

Question 10—continued.

Kereru and Aorangi—Yes; to have rating power enabling them to keep roads in fit and proper repair.

Marakakaho—All powers.

Okawa—Road Boards to have full rating powers, to receive all license fees, &c.

Papakura—No answer.

Petane—Road Boards should have all the powers of the county.

Te Mata—To have full rating powers and receive all fees, &c.

Waipawa—Road Boards should have full rating powers, and receive all license fees, dog-tax, &c., and take over all roads.

Norsewood—Road Boards should have full rating powers, and receive all license fees, dog-tax, &c.

Oero—No answer.

Ormondville—Road Boards should have full rating powers, and receive all license fees, dog-tax, &c.

Ruataniwha North—All the powers of the Counties Act.

Tanumu—That they should receive all publicans' and auctioneers' licenses, poundage fees, &c.; that they should subsidize local charities; and undertake in their own district all works at present performed by the county.

Woodville—Road-making only, with power to enact such by-laws as affect roads.

Taranaki—No answer.

Manganui—Yes, all; but in that case any two ridings, upon petition of a majority of ratepayers, to have power of altering their dividing line. All license fees, &c., of each riding to be payable to that riding.

Mangarei—No answer.

Carrington—Road Boards all.

Waitara West—If the operation of the Counties Act is suspended, the Road Boards should exercise in any district all the powers of a county.

Egmont—All the powers already in the hands of County Councils, such as dog-tax, licenses arising from publichouses, pedlars, hawkers, slaughterhouses, &c.

Moa—No answer.

Okato—No answer.

Clifton—Road Boards should have powers of counties in that case.

Waitara East—All main roads should be maintained by Government; other roads to be maintained by Road Boards out of rates levied, together with subsidy on rates collected from Government to assist Road Boards, as Road Boards could not levy a sufficient rate to undertake works of any great extent without crippling the industry of farmers, and it is the duty of the Government to assist to open up roads.

Inglewood—No answer.

Patea—Not considered.

Hawera—No answer.

Hawera—Yes, all.

Wainate—All the powers of County Councils.

Ngairi—Yes; all.

Wanganui—No answer.

Waitotara—We consider that, in the event of the Counties Act being suspended in any county, the Road Boards should discharge the duties devolving upon the County Councils.

Rangitikei—All the powers of the Council.

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Lethbridge—No answer.

Manawatu—No recommendation.

Manawatu—We can see no reason why the Road Boards should not exercise all the powers now possessed by the County Councils.

Otaki—On suspension of the Counties Act in any county, Road Boards should be enabled to exercise all the powers of the County Council.

Halcombe—Same powers as counties.

Hutt—Yes; all powers.

Kilbirnie—Where the Counties Act is suspended and not in force in any county, the Road Board should be enabled to exercise the powers of the County Councils—the whole powers if necessary.

Kaiwara—All the powers.

Wairarapa West—Yes; all the powers.

Featherston—No answer.

Carterton—No answer.

Waimea—Maintenance of pounds and the appointment of Pound-keepers. Slaughterhouse and Dog Registration Acts.

Motueka—In many cases suspension of the Counties Act would be beneficial, then all their powers should be vested in the Road Boards.

Upper Motueka—Collect and expend dog tax, publicans' license fees, manage pounds, slaughterhouses, and other minor matters contained in Counties Act.

Waimea—All.

Richmond—If the Counties Act should be suspended in any district, Road Boards could undertake reserves, markets, pounds, slaughterhouses, dog tickets, pedlars, and hawkers.

Pangatotara—All.

Riwaka—The same power as the county now possess *re* public works.

Lower Moutere—Maintenance of pounds, appointment of pound-keeper, slaughter-houses, Dog Registration Act.

Collingwood—The whole.

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Buller—Yes; all.

Inangahua—If operation of Counties Act suspended, General Government to exercise the powers of the Council, and not the Road Board.

Grey—That the operation of the Counties Act should not be suspended in any county.

Marlborough—No answer.

Awatere—All; as in Marlborough, where the Counties Act is not in force.

Omaka—One-half retire each year.

Pelorus—Road Boards should have extended powers; those given counties might be somewhat modified and adopted by Road Boards when the Counties Act is suspended.

Picton—All.

Spring Creek—All the powers.

Wairau—All the powers.

Lower Wairau—All the powers of the county.

Pukaka—Should have all the powers of County Councils.

Kaikoura—No answer.

Kaikoura River Board—No; none.

Ashley—No answer.

Eyreton—All the powers of the County Act.

Mandeville—The powers of the Drainage and River Boards as at present held by the Counties Act.

Oxford—That Boards should have power to exercise all the functions and duties of County Councils, as stated in Part X. of the Counties Act, with the exception of charitable aid, which should be dealt with by the local bodies direct; and Boards and local bodies should have power to send cases to any hospital they may wish, and that the charge be made to the Boards or local bodies sending such cases; and that Boards should have the powers given to

counties under "The Public Works Act, 1876," and amendments, with reference to drainage.

Waipara—The powers the Road Boards have are quite sufficient without taking any of those of the counties; they have the greatest of the powers—viz., the management of the main roads.

West Eyreton—The powers of Drainage and River Boards as at present held by County Councils.

Selwyn—It should be compulsory on all counties to take up the Act in full.

Courtenay—All counties should be compelled to take up the Act; but, if this is not done, sufficient powers to work with adjoining Boards for drainage, main roads and rivers.

Heathcote—Do not suggest any alteration in Act.

Lincoln—Yes, all.

Riccarton—All the powers.

Templeton—(1) Should have *bond fide* power of dealing with the reserves in their respective districts; (2) have full power and management over main roads and bridges; (3) have the supervision of all slaughterhouses and receive the fees derived therefrom in their respective districts; (4) also the registration of dogs, and receive license fees for same; (5) and also receive the fees derived from all hotel licenses situated within their respective districts.

South Waimakariri—No suggestion.

Akaroa—No answer.

Little River—In the event of Counties Act being suspended, Road Boards should assume the powers generally vested in County Councils, including the issue of slaughtering, dog licenses, &c.

Pigeon Bay—Road Boards should within their own district have all the power at present possessed by County Councils, not incompatible with other opinions expressed elsewhere in this circular.

Port Victoria—Let Road Boards be left alone, and County Councils abolished.

Ashburton—Counties Act should be compulsory.

Wakanui—Yes, the whole of the powers of the county.

Mount Somers—Yes, all.

Geraldine—Yes, all the powers.

Geraldine—If suspended, give Road Boards all the powers.

Mount Cook—Road Boards should, in the event of suspension of Counties Act carry on the executive duties of the counties only, until it should be finally settled what the form of local government should be.

Mount Peel—Those with regard to reserves, places of public recreation, markets, slaughter-houses, pounds, collection of dog-tax, watercourses, and drains.

Temuka—All the powers.

Westland—No Road Boards on the coast.

Waitaki—In the event of the Counties Act being suspended, the powers of the counties should devolve on Road Boards.

Kakanui—All, when Act is suspended.

Waiareka—If Counties Act is suspended Road Boards should have all the powers of the county.

Waitaki—All, when Act is suspended.

Waikowaiti—Road Boards should not be enabled to exercise any of the powers of the County Councils, except the area of a road district is as large as the county area usually is. Should that be the case, then there would be no objection to the Board exercising the functions; but would suggest that the road district