

1877.

NEW ZEALAND.

NEW ZEALAND COAL AS FUEL FOR LOCOMOTIVES

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE TRIAL OF).

Laid on the Table by the Hon. Mr. Sheehan with leave of the House.

No. 1.

Mr. WASON, M.H.R., to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

DEAR SIR,—

Kowai, South Rakaia.

I shall be glad to learn when the promised trial of the Malvern coal will take place. I think the best place to try it would be on the short branch line from White Cliff Junction to Surveyor's Gully. Coal is there in abundance; and Mr. McIlraith, the manager of the mine, would afford every assistance to your engineers.

The Hon. E. Richardson, Christchurch.

I have, &c.,
J. CATHCART WASON.

No. 2.

Mr. WERRY to Mr. WARNER, Railway Engineer, Christchurch.

MR. WARNER,—

30th December, 1876.

The Hon. Mr. Richardson would feel obliged by your supplying the information, to enable him to reply to the first part of this letter.

N. W. WERRY.

No. 3.

The RAILWAY ENGINEER, Christchurch, to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

Railway Engineer's Office, Christchurch,

HON. E. RICHARDSON,—

9th January, 1877.

I have taken the opportunity of seeing Mr. McIlraith, and arranging with him for a suitable quantity of his coal being supplied, to enable me to properly test it.

I have two other kinds of coal for trial besides this, and I purpose making trial of them at once.

J. G. WARNER,
Railway Engineer.

No. 4.

Mr. WERRY to Mr. WASON, M.H.R.

SIR,—

Public Works Office, Christchurch, 9th January, 1877.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter, requesting information with regard to the proposed trial of Malvern coal, and, in reply, to state that the Railway Engineer has arranged with Mr. McIlraith for a suitable quantity being supplied, to enable him to properly test it. He has also obtained two other kinds of coal, and purposes at once making a trial of the various samples.

J. C. Wason, Esq., M.H.R., &c., Christchurch.

I have, &c.,
N. W. WERRY.