

DEAR SIR,—

We regret to inform you that we have this day received instructions from the Maritime Council to cease work at once, owing to the action of the Union S.S. Company with their employes; but we have decided to work the front shift to-morrow. So this is to notify you that work will cease to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, until further notice.

Thomas Brown, Esq., Mine-manager.

Denniston, 28th August, 1890.

I have, &c.,

W. TORRANCE,
Miners' Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—

As we have no quarrel with the Westport Coal Company, it is our opinion that you are at liberty to employ any member of this union that you require, so long as they are not producing coal to supply the Union Steamship Company's boats.

Thomas Brown, Esq., Mine-manager.

Denniston, 28th August, 1890.

I have, &c.,

W. TORRANCE,
Miners' Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—

I am instructed to inform you that we are willing to supply any trade that your company may require, providing that you give a written pledge that the coals that we produce will not be given, either directly or indirectly, to the Union Company. A reply will oblige.

Thomas Brown, Esq., Mine-manager.

Yours, &c.,

W. TORRANCE,
Miners' Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—

The Westport Coal Company (Limited), Westport, 3rd September, 1890.

In reply to yours of the 1st instant, I beg to state that our directors wire me they cannot entertain the proposal contained therein.

The Secretary, Miners' Association, Denniston.

Yours, &c.,

THOMAS BROWN,
Mine-manager.

EXTRACT from "The Westland and Nelson Coalfields Administration Act, 1877."

4. The pieces of land described in the First, Second, and Fourth Schedules hereto are hereby declared to be Crown lands; and the pieces of land described in the Third Schedule hereto shall, on the passing of this Act, cease to be subject to "The Public Reserves Act, 1854," and to the trusts and purposes under and subject to which the same were Crown-granted, and shall become and be Crown lands.

5. The piece of land described in the First Schedule hereto as the Westland-Grey Coal Reserve, and the purchase and other moneys arising from the sale, lease, occupation, or disposal thereof, and the rents, royalties, fees, and other moneys arising therefrom, shall be and be deemed to have been, as and from the sixteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, a security for the sum of one hundred and fourteen thousand four hundred and thirty-nine pounds one shilling, and of such further sums of money as have been, since the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and shall from time to time hereafter be, expended in the construction of the Greymouth-Brunner Coalfield Railway, together with interest on the said sum of one hundred and fourteen thousand four hundred and thirty-nine pounds one shilling from the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and upon such further sums of money from the respective times of expending the same, at the rate of five per centum per annum, chargeable half-yearly, until such moneys and interest, minus all credits being first given for any profits over and above the working-expenses and other charges of said railway, shall be paid and satisfied.

6. The piece of land described in the Second Schedule hereto as the Nelson-Grey Coal Reserve, and the purchase and other moneys arising from the sale, lease, occupation, or disposal thereof, and the rents, royalties, fees, and other moneys arising therefrom, shall be and be deemed to have been, as and from the sixteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, a security for the sum of twenty-seven thousand two hundred pounds, expended in the construction of the Greymouth-Brunner Coalfield Railway, together with interest on the said sum of twenty-seven thousand two hundred pounds, from the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, at the rate of five per centum per annum, chargeable half-yearly, until such moneys and interest, minus all credits being first given for any profits over and above the working-expenses and other charges of said railway, shall be paid and satisfied.

8. [How land in the First, Second, and Third Schedules is to be dealt with.]

9. [Extension, amalgamation, and assignment of coal-mining leases.]

10. [Land Board, with consent of Minister, may allow surrender or extension of lease.]

12. All rents, royalties, fees, and other moneys arising from any sale, lease, occupation, or disposal of the lands described in the First and Second Schedules hereto shall be paid into the Public Account to the credit of a separate account intituled "The Greymouth-Brunner Coalfield Railway Account," and all moneys so paid shall from time to time be applied in or towards payment first of the interest and next in payment of the other moneys mentioned in sections five and six of this Act.

13. When by such means such interest and other moneys shall be fully paid, the said pieces of land shall be freed and discharged therefrom, and thereafter they shall respectively be and are hereby dedicated in the manner following, that is to say,—