

sumable stores, small plant, and hand-tools that can be utilised on the works are to be handed over to the contractor, a list of them being attached to the specification. The present dangerous practice of carrying passengers by the stone-trains is to be at once discontinued. The Harbour Board office is to be taken over and used by the Public Works Department.

In conclusion, I beg to impress on you the necessity for strict economy in administering the affairs of the Harbour Board; at the same time every effort is to be made to carry out the works expeditiously.

F. W. Martin, Esq., C.E.,

Chairman, Westport Harbour Board, and Government District Engineer.

I have, &c.,

W. N. BLAIR.

No. 4.

The CHIEF POSTMASTER, Westport, to the ASSISTANT-SECRETARY, Marine Department.

SIR,—

Chief Post Office, Westport, 21st February, 1889.

With reference to your letter, M. 88/1378, of the 12th June, 1888, I now beg to tender my resignation as a member of the Westport Harbour Board. I regret having to take this step, but the business is conducted in such a peculiar manner that I cannot with honour to myself remain a member of the Board.

I have, &c.,

R. TAIT, Chief Postmaster.

The Assistant Secretary, Marine Department, Wellington.

No. 5.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY, Marine Department, to the CHIEF POSTMASTER, Westport.

SIR,—

Marine Department, Wellington, 1st March, 1889.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, in which you tender your resignation as a member of the Westport Harbour Board; and, in reply, I have been directed by the Minister having charge of this department to point out that section 38 of "The Harbours Act, 1878," requires that a member resigning his seat should send his resignation to the Chairman of the Board.

I have, &c.,

LEWIS H. B. WILSON,

Assistant Secretary.

Robert Tait, Chief Postmaster, Westport.