

NORTH ISLAND MAIN TRUNK RAILWAY COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF, TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS, EVIDENCE, AND APPENDIX.)

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

FRIDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, to consist of seven members, to consider and report on the best route for the North Island Trunk Railway; that the Committee consist of members from the Middle Island only; that it have power to call for persons and papers; that three members constitute a quorum; that it report to the House within fourteen days from the time of its appointment; and that the Government be requested to submit to the House without delay the names of said Committee."—(*Mr. Lake.*)

Ordered, "That the Select Committee on the North Island Trunk Railway consist of the following members: Mr. Fergus, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Gore, Mr. Larnach, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. W. White, and the mover."—(*Hon. Mr. Richardson.*)

FRIDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Ordered, "That the petition of John Elliott and others be referred to the North Island Main Trunk Railway Committee."—(*Mr. Turnbull.*)

FRIDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Ordered, "That the North Island Main Trunk Railway Committee have leave to postpone making their report for one week."—(*Hon. Mr. Richardson.*)

FRIDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1884.

Ordered, "That the North Island Main Trunk Railway Committee have leave to postpone making their report for one week."—(*Hon. Mr. Richardson.*)

REPORT.

Your Committee met, in accordance with the order of reference made by the House, on the 13th day of September, and held daily sittings until it had taken all evidence available. Your Committee held nineteen meetings, and examined thirty-four witnesses; and the following resolution was arrived at:—

To recommend the central route from Marton to Te Awamutu as the best for the North Island Trunk Railway.

Your Committee attach hereto a full report of their proceedings, and all the evidence, both oral and documentary, that they have taken.

9th October, 1884.

E. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.