

III.—WESTPORT TO MOUNT ROCHFORD COAL FIELD.

No.	Date.	From.	To.	Subject.
19	1871. July 7	Superintendent, Nelson	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Importance of proposed line from Westport to Mount Rochford Coal Field. Thinks its survey should be preceded by a careful examination of the field by the officers of the Geological Department.
20	July 29	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent, Nelson	Government concurs in the opinion that an exploration is necessary, but the summer is the only season in which it can be successfully undertaken.

IV.—TRAMWAY AND RAILWAY TO GREY COAL MINES BY LOCAL COMPANIES.

21	1871. April 29	Borough Council ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards resolution that no permission be granted to occupy certain lands available for railway purposes until the direction of the Brunner Coal Mine Line is decided.
22	May 19	Grey Valley Tramway Company (Limited)	Hon. Colonial Secretary	This Company has commenced formation of a tramway to coal fields.
23	May 29	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Chairman County Council states that Tramway Company have not complied with conditions under which protection was given them, nor are they likely to do so.
24	April 10	Mr. Harrison, M.H.R...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Relating to the formation of a local railway company to Grey Coal Mines.
25	June 5	Mr. Blackett ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Has seen Mr. Harrison, and recommended the consideration of his letter should stand over until report of Mr. Blackett and Dr. Hector is sent in.
26	June 5	Messrs. Kilgour and Perotti	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Submitting proposal for the formation of the local company mentioned in No. 24.

MARLBOROUGH.

27	1870. Sept. 6	Superintendent of Marlborough	Hon. Colonial Secretary	If the Picton and Blenheim Railway is economically constructed, the Province will, under the present financial proposals, be able to guarantee interest on its outlay.
28	Sept. 21	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent of Marlborough	Acknowledges receipt.
29	Oct. 20	Superintendent of Marlborough	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Understands that a company is likely to be formed in Australia to construct railways in New Zealand. If so, will Government authorize the construction of the Picton and Blenheim Railway.
30	Nov. 4	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent of Marlborough	Government prepared to consider proposal if based on guarantee principle.
31	1871. Jan. 19	Superintendent of Marlborough	Hon. Colonial Secretary	As plans are complete, wishes to know whether Government will advertise for tenders to construct the railway.
32	Feb. 10	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent of Marlborough	Government will, if possible, arrange with Captain Coote for construction on the guarantee principle.
33	Feb. 17	Superintendent of Marlborough	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Will assist Government in forwarding this matter.
34	March 1	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Superintendent of Marlborough	Negotiations with Captain Coote are suspended pending a reference to England.

CANTERBURY.

I.—CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS.

35	August 18	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Forwarding information relative to railways in Canterbury.
36	August 18	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Proposed extension of the railway system in Canterbury.
37	August 20	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Forwards letter from Mr. Selby Tancred, relative to traffic on Canterbury railways.
38	Sept. 9	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Wishes for information as to intentions of Government, to lay before Provincial Council.
39	Sept. 12	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Wishes to be informed whether, if the Provincial Government progresses with the railway works, the Government will take the works over when the sale of the loan is effected.
40	Sept. 13	Hon. J. Vogel ...	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Without making a pledge, Government will be prepared to consider, when in funds, the propriety of taking over the Canterbury Railways.
41	Nov. 10	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards resolutions of the Provincial Council, suggesting lines of railway not authorized by the Act.
42	Feb. 17	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Mr. Blackett has left for Canterbury, and will consult His Honor.