

the necessity of their raising the funds required by them from their own inhabitants, cannot be overestimated, for these contribute the most direct means whereby the interest in local government of the inhabitants and the ratepayers is stimulated and maintained.

Your Commissioners further enclose (Schedule B) originals of letters, and documents therein referred to, from persons having an interest in the inquiry, as follows: (1) The Secretary, Waitara Harbour Board, Waitara; (2) G. S. Steadman, Esq., Taumarunui; (3) F. Purnell, Esq., Mayor of Marton; (4) H. P. Horne, Esq., Mayor of Woodville; (5) The Town Clerk, Waikouaiti; (6) H. E. Connop, Esq., Woodville; (7) W. T. Neill, Esq., Surveyor-General Wellington.

Your Commissioners have the honour to return herewith the Commission with which Your Excellency was pleased to favour us.

And this our report, which has been unanimously adopted, we have the honour respectfully to submit for the consideration of Your Excellency, in obedience to the Commission addressed to us.

Given under our hands and seals, this ninth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

[L.S.] R. M. WATSON, Chairman.

[L.S.] W. T. STRAND, } Members.
[L.S.] W. NASH, }

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