

9. The Governor should be advised to intimate his approval to the Board of an immediate notification, to be given to all tenants whose leases expire in 1882 or terminate in March, 1883, that their runs, either in whole or in part, will be required for sale under Part II. of the Land Act, or for sale or settlement on deferred payments under Part III. of the Act. This would overcome any difficulty arising from a doubt as to when the leases expire.

The Committee approve generally of the proposals submitted by the Government as to the mode of classification and proposed subdivision of the runs, subject to the recommendations proposed in the foregoing resolutions.

17th August, 1881.

J MACANDREW,
Chairman.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JULY 1881.

Present: Mr. Ballance, Mr. Bastings, Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Pyke, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Shanks, Mr. Thomson.

The order of reference dated 30th June was read.

Moved by Mr. Bastings, and seconded by Mr. Shanks, That Mr. Macandrew do take the chair.—Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Pyke, seconded by Mr. Bastings, *Resolved*, That Mr. McKerrow, Surveyor-General, be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Committee, and to produce copies of the Government proposals, with any maps or plans prepared for the explanation of such proposals; and the memorials presented by branches of the Central Otago Land League, also the latest returns showing lands held under pastoral leases or licenses in Otago and Southland.

Moved by Mr. Pyke, and seconded by Mr. Thomson, That the meeting do adjourn till Tuesday the 12th instant, at 10.30 a.m.—Carried.

The meeting adjourned accordingly

TUESDAY, 12TH JULY, 1881.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Ballance, Mr. Bastings, Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Macandrew (Chairman), Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pyke, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Shanks, Mr. Thomson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. McKerrow, Surveyor-General, attended, and, having laid before the meeting certain documents, he explained the maps of the Vincent and Maniototo Counties in connection therewith.

On the motion of Mr. De Lautour, seconded by Mr. Bastings, *Resolved*, That Mr. John Ewing, and Messrs. David Barron and Mackay, District Surveyors, be summoned to give evidence before this Committee as to the locality of auriferous lands within the districts proposed to be dealt with under the Government proposals.

On the motion of Mr. Pyke, seconded by Mr. De Lautour, *Resolved*, That Mr. McKerrow be summoned to attend the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Bastings, seconded by Mr. Shanks, That the meeting be adjourned until Thursday next, the 14th instant, at 11 o'clock.—Carried.

The meeting adjourned accordingly

THURSDAY, 14TH JULY, 1881.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Ballance, Mr. Bastings, Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Macandrew (Chairman), Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pyke, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Shanks, Mr. Shrimski, Mr. Thomson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The order of reference, adding Mr. Shrimski's name to the Committee, was read.

Mr. McKerrow was examined relative to the proposals of the Government as to dealing with the pastoral lands of Otago.

Moved by Mr. Pyke, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that the meeting adjourn for a week.—Carried.

The meeting adjourned accordingly

THURSDAY, 21ST JULY, 1881.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Bastings, Mr. De Lautour, Mr. Macandrew (Chairman), Mr. Oliver, Hon. Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Shrimski, Mr. Thomson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. De Lautour, *Resolved*, That Mr. McKerrow's evidence be printed.

Mr. John Ewing attended and gave evidence. Mr. David Barron, District Surveyor, Naseby, gave evidence.

Moved by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Bastings, that the meeting adjourn till Saturday next, the 23rd instant, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The meeting adjourned accordingly