## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 1872.

THE Committee met pursuant to notice.

Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. J. E. Brown, Mr. W. A. Murray, Mr. O'Neill,

PRESENT: Mr. Sheehan, Mr. T. L. Shepherd, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Thomson.

Moved by Mr. Studholme, That Mr. Shepherd do take the chair. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Speaker, That the Chairman and Mr. Sheehan be empowered to prepare a case to be submitted to the Attorney-General, such case to be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee. Carried.

The Committee then adjourned until Saturday next, at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 27TH JULY, 1872.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Murray, Mr. O'Neill.

Mr. Studholme, Mr. Thomson.

Mr. T. L. Shepherd in the Chair.

Present:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. O'Neill, That the case as read be submitted to the Attorney-General for his

opinion. Carried.

Mr. J. C. Brown handed in a letter from Mr. T. M. Kinaston to the Colonial Secretary, dated the 20th July, 1872; also copy of telegrams. It was resolved that same should be copied, and placed in the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee. (Appendix B.)

Mr. J. C. Brown moved, That Mr. Chairman be empowered to take evidence by telegram as to the nature of the land sold to Messrs. Cargill and Anderson, and whether it is prejudicial to the agricultural and mining interests of the Teviot District. Carried.

The Committee then adjourned until further notice.

Tuesday, 6th August, 1872. PRESENT:

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. J. E. Brown, Mr. Luckie, Mr. Murray,

Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Thomson.

Mr. T. L. Shepherd in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The case which had been submitted for the opinion of the Attorney-General, and his replies

thereto, were then read by the Chairman. (Appendix A.)

Telegrams, &c., in evidence, were laid before the Committee and read. (Appendix C.)

Moved by Mr. J. C. Brown, That Mr. D. Reid, the Hon. Captain Fraser, M.L.C., and Mr. Anderson be requested to attend to give evidence. Carried.

Moved by Mr. O'Neill, That Mr. Bradshaw be likewise requested to attend. Carried.

Mr. Murray attended, and was examined.

The Committee then adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1872.

PRESENT:

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. J. C. Brown,

Mr. Luckie, Mr. O'Neill,

Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Thomson.

Mr. T. L. Shepherd in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. D. Reid attended, and was examined.