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By His Honor's Command,

F. E. STEWART,  
Provincial Secretary.

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ADDRESS OF HIS HONOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

*On proroguing the Provincial Council, July 19, 1867.*

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,—

The Session having now approached its termination, I have to thank you for your consideration of the various important matters which have been brought before you.

It has been to me a subject of regret that the estimated Revenue for the ensuing nine months has not been such as would, in your opinion, justify a larger appropriation for the purposes of the Government. The supplies you have voted shall be administered with due regard to economy.

Some particulars of policy pursued by the Council towards the western side of the Province have been a source of discontent, resulting in a demand on the part of a considerable section of its inhabitants for separation.

I have sanctioned the appointment of a Gentleman to a seat in the Executive Council, to whom, in conjunction with the rest of the Executive, will be submitted the duty of advising me in the management of affairs connected with the West Coast Gold-fields. It will be necessary that for the greater portion of the year he should be resident on the West Coast, attending as often as may be convenient and necessary at meetings of the Executive Council of the Province at Christchurch.

I look forward to the appointment as likely to give satisfaction to the public, complying as it does with their expressed desire for the appointment of an executive officer responsible to the Council, of which body he should be a member.

I have intimated to you my personal dissent from the policy of the Resolutions on the sale of lands upon the Westland Gold-fields.

I shall make only a temporary arrangement for the working of the Lyttelton and Christchurch Railway and Great Southern Railway, it being my intention to call you together at an early date.

I very much regret that time has not permitted you to communicate with me on the subject of my Message, transmitting for your consideration a petition from unemployed operatives in Christchurch and neighbourhood.

I cordially concur with your Resolution affirming the impolicy of altering the price of land in Eastern Canterbury.

I trust that during the recess the temporary depression of our agricultural and mercantile interests may have disappeared.

Gentlemen, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, I have assented to—

- “ The Sefton Church and Cemetery Reserve Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Sheep Rating Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867.”
- “ The Appropriation Bill, 1867, No. 2,”
- “ The Public House Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Fencing Ordinance, 1866, Amendment Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Diversion of Roads Special Bill, 1867, No. 1,”
- “ The Church Property Trust Amendment Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Volunteer Service Ordinances Repeal Bill, 1867.”
- “ The Christchurch Fire Prevention Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Roads Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Grey River Coal-field Reserve Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Railway Tolls and Management Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Appropriation Bill, 1867, No. 3.”

I have reserved for the signification of His Excellency the Governor's pleasure thereon

- “ The Heathcote Bridges Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Cam Bridge Bill, 1867,”
- “ The Provincial Council Extension Ordinance Amendment Bill, 1867.”

“ The Diversion of Roads Special Bill, No. 2,” I shall be prepared to assent to shortly; and I disallow “ The Limitation of Patronage Ordinance Amendment Bill.”

Gentlemen, I have now to declare this Council is prorogued until the 19th day of September, 1867.

W. S. MOORHOUSE,  
Superintendent.

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