

No. 2.

THE HONORABLE READER WOOD TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, SOUTHLAND.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
5th March, 1863.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter of the 4th ultimo, submitting to the favourable consideration of the Government a proposal for raising a loan of Two hundred and twenty thousand Pounds for the purpose of constructing a Railway between the Bluff, Invercargill and Whakatipu.

As Mr. Domett is at Taranaki, no definite reply can be now sent to your Honor, but the subject will be brought under his consideration immediately on his return.

I have, &c.,
READER WOOD,
In the absence of Mr Domett.

His Honor the Superintendent, Southland.

No. 3.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, SOUTHLAND, TO THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office,
Southland, 4th March, 1863.

SIR,—

I enclose, for your information, copies of some papers which were laid upon the table of the Provincial Council in its present Session, with reference to the Railway from the Bluff to Invercargill, and other matters connected therewith. A good deal of evidence was taken on the same subjects, in corroboration of the opinions advanced in these reports. Some sheets of the Census Tables are also enclosed.

I have, &c.,
J. R. MENZIES,
Superintendent.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Auckland.

Enclosure to No. 3.

COMPARATIVE TABLES shewing the Numbers of the Population, Acres of Land Improved, Stock, Revenue, Imports and Exports, in the years 1861 and 1862, with the Centesimal increase in the Year 1862.

TABLE 9.

POPULATION.				LAND IMPROVED.	
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Acres Fenced in.	Acres under Crop.
1861	1,107	713	1,820	5,951	1,092
1862	2,187	1,268	3,455	9,541	1,871
Centesimal Increase	98	78	90	60	71

TABLE 10.

	Horses.	Mules and Asses.	Horned Cattle.	Sheep.	Goats.	Pigs.	Poultry.
1861	812	4	9,139	73,970	9	555	4,163
1862	1,217	9	11,467	110,231	86	995	7,524
Centesimal Increase ...	50	125	25	49	855	80	81