

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. McLean,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Wood,

Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Stevens.

The Order of Reference was read.

On the motion of Mr. McNeill, Mr. Stevens was elected Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Wood, *Ordered*, That all correspondence on the subject of railway extension in the Province of Southland be laid before the Committee.

On the motion of Mr. McNeill, *Ordered*, That the Chairman of the Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to consider the proposal for the extension of the railway system in Southland, be requested to order that copies of the evidence taken before that Committee be furnished to the Chairman of this Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Patterson, C.E., be summoned to attend the next meeting.

Adjourned to Wednesday, 28th August, 1867.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. Wood,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Murison,

Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. McNeill,
Major Heaphy, V.C.

Mr. Stevens in the Chair.

The minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Patterson, C.E., attended before the Committee and was examined.

The report of Mr. Patterson's evidence, as taken before the Legislative Council Committee, was laid before the Committee, and read by the Chairman, Mr. Patterson being present at the time.

Adjourned to Thursday, the 29th August, 1867.

THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. Murison,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. McNeill,

Mr. Cox,
Major Heaphy, V.C.,
Mr. Hankinson.

Mr. Stevens in the Chair.

Dr. Knight's evidence before the Committee of the Legislative Council, regarding the Winton Railway, was read.

Ordered, That Dr. Knight be summoned to attend before the Committee.

Dr. Knight attended as requested, and was examined.

Mr. Patterson was in attendance, and examined.

Adjourned to Friday, the 30th August, 1867.

FRIDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. Murison,
Mr. McNeill,

Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hankinson.

Major Heaphy, V.C., in the Chair.

Mr. McNeill submitted several questions to the Committee, which he desired to be put to Dr. Knight at his next attendance.

Ordered, That Dr. Knight be summoned to attend the Committee on Tuesday next.

The evidence of Mr. Walker and Mr. Rolleston, as given before the Legislative Council Committee, relative to the Bluff and Winton Railway, was read.

On motion of Mr. McNeill, *Resolved*, That the above evidence be adopted.

Mr. Weaver, C.E., was in attendance, and examined.

Adjourned to Tuesday, the 3rd September, 1867.

TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Murison,

Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Wood.

Mr. Stevens in the Chair.

Mr. Weaver, C.E., and Dr. Knight were in attendance, and examined.

Adjourned to Wednesday, 4th September, 1867.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1867.

PRESENT :

Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Murison,
Mr. McNeill,

Major Heaphy, V.C.,
Mr. Wood.

Mr. Stevens in the Chair.

Dr. Knight was in attendance, and examined.

On motion of Mr. Hankinson, *Resolved*, That the Committee having inquired into the working expenses of the Bluff and Invercargill Railway, find that Mr. Patterson's evidence as to the working expenses of the proposed line is thoroughly borne out by the inquiry.