

for the information afforded as to the action taken relative to opening the road between Norsewood and the tramway line. In accordance with your recommendation, I will place upon the Estimates the unexpended balance of the vote for the location of immigrants in Hawke's Bay, as provision for the works authorized.

J. D. Ormond, Esq., General Government Agent, Napier.

I have, &c.,
H. A. ATKINSON.

NELSON.

No. 15.

CORRESPONDENCE between His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson, and the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(Telegram.)

Nelson, 6th November, 1874.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT propose to form special settlement immediately at Karamea, on West Coast, and I have the honor to request authority to expend £1,000 from Immigration vote for the purpose.

OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

Hon. Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 12th November, 1874.

RE Special Settlement, Karamea.—Much regret your telegram overlooked. Will you kindly state nature and particulars of proposed expenditure, and whether the £1,000 is all that is to be expended upon the proposed settlement?

His Honor O. Curtis, Nelson.

H. A. ATKINSON.

(Telegram.)

Nelson, 12th November, 1874.

KARAMEA Special Settlement.—Provincial Government consider £1,000 will be enough for first three months. Probably other £2,000 will be required subsequently. Expenditure required for forwarding, housing, and rationing settlers, and giving partial employment for limited time.

OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

Hon. Minister for Immigration, Wellington.

No. 16.

His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson, to the Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION.

(No. 187.)

SIR,—

Superintendent's Office, Nelson, 19th February, 1875.

I have the honor, in accordance with the request which I understand that you have conveyed to me through the Provincial Secretary, to inform you that the Provincial Government are forwarding to the special settlement at the Karamea, in addition to lately arrived immigrants, a few families of experienced settlers, whose example and advice will, it is confidently expected, be of great service to persons wholly unacquainted with the country, and to whom the best means of making their land productive, and of forming homes for their families, are necessarily unknown.

It is also the wish of the Provincial Government, both as regards the Karamea and any other special settlement that may be determined upon, to afford to existing settlers the same advantages as are offered to recent arrivals in the colony—and I shall be glad to learn from you officially that this course meets with your approval—as regards the application of the funds contributed by the Colonial Government for the formation of these settlements.

I beg to enclose to you herewith, for your information, copies of the existing regulations for these special settlements; and also a copy of the *Colonist* newspaper of the 19th January, 1875, containing a report upon the Karamea settlement, by the special reporter of that paper.

I have, &c.,
OSWALD CURTIS,
Superintendent.

The Hon. the Minister for Immigration.

No. 17.

The Hon. the MINISTER for IMMIGRATION to His Honor the SUPERINTENDENT, Nelson.

(No. 44.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 1st March, 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 187, of the 19th ultimo, in which you inform me that, in accordance with an understanding arrived at by me with the Provincial Secretary, the Provincial Government are forwarding to the special settlement at Karamea, in addition to the lately arrived immigrants, a few families of experienced settlers, whose example and advice will be of great service to persons wholly unacquainted with the country; and also communicating to me the wish of the Provincial Government, both as regards the Karamea and other settlements, to afford existing settlers the same advantages as are offered to recent arrivals, and requesting me to inform you officially whether this course meets with my approval.

As expressed to Mr. O'Connor in the interview referred to above, I am quite in accord with your Honor as to the desirability, for the benefit of the immigrants themselves, of locating a few families of experienced settlers in the special settlements, and I accordingly have given authority for the neces-