

APPENDIX C.

Mr. H. WILSON, Clerk of Council, to V. PYKE, Esq., M.H.R.

SIR,— Office of Maniototo County Council, Naseby, 28th July, 1877.
By direction of the Council I have the honor to enclose copy of resolutions passed at meeting of Council held on 25th instant, and to request your co-operation and support towards proposed interior railway scheme.

I have, &c.,
H. WILSON,
Clerk of Council.

1. That as the line *via* Strath Taieri is the one which, while not estimated to cost more than the other, will most largely benefit, not only the county, but the country generally, owing to its being the most direct to the capital and shipping port, and opening the largest quantity of good land for settlement, this county will heartily co-operate with those of Vincent and Taieri in an endeavour to open up the interior by that route.

2. That the member for the district be asked to use his best endeavours in the General Assembly to secure the construction of this line by the Government; or

3. Failing the Government undertaking the work, to endeavour to secure grants of land within the several counties interested, for the purpose of enabling the Council to proceed with the work, subject to such conditions as the Government may think fit.

4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairmen of Taieri and Vincent Counties, the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce, the Minister for Public Works, and the Otago members of the General Assembly, asking for their co-operation and support.

APPENDIX D.

RESOLUTIONS *re* RAILWAY EXTENSION.

Passed by the Vincent County Council at a Meeting held at Clyde, 24th July, 1877.

1. That this Council heartily co-operates with the movement to construct a railway between Dunedin and Cromwell *via* Strath Taieri, as a means of opening up an immense area of agricultural land, and being portion of an ultimate scheme of connecting the East and West Coasts *via* Haast Pass by railway.

2. That it is absolutely essential to the best interests of the county that the necessary work should be commenced simultaneously at both ends.

3. That, in the event of the Government being unwilling to undertake the construction of the proposed line, this county is willing to do so in conjunction with the counties of Maniototo and Taieri, under the supervision of the Public Works Department, provided the counties are endowed with public land of equal value to the cost of the line.

4. That this Council desires to accord its approval of the movement to construct the proposed line of railway from Wakatipu to Cromwell, believing that it would be of very great benefit to this county.

5. That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Councils of Taieri, Maniototo, and Lake Counties; also to the Dunedin Chamber of Commerce, and to the Minister for Public Works, and to the members for Wakatipu, Southland, Wallace, Invercargill, Dunstan, Mount Ida, Taieri, Caversham, and Dunedin, asking their co-operation and support.

APPENDIX E.

TELEGRAM from Mr. R. H. LEARY, Dunedin, to J. MACANDREW, Esq., M.H.R.

Dunedin, 6th September, 1877.

PRELIMINARY meeting influential men held yesterday to promote company to construct interior railway considered Bill now before Parliament inapplicable to the line, and the money could not be raised under its provisions. If Government will give special and reasonable powers, company will be floated, and cost of construction subscribed at once. If Government prepared to entertain proposal, promoters will visit Wellington to negotiate. Intense interest in the matter here. Please Minister Public Works and reply.

R. H. LEARY,
Chairman.

By authority; GEORGE DIDSBURY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1877.