

Province, is of opinion that the construction of a Rail or Tramway uniting those parts is highly desirable, and should be undertaken as speedily as possible."

Copy of Resolution stating that Guarantee for Loan is sufficient.

Mr. GOULTER moved: "That this Council considers that the Block of Land previously proposed to be set apart for the Loan is more than sufficient for the desired purpose, and that the estimate furnished by the Survey Office is substantially a fair and correct one."

Copy of Resolution in favor of Loan for employment of Surplus Labour.

Mr. SEYMOUR moved: "That in consequence of the large and increasing influx of population into this Province, in connection with our Gold-fields, the demand for labour by the unemployed has increased, and is likely to increase, to such an extent as to render it necessary to undertake large works in order to meet such demand. This Council, therefore, is of opinion that the funds requisite for such purpose should be raised by way of Loan, to be expended in forming a Tram or Railway from this Port of Picton to the Town of Blenheim on the Wairau Plains."

W. D. H. BAILLIE,
Speaker,

No. 16.

MR. WHITAKER TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, MARLBOROUGH.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Auckland, July 7th, 1864.

(No. 198)

SIR,—

I have to transmit for your Honor's information and remarks the enclosed copy of a series of Resolutions passed by the Provincial Council of the Province of Marlborough, and forwarded to me by the Speaker.

I have, &c.,

FREDK. WHITAKER
(In the absence of Mr. Fox.)

His Honor the Superintendent,
Marlborough.

No. 17.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, MARLBOROUGH, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office, Picton,

29th July, 1864.

(No. 15.)

SIR,—

In reply to your letter of No. and date as per margin, covering copies of Resolutions passed by our Provincial Council, I would beg to refer you to my letters of No. and date noted in the margin.

With respect to the Resolution moved by Mr. Seymour, in favour of raising a Loan for the employment of surplus labour, I would beg to observe that we have been compelled to give employment to a great number of men to relieve them from destitution.

We have at the present time between five and six hundred employed, a large proportion of whom, I believe were utterly destitute. This pressure upon the Government still continues, and unless a Loan be sanctioned, in accordance with the Resolution above mentioned, I am afraid that great distress to a large number of people in this Province must inevitably ensue.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS CARTER,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

198. July 7th, 1864.

441. Feb. 9th, 1864.

457. June 16th, 1864.