

MOSGIEL ROAD RATE.—On the request of this Board, two Gentlemen were appointed by the General Road Board to audit the books of the above Board. As this has not been done, the Treasurer begs to submit to the Ratepayers an abstract of his accounts.

PAID.

Jany. 31, 1866,	Books and Blank Forms	...	£ 0 17 0
April 17, 1867,	Provincial Treasurer	...	50 0 0
June 24, 1867,	Provincial Treasurer	...	20 0 0
	Cash in hand	...	3 17 6
	Rates to receive	...	27 18 9
			102 13 3

RECEIVED.

1867, to May 8,	Jas. Todd, Esq.	...	£ 0 1 0
	By Rates	...	53 8 6
To June 24th,	By Rates	...	21 5 0
	Balance Rates due	...	27 18 9
			102 13 3

MONIES DUE TO BOARD.

1866, December 25,	By Rates	...	£102 12 3
	J. Todd	...	0 1 0
1867, April 17,	Provincial Treasury	...	100 0 0
June 24,	From Provincial Treasury	...	40 0 0
			242 13 3

G. LITTLE, Treasurer.

Mosgiel, 25th June.

To those gentlemen who entered into an engagement for the formation of the Main District Road, the Treasurer of the above Board begs to inform them of having received from the Government a supplementary sum of £65 6s. 8d. towards the metalling of the portion that has been formed.

G. L.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Wellington, 11th June, 1867.

IN order to enable different Soils in New Zealand to be chemically analyzed, and the results to be published from time to time for general information, it is requested that Samples of Soil, for chemical analysis, may be forwarded to Dr. Hector, at the Colonial Museum, Wellington.

The following instructions to contributors are published, and printed Slips thereof, together with the Form to be filled up and to accompany the Specimens of Soil, will be sent to the several Superintendents of Provinces, for distribution in each Province.

E. W. STAFFORD.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Attention is requested to the following instructions by persons contributing Samples of Soils to the Colonial Museum, for the purpose of being chemically analyzed:

1. The quantity transmitted should not be less than —
6 lbs. weight of surface soil,
2 lbs. weight of sub-soil.
2. The surface soil should be selected free from roots and undecomposed vegetable matter, and of uniform quality, gathered in several equal portions from different parts of the field, and from two inches below the surface.
3. The sub-soil should be taken in the same manner from a depth of twelve inches.

4. Small specimens of iron-pan, sole, or other concretionary bands that may occur in the soil, should be forwarded in a separate parcel.

5. Each sample of soil should be carefully secured in a calico bag, distinctly marked "surface soil" or "sub-soil," and also with the name of the contributor and a number, the same number being used for corresponding samples of surface and sub-soils.

6. A copy of the enclosed Form, distinguished by this number, must be filled up with the required particulars, and transmitted along with the specimen it refers to.

7. Parcels and letters are to be addressed—"On Public Service only.—Specimens for Analysis.—Dr. Hector, Colonial Museum, Wellington."

N.B.—Under no circumstances will an analysis be made of a specimen unless the necessary information is supplied, and properly authenticated by the signature of the contributor.

Form to be filled up and transmitted to the Laboratory of the Colonial Museum along with specimens of Soil for chemical analysis.

1. Name of contributor.	1.
2. Number of marks on the specimen or specimens referred to in this Form.	2.
3. If the sample is from uncultivated land, state the nature of the vegetation, whether ever or frequently burnt, whether stocked, and for how long and to what extent.	3.
4. If cultivated, state for what period, the succession of crops, and nature of present or last crop; also the nature of the original vegetation in the natural state.	4.
5. State average depth of soil and sub-soil, and the nature of the formation on which they rest, whether sand, gravel, clay, limestone, or rock, and whether porous or bound.	5.
6. General remarks as to the nature of the country, whether alluvial plains, low undulating hills, or steep broken hill surface, and any other points that occur to the contributor.	6.

Date at which specimens were collected :
Date at which they were forwarded to Museum :
How transmitted :
Signature of contributor :

MERTON ROAD.—NOTICE.—Parties in arrears are hereby warned that legal proceedings will at once be taken to recover the Rates.

ALFRED CATHEWOOD, Treasurer.

Superintendent's Office, Southland, May 15th, 1867.

INQUIRIES having been made respecting a person named James Battersby Wray, of Hawksbury Mills, Canada West, America, by profession a Civil Engineer, and who is supposed to have been surveying on the Waikiwi Plains, Southland, in September 1863. Any person who may be able to give any information respecting him is requested to communicate with the Chief Surveyor of Southland.

JOHN P. TAYLOR, Superintendent.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY,
Port Chalmers. Lat. 45° 48' 55" South. Lon. 171° 22m. 36.5s. E.—On and after 1st June, 1867, the Time Ball will be dropped daily (Sunday's excepted) at 1 p.m., Port Chalmers Meantime, or 1h. 37m. 23"-5 a.m., Greenwich Meantime.

EDUCATION RESERVES.—Printed Copies of the Education Board's Amended Regulations and Conditions for the Leasing of the Education Reserves may now be had on application.

Further information may be obtained from
JOHN HISLOP, Secretary.