

At the present time it will be an easy and comparatively inexpensive matter to stop them; but if they once become fairly established in the mountainous country south of the Waiau River, they can practically obtain possession of the whole country right through to the Plains.

The Hon. J. McKenzie.

I have, &c.,

FRANK LAWRY.

REPORT ON THE PROPOSED RABBIT-FENCE SOUTH OF THE HURUNUI RIVER.

SIR,—

Culverden, 21st November, 1891.

I have the honour to report that I have inspected the proposed line of rabbit-fence from the point of the river where Mr. W. McFarlane's fence ends on the north bank of the Kaiwara Run to the end of the line Mr. Lance is about to erect on the Horsley Downs. I find the occupiers of the land on the south side of the Hurunui River are very apprehensive of the danger which menaces them from the invasion of rabbits from the north side, and are willing to contribute in material a fair quota towards the cost of protecting their interests. The line presents no great obstacles towards the construction of the fence, and Mr. Ritchie's proposal to have a gate across the road in the Hurunui Township will obviate the necessity of providing protection at the bridge. I am strongly of the opinion that the fence should be erected during the present summer.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. J. McKenzie.

FRANK LAWRY.

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