deputy-Auditor	48	6	8	90	0	0	540	0	0
		Carry forward	3781	6	8	4450	0	0	2100	0	0
									6550	0	0

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION.						TOTALS.				
				SALARIES.			CONTINGENCIES.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
		Brought forward ...	3781	6	8	4450	0	0	2100	0	0	6550	0	0
		III.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.												
		SECRETARY'S OFFICE.												
1	1	Under Secretary ...	241	13	4	450	0	0						
1	1	Clerk ...	140	0	0	240	0	0						
1	1	Do. ...	110	0	0	200	0	0				890	0	0
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	50	0	0				50	0	0			
		Clerical Assistance ...	25	0	0				25	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...	50	0	0				50	0	0	125	0	0
		SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.												
1		Solicitor ...	283	6	8									
1	1	Clerk ...	140	0	0	240	0	0				240	0	0
		Incidental Expenses ...	50	0	0									
		Clerical Assistance ...	25	0	0				100	0	0	100	0	0
		CROWN LANDS.												
1	1	Chief Commissioner ...	333	6	8	600	0	0						
1	1	Clerk ...	191	13	4	350	0	0						
1	1	Do. ...	123	6	8	240	0	0						
2	1	Do. ...	216	13	4	200	0	0						
1		Do. ...	66	13	4									
1	1	Do. to Receiver of Land Revenue	191	13	4	300	0	0						
1	1	Assistant do. ...	100	0	0	200	0	0						
1	1	Do. to Tax Collector ...	87	10	0									
1	1	Clerk for Crown Grants ...	123	6	8	240	0	0						
1	2	Assistant do. ...	100	0	0	400	0	0						
1	1	Do. Youth ...	50	0	0	100	0	0						
1		Ranger of Bush Reserves	63	14	0							2,630	0	0
		Non-Official Members of Waste Land Board ...	25	0	0				20	0	0			
		Rangers of Bush Reserves ...	100	0	0				100	0	0			
		Refunds on Land ..	150	0	0				300	0	0			
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	250	0	0				500	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...	300	0	0				100	0	0			
		Printing for Receiver of Land Revenue ...	150	0	0				200	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses for do. ...	50	0	0				50	0	0	1,270	0	0
		SURVEY DEPARTMENT.												
1	1	Chief Surveyor ...	333	6	8	600	0	0						
1	1	Geodesical do. ...	225	0	0	450	0	0						
3	3	District do. ...	525	0	0	1,050	0	0						
		Carry forward ...	8652	10	8	10,310	0	0	3595	0	0	11,805	0	0

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION.						TOTALS.				
				SALARIES.			CONTINGENCIES.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
		Brought forward ..	8,652	10	8	10,310	0	0	3,595	0	0	11,805	0	0
		III.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT— <i>Continued.</i>												
		SURVEY DEPARTMENT— <i>Continued</i>												
2	2	Assistant Surveyors ...	280	0	0	560	0	0						
3	3	Sub-Assistant do. ...	345	0	0	690	0	0						
1	1	Chief Draughtsman ...	200	0	0	400	0	0						
2	2	Assistant do. ...	250	0	0	500	0	0						
2	2	Do. do. ...	225	0	0	450	0	0						
2	2	Do. do. ...	200	0	0	400	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. ...	23	8	0	47	4	0				5,697	4	0
		Laborers' Wages ...	1,970	0	0				3,870	0	0			
		Allowance in lieu of Rations ...	1,050	0	0				2,520	0	0			
		Equipment of Survey Parties ...	300	0	0				800	0	0			
		Travelling Expenses ...	200	0	0				200	0	0			
		Lithographic Materials ...	50	0	0				100	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...	75	0	0				150	0	0			
		Outstanding Accounts ...	200	0	0				225	0	0			
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	75	0	0				200	0	0	8,065	0	0
		POLICE.												
1	1	Commissioner ...	333	6	8	600	0	0						
1	1	Clerk and Accountant ...	156	13	4	240	0	0						
1	1	Inspector ...	191	13	4	350	0	0						
3	2	Sub-Inspectors ...	500	0	0	600	0	0						
		(per diem)												
1	1	Mounted Sergeant (12s. 6d.)	120	9	6	228	2	6						
8	8	Do. do. (11s. 6d.)	890	12	0	1,679	0	0						
11	10	Mounted Constables (10s. 6d.)	1,123	18	6	1,916	5	0						
5	3	Do. do. (9s. 6d.)	465	2	6	520	2	6						
	2	Do. do. 3 months. (9s. 6d.)				87	8	0						
4	3	Foot Sergeants (12s. 6d.)	463	12	0	657	0	0						
9	9	Foot Sergeants (11s.)	960	15	0	1,806	15	0						
38	28	Do. Constables (10s.)	3,708	16	0	5,110	0	0						
13	6	Do. do. (9s.)	1,149	17	0	985	10	0						
	6	Do. do. 3 months. (9s.)				248	8	0						
1	1	Qr.-Master Sergeant (12s.)	115	18	0	219	0	0						
1	1	Water Police (12s.)	115	18	0	219	0	0						
1	1	Do. (11s.)	106	15	0									
4	3	Do. Constables (10s.)	390	8	0	547	10	0						
1	1	Detective in charge ...	123	5	4									
1	2	Do., 1st class, (12s.)	122	0	0	438	0	0						
2	2	Do., 2nd class, (11s.)	225	14		401	10	0						
5	2	Do., 3rd class, (10s.)	518	10		365	0	0						
4	4	Female Cooks and Searchers (£25)	50	0		100	0	0				17,318	11	0
		Carry forward	26,204	2	10	31,225	15	0	11,660	0	0	42,885	15	0

		NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.	LAST APPROPRIATION.	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION.				TOTALS.						
				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES.								
				£	s.	d.	£		s.	d.				
		Brought forward ...	26,204	2	10	31,225	15	0	11,660	0	0	42,885	15	0
III. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT— <i>Continued.</i>														
POLICE— <i>Continued.</i>														
		Gold Fields allowance ...	250	0	0				100	0	0			
		Travelling Expenses ...	100	0	0				200	0	0			
		Transport of Prisoners ...	50	0	0				100	0	0			
		Shoeing and Farriery ...	70	0	0				140	0	0			
		Saddlery and Repairs ...	10	0	0				30	0	0			
		Stores and Furniture ...	30	0	0				30	0	0			
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	90	0	0				180	0	0			
		Transport of Stores ...	50	0	0				60	0	0			
		Fuel and Light ...	390	0	0				750	0	0			
		Electric-Telegraph Messages ...	30	0	0				30	0	0			
		Compensation for loss of Clothing, and Medical Expenses ...	20	0	0				30	0	0			
		Special Detective Service ...	30	0	0				30	0	0			
		Rewards ...	20	0	0				30	0	0			
		Police Paddocks ...	50	0	0				100	0	0			
		Temporary Accommodation ...	50	0	0				50	0	0			
		Drill Instructors ...	18	6	0				18	5	0			
		Prisoners' Rations ...	50	0	0				60	0	0			
		Incidental Expenses ...	50	0	0				80	0	0			
		Forage ...							600	0	0			
		Arms, Accoutrements, and Repairs ...							30	0	0	2,648	5	0
ESCORT.														
1	1	Sub-Inspector ...	166	13	4	300	0	0						
1	1	Mounted Serjeant at 12s. 6d. per day ...	120	9	6	228	2	6						
2	2	Do. Constables at 10s. 6d. „ ...	204	7	0	383	5	0						
2	2	Do. Do. at 9s. 6d. „ ...	186	1	0	346	15	0						
1	1	Escort Driver at 11s. „ ...	106	15	0	200	15	0						
1	1	Foot Constable at 10s. „ ...	97	12	0	182	10	0						
TUAPEKA BRANCH.														
1	1	Escort Driver at 9s. „ ...	88	9	0	164	5	0						
MOUNT IDA BRANCH.														
1	1	Mounted Constable at 10s. 6d. „ ...	102	3	6	191	12	6						
1	1	Foot Do. at 10s. „ ...	97	12	0	182	10	0						
MAORI POINT BRANCH.														
1	1	Mounted Constable at 9s. 6d. „ ...	102	3	6	173	7	6						
1	1	Do. Do. at 10s. 6d. „ Dunedin ...	102	3	6	191	12	6				2,544	15	0
		Gold Fields Allowance ...	200	0	0				400	0	0			
		Accommodation for Men and Horses on Escort ...	200	0	0				350	0	0			
		Forage ...	700	0	0				1,100	0	0			
		Shoeing and Farriery ...	180	0	0				360	0	0			
		Saddlery and Repairs ...	50	0	0				100	0	0			
		Carry forward ...	30,266	18	2	33,770	10	0	16,618	5	0	48,078	15	0

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				SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
		Brought forward ...	30,266 18 2	33,770 10 0	16,618 5 0	48,078 15 0	
III. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT—Continued.							
POLICE—Continued.							
		Vehicles and Repairs ...	40 0 0		80 0 0		
		Stores and Furniture ...	20 0 0		20 0 0		
		Printing Advertising and Stationery ...	10 0 0		10 0 0		
		Fuel and Light ...	60 0 0		100 0 0		
		Police Paddocks ...	50 0 0			2520 0 0	
HARBOR.							
1	1	Harbor Master ...	283 6 8	500 0 0			
1	1	Assistant Do. ...	145 16 8	275 0 0			
1	1	Clerk ...	123 6 8	240 0 0			
2	1	Apprentice Pilot ...	100 0 0	100 0 0			
1	1	Master of Launch ...	123 6 8	240 0 0			
2	2	Crew of Do. ...	140 0 0	240 0 0			
5	5	Crew of Pilot Boat ...	361 0 0	630 0 0			
3	3	Signal Masters ...	233 6 8	450 0 0			
1	1	Light Keeper, Port Chalmers Jetty ...	25 0 0	30 0 0			
1	1	Beach Master, Oamaru ...	60 0 0	120 0 0		2825 0 0	
		Pilot Schooner ...	100 0 0		150 0 0		
		Boats ...	30 0 0		100 0 0		
		Signals and Flagstaves ...	20 0 0		50 0 0		
		Buoys and Beacons ...	50 0 0		100 0 0		
		Fuel and Light ...	35 0 0		50 0 0		
		Travelling Expenses ...	30 0 0		60 0 0		
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	20 0 0		50 0 0		
		Incidental Expenses ...	25 0 0		30 0 0	590 0 0	
GOLD RECEIVER.							
1	1	Chief Gold Receiver ...	150 0 0	300 0 0		300 0 0	
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	25 0 0		12 0 0		
		Incidental Expenses ...	75 0 0		50 0 0	62 0 0	
GAOL.							
1	1	Gaoler ...	191 13 4	350 0 0			
1	1	Matron ...	30 0 0	60 0 0			
1	1	Clerk and Storekeeper ...	120 0 0	240 0 0			
1	1	Chief Warder ...	150 0 0	300 0 0			
2	1	Overseer of Labor ...	216 13 4	200 0 0			
1	1	Sergeant Warder at 12s. per day ...	115 18 0	219 0 0			
2	2	" at 11s. " ...	213 10 0	401 10 0			
		Warders at 10s. ...		1642 10 0			
18	2	Do. at 10s and 9s. per day ...	1708 0 0	334 12 0			
		Do. at 10s. and 9s. per day ...		829 0 0			
1	1	Female Warder at 5s. ...	45 15 0	91 5 0		4667 17 0	
		Rations ...	1380 0 0		2100 0 0		
		Stores and Furniture ...	70 0 0		150 0 0		
		Library ...	10 0 0		10 0 0		
		Fuel and Light ...	200 0 0		350 0 0		
		Carry forward ...	37,053 11 2	41,563 7 0	20,090 5 0	59,043 12 0	

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			SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	37,053 11 2	41,563 7 0	20,090 5 0	59,043 12 0
III. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT— <i>Continued.</i>					
GAOL— <i>Continued.</i>					
	Medicines and Medical comforts ...	100 0 0		150 0 0	
	Tools, and materials for employment of Prisoners	1100 0 0		1800 0 0	
	Clothes and Bedding	100 0 0		300 0 0	
	Printing and Stationery	15 0 0		20 0 0	
	Relief of Prisoners discharged ...	20 0 0		30 0 0	
	Incidental Expenses	150 0 0		250 0 0	5160 0 0
DISTRICT GAOLS.					
9	9 Gaolers	870 0 0	1620 0 0		1620 0 0
	Rations, Tools, Stores, &c. ..	600 0 0		1200 0 0	1200 0 0
GOLD FIELDS.					
1	1 Secretary	333 6 8	600 0 0		
1	1 Clerk and Draughtsman	150 0 0	300 0 0		
1	1 Do.	120 0 0	240 0 0		
11	{ 6 Wardens	2908 6 8	3000 0 0		
	2 Sub-Wardens		800 0 0		
13	{ 7 Registrars and Receivers acting as Clerks of Court	1800 0 0	2450 0 0		
4	Inspectors of Licenses	216 13 4			
4	{ 2 Bailiffs	386 13 4	460 0 0	360 0 0	
4	4 Mining Surveyors	766 13 4	1400 0 0		
4	4 Assistant Do.	666 13 4	900 0 0		11460 0 0
	Fuel and Light	300 0 0		300 0 0	
	Office Furniture	50 0 0		100 0 0	
	Horse Allowance	100 0 0			
	Travelling Expenses	75 0 0		150 0 0	
	Surveyors Field parties	75 0 0		100 0 0	
	Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	150 0 0		100 0 0	
	Carriage of Stores	50 0 0		50 0 0	
	Incidental Expenses	100 0 0		100 0 0	900 0 0
		48,606 17 10	54,643 7 0	24,740 5 0	79,383 12 0
Total Superintendent, Executive, Provincial Council, and Provincial Secretary, carried to total Provincial Treasurer					£79,383 12 0

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				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward ..	48,606 17 10			
IV.—TREASURY.						
1	1	Sub-Treasurer	233 6 8	400 0 0		
1	1	Clerk to Treasurer	166 13 4	300 0 0		
1	1	Clerk	131 13 4	240 0 0		940 0 0
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ..	37 10 0		150 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses	12 10 0		50 0 0	200 0 0
SHEEP INSPECTOR.						
1	1	Chief Inspector	333 6 8	600 0 0		
6	7	Sub-Inspectors	1000 0 0	2100 0 0		
1	1	Registrar of Brands and Clerk ..	123 6 8	240 0 0		2940 0 0
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		50 0 0	50 0 0
IMMIGRATION.						
1	1	Immigration Agent	191 13 4	350 0 0		
1	1	Clerk to do.	100 0 0	200 0 0		
1	1	Matron	50 0 0	100 0 0		650 0 0
		Travelling Expenses	50 0 0		100 0 0	
		Fuel and Light	20 0 0		50 0 0	
		Rations	50 0 0		200 0 0	
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ..	10 0 0		40 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		100 0 0	490 0 0
EDUCATION.						
1	1	Secretary	241 13 4	450 0 0		
1	1	Clerk	30 0 0	60 0 0		510 0 0
HIGH SCHOOL.						
1	1	Head Master	275 0 0	550 0 0		
	2	Masters to 3rd July, 1866	450 0 0	682 5 2		
2	2	„ 4th July to 30th September, 1866 ..		242 18 8		
1	1	Master	150 0 0	300 0 0		
	1	„		200 0 0		
1	1	Charwoman	20 0 0	40 0 0		2015 3 10
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.						
54	50	Teachers at £50 per annum ..	1350 0 0	2500 0 0		
		Do. New Schools	100 0 0	150 0 0		
		Do. Gold Fields	300 0 0	700 0 0		
		Do. New Schools	100 0 0	175 0 0		3525 0 0
EDUCATION—GENERAL CONTINGENCIES.						
		Travelling Expenses	35 0 0		90 0 0	
		Expense of Pupil Teachers	35 0 0		140 0 0	
		Advance for School Books			450 0 0	
		Public Libraries	500 0 0		250 0 0	
		Rents, and other Incidental Expenses connected with School Buildings ..	150 0 0		275 0 0	
		Carry forward ..	54,953 11 2	10,580 3 10	1,945 0 0	11,320 3 10

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			SALARIES.		CONTINGENCIES.			
			£	s.	d.		£	s.
	Brought forward ...	54,953 11 2	10,580 3 10	1,945 0 0	11,320 3 10			
	IV. TREASURY—Continued.							
	EDUCATION—GENERAL CONTINGENCIES—Continued.							
	Purchase of Sites			175 0 0				
	Free Schools	175 0 0		340 0 0				
	Clyde School			100 0 0				
	Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ..	10 0 0		20 0 0				
	Incidental Expenses	10 0 0		20 0 0	1860 0 0			
	HIGH SCHOOL.							
	Rent Allowance to Masters	150 0 0		227 8 4				
	Prizes			20 0 0				
	Printing, Fuel, Light, and Incidental Expenses	25 0 0		50 0 0	297 8 4			
	HOSPITAL.							
1	1 Provincial Surgeon	250 0 0	500 0 0					
1	1 Assistant Do.	100 0 0						
1	1 Resident Do.	150 0 0	300 0 0					
1	1 Dispenser	75 0 0	150 0 0					
1	1 Storekeeper	100 0 0	200 0 0					
1	1 Matron	30 0 0	60 0 0					
1	1 Midwife	30 0 0	60 0 0					
1	1 Laundress	75 0 0	60 0 0					
8	7 Male Attendant	386 13 4	560 0 0					
3	3 Male Attendants	150 0 0	300 0 0					
7	6 Female do.	175 0 0	300 0 0					
1	1 Chaplain	125 0 0						
	1 Female Attendant		35 0 0		2525 0 0			
	Rations	1500 0 0		3000 0 0				
	Stores and Furniture	250 0 0		200 0 0				
	Fuel and Light	150 0 0		500 0 0				
	Instruments	15 0 0		40 0 0				
	Medicines and Medical comforts	400 0 0		800 0 0				
	Bedding and Clothing	75 0 0		200 0 0				
	Stationery	20 0 0		40 0 0				
	Incidental Expenses	150 0 0		300 0 0	5080 0 0			
	LUNATIC ASYLUM.							
1	1 Surgeon	33 6 8						
1	1 House Steward	100 0 0	200 0 0					
1	1 Matron	50 0 0	100 0 0					
4	4 Male Attendants	200 0 0	400 0 0					
2	2 Female do.	50 0 0	100 0 0					
1	1 Laundress	25 0 0	50 0 0					
1	1 Attendant	17 10 0	35 0 0		885 0 0			
	Rations	750 0 0		2000 0 0				
	Stores and Furniture	100 0 0		250 0 0				
	Fuel and Light	100 0 0		250 0 0				
	Medicines and Medical Comforts	100 0 0		250 0 0				
	Carry forward ...	61,056 1 2	13,990 3 10	10,727 8 4	21,967 12 2			

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		SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ..	61,056 1 2	13,990 3 10	10,727 8 4	21,967 12 2
IV. TREASURY— <i>Continued.</i>				
LUNATIC ASYLUM— <i>Continued.</i>				
Bedding and Clothing	125 0 0		250 0 0	
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ...	12 10 0		25 0 0	
Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		100 0 0	3125 0 0
STOREKEEPER.				
Storekeeper, and Accountant	241 13 4	450 0 0		450 0 0
Cartage			50 0 0	
Repairing Stores			60 0 0	
Incidental Expenses	25 0 0		50 0 0	160 0 0
	61,510 4 6	14,440 3 10	11,262 8 4	25,702 12 2

Total Superintendent, Executive Council, Provincial Council, and Provincial Secretary	£79,383 12 0
Total Provincial Treasurer	25,702 12 2
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	£105,086 4 2

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				SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward ...	61,510 4 6			
V. SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.						
1	1	Assistant Engineer	116 13 4			
2	2	District do.	400 0 0	800 0 0		
1	1	Inspector	125 0 0	250 0 0		
2		Do.	166 13 4			
1		Do.	125 0 0			
1	1	Draughtsman	150 0 0	300 0 0		
1		Accountant	116 13 4			
1	1	Inspector of Works and Buildings ..	150 0 0	300 0 0		1,650 0 0
		Horse Allowance	200 0 0		300 0 0	
		Travelling Expenses	200 0 0		500 0 0	
		Instruments	15 0 0			
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ..	50 0 0		50 0 0	
		Fuel and Light	10 0 0			
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		25 0 0	
		Horse Allowance	50 0 0			875 0 0
COMMISSION ON ROADS.						
1	1	Commissoner	191 13 4	350 0 0		
1	1	Surveyor	100 0 0			
1		Do.	120 16 8	225 0 0		
1	1	Clerk and Draughtsman	120 16 8	225 0 0		
1		Clerk	83 6 8			800 0 0
		Laborers' Wages, Allowance in Lieu of Rations, and Equipment for Field Parties	300 0 0		100 0 0	
		Horse Allowance	50 0 0		50 0 0	
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ..	60 0 0		60 0 0	
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		60 0 0	
		Draughtsman preparing District Maps ..			50 0 0	
		Travelling Expenses			150 0 0	470 0 0
RAILWAY ENGINEER.						
1	1	Chief Engineer	500 0 0	166 13 4		
1	1	Assistant Engineer	200 0 0	33 6 8		
1	1	Surveyor	150 0 0	50 0 0		
1	1	Draughtsman	150 0 0	20 16 8		270 16 8
		Laborers' Wages and Ration Allowance &c. ..	400 0 0		106 10 0	
		Travelling Expenses	300 0 0		145 8 6	
		Office Rent	60 0 0		16 13 4	
		Incidental Expenses	100 0 0		32 2 0	300 13 10
MARINE ENGINEER.						
1	1	Marine Engineer	500 0 0	88 6 8		
1	1	Assistant Engineer	150 0 0	50 0 0		
1	1	Clerk	123 6 8	40 0 0		
1	1	Dredge Engineer	91 0 0			
1	1	Master of Dredge	84 10 0	169 0 0		347 6 8
1	1	Survey Expenses	400 0 0		100 0 0	
		Instruments	50 0 0			
		Fuel and Light	10 0 0			
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ..	20 0 0		10 0 0	
		Office Rent	75 0 0		12 10 0	
		Experiments on Timber in the Sea	50 0 0			
		Incidental Expenses	50 0 0		100 0 0	
		Travelling Expenses			105 0 0	327 10 0
		Carry forward	67,950 8 6	3,068 3 4	1,973 3 10	5,041 7 2

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			SALARIES.	CONTINGENCIES.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	67,950 8 6	3,068 3 4	1,973 3 10	5,041 7 2
	V. SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS <i>—Continued.</i>				
	RECREATION GROUNDS.				
1	1 Gardener	120 16 8	225 0 0		225 0 0
	Botanical Gardens and Recreation Grounds in Dunedin	500 0 0		500 0 0	
	Purchase of Trees	50 0 0			500 0 0
		68,621 5 2	3,293 3 4	2,473 3 10	5,766 7 2

Brought forward from Total Provincial Treasurer £105,086 4 2

Do. Secretary for Public Works 5,766 7 2

£110,852 11 4

PROVINCIAL TREASURER.— GENERAL.					
MISCELLANEOUS.					
2	2 Inspectors of Weights and Measures ..	50 0 0	137 10 0	15 0 0	152 10 0
1	1 Inspector of Nuisances	131 13 4	240 0 0		240 0 0
	Public Vaccinators	175 0 0		350 0 0	
	Cleaning and Repairing Clock			41 13 4	
3	3 Messengers	180 0 0		360 0 0	751 13 4
	Carry forward	536 13 4	377 10 0	766 13 4	1,144 3 4

NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.			TOTALS.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			
PROVINCIAL TREASURER—GENERAL.			
Immigration		1500 0 0	4000 0 0
STEAM SERVICE.			
River and Coastal		600 0 0	
Carry forward		2,100 0 0	4,000 0 0

NAME OF OFFICER OR SERVICE.			TOTALS.
	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2,100	0	0
PROVINCIAL TREASURER—GENERAL.—(Continued.)			
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-half 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 January in each year, 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:—			
Lawrence Hospital	400	0	0
Clyde do.	600	0	0
Wakatipu do.	500	0	0
Oamaru do.	200	0	0
Grants-in-Aid, on condition that a statement of transactions, and account of receipts and expenditure, be furnished quarterly to the Government:—			
Benevolent Institution	2000	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Volunteers	300	0	0
Burial of Paupers	150	0	0
Relief to Destitute	175	0	0
Expenses of Returning Officers	75	0	0
Advertising	500	0	0
Printing	400	0	0
Do., <i>Gazette and Advertising Sheet</i>			900
Stationery	125	0	0
Fuel and Light	100	0	0
Collecting Dog Tax	90	0	0
Photographic Views	65	0	0
Compensation for Road Deviations, Purchase of Land and Runs	750	0	0
Meteorological Observations and Instruments	150	0	0
Pilot Board	150	0	0
Pilots' Subsidy	300	0	0
Rent of Ground (Cape Saunders Lighthouse)	10	0	0
Compensation Contingent	750	0	0
Mr. Lewis, Clutha Coal Fields,			500
Cemeteries in Gold Fields			400
West Coast Expeditions			200
Do. <i>via</i> Oamaru			50
Printing Debentures			75
General Contingencies	175	0	0
Balance of Loan of £35,000 to Town Board			171
Unforeseen Contingencies			7
			7
	10,065	0	0
			22,361
			7
			7

LOANS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repayment of Debentures, 1856	..	..	...	4,200	0	0			
Interest on do.	...	...	...	1,450	0	0			
Do. Loan, 1861	...	...	...	4,000	0	0			
Do. do., 1862	...	...	...	30,000	0	0			
Do. Harbor Loan	...	...	...	4,000	0	0			
Do. Public Buildings Loan	...	...	...	2,000	0	0			
Sinking Fund, Loan, 1861	...	...	...	1,500	0	0			
Do. 1862	...	...	...	5,000	0	0			
Do. Harbor Loan	...	...	...	1,500	0	0			
Interest on Loan, 1862, Exchange and Commission probably due to Bank at settlement of Account	...	...	...	20,000	0	0			73,650 0 0
							TOTAL.		
ROADS.				LIABILITIES AND MAINTENANCE.			TOTAL.		
Dunedin to Waikouaiti	...	...	...	3,000	0	0			
Waikouaiti to Palmerston	...	...	...	1,000	0	0			
Palmerston to Oamaru	...	...	...	500	0	0			
Dunedin to East Taieri Bridge	...	...	...	5,000	0	0			
East Taieri Bridge to Tokomairiro	...	...	...	3,000	0	0			
Tokomairiro to Clutha	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Clutha to Maitara	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge	...	...	...	1,507	0	0			
West Taieri Bridge to Rock and Pillar	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Rock and Pillar to Dunstan	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	...	...	...	300	0	0			
Tuapeka to Teviot	...	...	...	343	0	0			
Teviot to Dunstan	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Dunstan to Kowarau	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Oamaru to Lindis	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Lindis to Wanaka	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Palmerston to Kyeburn	...	...	...	950	0	0			
Kyeburn to Manuherikia	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Popotunoa to Maitara	...	...	...	100	0	0			
W. Trunk to Port Chalmers	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Do. to Moeraki Port	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Do. to Waikouaiti Port	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Oamaru to Waitaki	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Dunedin to Portobello	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Southern Trunk to Port Molyneux	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Dunedin to North Taieri	...	...	...	100	0	0			
North-east Valley to Pine Hill	...	...	...	50	0	0			
Lawrence to Wetherstone's	...	...	...	60	0	0			
Do. to Gabriel's	...	...	...	40	0	0			
Main Road through Hampden	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Do. through Dunedin	...	...	...	1,300	0	0			
Lee's Stream to Waipori	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Cromwell to Wanaka	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Roads on Gold Fields	...	...	...	2,500	0	0			
Nevis Road	...	...	...	100	0	0			21,500 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS WORKS AND BUILDINGS.									
Gold Fields Buildings	...	..	...	600	0	0			
Lunatic Asylum	...	...	...	150	0	0			
District Police Stations	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Central do.	...	...	...	50	0	0			
District Court Houses	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Do. Gao's	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Exhibition Building Alterations	...	...	...	2,900	0	0			
Provincial do.	...	...	...	16,000	0	0			
Do. do.	...	...	...	2,000	0	0			
Harbor Reclamation	...	...	...	6,550	0	0			
Do. Prison Labor	...	...	...	3,500	0	0			
Works not Provided for	...	...	...	500	0	0			
Carry forward	...	...	...	32,550	0	0			21,500 0 0

				LIABILITIES AND MAINTENANCE.	TOTAL.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	...	...	32,550 0 0	21,500 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS WORKS AND BUILDINGS—Continued.					
Warps and Buoys, Clutha	...	...	...	545 0 0	
Furniture, Registrar of Deeds Office	...	...	...	20 0 0	
Purchase of Bridge, Upper Shotover	...	...	...	150 0 0	
Fencing, &c., Quarantine Station, Mataura	...	...	...	500 0 0	
Painting Quarantine Hospital	...	...	...	50 0 0	
Removal of Punt, Taieri	...	...	...	50 0 0	
Do. Survey Office, Tokomairiro	...	...	...	90 0 0	
Telegraphs	...	...	...	1,300 0 0	
Unforeseen Contingencies	...	...	...	4,000 0 0	
Storage of Dredge, &c.	...	...	...	100 0 0	
					39,355 0 0
JETTIES.					
Port Chalmers	...	...	...	100 0 0	
Dredging alongside Rattray-street Jetty	...	...	...	1,000 0 0	
Oamaru	...	...	...	7,000 0 0	
					8,100 0 0
BRIDGES.					
Kawarau	...	...	...	2,222 6 8	
Whari Kuri	...	...	...	4 17 6	
					2,227 4 2
HARBORS.					
Moorings, Moeraki	...	...	...	100 0 0	
Do. Clutha	...	...	...	100 0 0	
Do. Oamaru	...	...	...	150 0 0	
					350 0 0
					71,532 4 2

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURE.

Total	Superintendent, Executive Council, Provincial Council, and Provincial Secretary	.....	.....	.....	£ 79,383 12 0
"	Provincial Treasurer	25,702 12 2
"	Secretary for Public Works	5,766 7 2
"	Miscellaneous	1,144 3 4
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"	Provincial Treasurer—General	111,996 14 8
	Do. Loans, Interest, &c.	22,361 7 7
	Roads, Works, and Buildings	73,650 0 0
					71,532 4 2
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					<hr/>
					£279,540 6 5

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Compensation, Hooper's Garden	40	0	0				
Views for Paris Exhibition	200	0	0				
Dunedin Fire Brigade	50	0	0				
Refunds on Lands	1,500	0	0				
Widow of late Mr. Currie	200	0	0		1,990	0	0
ROAD DEPARTMENT.							
Inspectors	100	0	0		100	0	0
STOREKEEPER.							
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery .....	...				25	0	0
GOLD FIELDS.							
Allowance to Acting-Clerks of Court, (6 at £25 per annum)	150	0	0		150	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Acclimatisation Society—pound for pound subscribed—not to exceed	500	0	0				
Supplying Maps to District Road Boards	250	0	0				
Paymasters' Accounts	217	16	5				
Finishing Railway Survey, and providing Parliamentary Plans and Maps	2,000	0	0		2,967	16	5
ROADS.							
Main Street, Clyde	100	0	0				
Peel Street, Lawrence	200	0	0				
Between Towns, Port Molyneux	300	0	0				
Dunedin to Portobello	1,582	0	0				
Southern Trunk to Clutha Mouth ..	244	10	7				
Through Block V., Hawksbury	500	0	0				
Tokomairiro to Clutha	6,000	0	0				
Cromwell to Queenstown	8,760	0	0				
Waikouaiti to Palmerston	4,452	0	0				
Tokomairiro to Tuapeka	10,000	0	0				
Palmerston to Oamaru	2,600	0	0				
Saddle Hill to West Taieri Bridge ..	4,000	0	0				
Main Road through Oamaru	1,000	0	0				
Gold Fields Miscellaneous	2,500	0	0				
West Taieri Bridge to Rock and Pillar ..	1,600	0	0				
Supplemented Roads	1,000	0	0				
Tuapeka to Alexandra	2,000	0	0		46,838	10	7
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.							
Oamaru Jetty—Inspection	200	0	0				
Storm-water Channel, Lawrence Main Road	200	0	0				
Snow Poles, Teviot and Pomahaka	100	0	0				
Leading Lights, Port Otago	600	0	0				
Court House, Dunedin	200	0	0				
Gaol, Dunedin	300	0	0				
Telegraphs (Salaries and Working)	1,250	0	0				
Oamaru Light	300	0	0				
Removal of Rock, Shag Harbor	100	0	0				
Fencing Approaches, Clutha Ferry	150	0	0				
Dunedin Jetty	50	0	0				
Powder Magazine (Tuapeka)	200	0	0		3,650	0	0
BRIDGES.							
Clutha Bridge	11,500	0	0				
Pleasant River Bridge	600	0	0				
Tokomairiro Bridge	400	0	0				
Shotover Bridge	2,000	0	0				
Mataura Bridge	1,000	0	0				
Silverstream	500	0	0		16,000	0	0
SCHOOLS.							
Middle Dunedin	100	0	0				
Alexandra	100	0	0				
Palmerston	650	0	0				
Clutha Ferry	650	0	0				
Warepa	350	0	0				
Schools not provided for	100	0	0				
Do. Oamaru	20	0	0				
Do. Queenstown	350	0	0				
Do. Lawrence	150	0	0		2,470	0	0
					74,191	7	0

