

III.—ASHLEY RIVER—continued.

No.	Date.	From.	To.	Subject.
71	1871. August 5	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards a resolution of Provincial Council; line suggested by Mr. Blackett, in No. 66, is the best.
72	July 12	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards a memorial to His Excellency the Governor, with reference to the River Ashley crossing.
73	August 2	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Acknowledges receipt.

IV.—SELWYN TO RAKAIA.

74	March 13	Mr. Blackett ...	Mr. Thornton ...	Requesting to be furnished with statement showing approximate amount for rails, &c., for extension of line from Selwyn to Rakaia.
75	March 14	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. F. D. Bell ...	Estimate for permanent way of line, Selwyn to Rakaia, amounts to £10,066, to be tendered for in London if the Hon. Mr. Vogel can provide funds.
76	March 15	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Mr. Ottywell ...	Decision has been arrived at in reference to form of rail for Southern Railway. Consult with Hon. Mr. Vogel as to calling for tenders.

V.—RAKAIA TO TEMUKA AND TIMARU TO TEMUKA.

77	1871. May 5	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Tender for survey, Rakaia to the Temuka Station, has been accepted.
78	1870. Sept. 12	Hon. E. W. Stafford ...	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Forwards resolution passed by Timaru and Gladstone Board of Works, relative to Rangitata Bridge and proposed line from Timaru to Temuka.
79	Oct. 18	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Hon. E. W. Stafford ...	Acknowledging receipt.
80	Oct. 8	Timaru and Gladstone Boards of Works	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Requesting that a competent engineer may be employed for survey, to be paid out of vote of Provincial Council.
81	Dec. 25	Timaru and Gladstone Board of Works	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Inquiry as to decision arrived at.
82	1871. Jan. 7	Mr. Cooper ...	Timaru and Gladstone Board of Works	A meeting has been arranged for between Messrs. Bray, Babington, and Tancred, as to survey of line.
83	Feb. 15	Timaru and Gladstone Board of Works	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Drawing attention to position of the Board of Works as to the salary of Mr. Babington, the Engineer engaged for survey of railway line; encloses correspondence with Superintendent thereon.
84	Mar. 23	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Tancred will survey line to the Washdyke, Mr. Babington's other engagements preventing his undertaking any portion of the survey now required.
85	July 18	Mr. Knowles ...	Mr. Tancred ...	Requesting him to make arrangements for the purchase of the lands along the entire length of the line.
86	April 21	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	As to a bridge over the Temuka, on the Timaru and Temuka Railway, for which £1,000 has been voted.
87	July 10	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Borings having been taken, it is found that the cost of the bridge would be from £3,300 to £6,270.

Note.—For further correspondence arising incidentally out of the Timaru and Temuka Railway Line, see Section VII. of the Canterbury series below, viz., "Transfer of Canterbury Railways to Colonial Government."

VI.—BRANCH LINES: MALVERN HILLS. OXFORD LINE *via* MOERAKI DOWNS AND WAIMATE TO WAITAKI.

88	1871. June 1	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Branch lines are requested to be surveyed to Malvern Hills and to Oxford by Moeraki Downs.
89	June 2	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Mr. Bray has been instructed to survey above lines.
90	June 29	Mr. Bray ...	Mr. Blackett ...	As to various lines of survey to Malvern Hills.
91	July 12	Mr. Blackett ...	Mr. Bray ...	No. 3 Line to be surveyed.
92	July 3	Mr. Knowles ...	Mr. Bray ...	Requesting his attention to a southern branch, Waimate towards Waitaki.
93	July 7	Mr. Bray ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Forwards tracing of proposed branch.

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Sketch illustrating Waimate Branch No. 93.

VII.—TRANSFER OF CANTERBURY RAILWAYS TO COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.

Note.—For commencement of Timaru and Temuka correspondence, see Section V. of the Canterbury series above.

94	April 21	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Desirable that no misunderstanding should take place in reference to initiation of works on Timaru and Temuka Line, as to whether Provincial or Colonial Government is to do so.
95	June 10	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Calling attention to above letter.
96	July 11	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Government is prepared to assume control of present lines and further works, on recommendation of Superintendent and Provincial Council.
97	July 18	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Pending submission of above letter to Provincial Council, tenders should be invited for ballasting, &c.
98	July 18	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Sanctioning tenders being called for.
99	Aug. 5	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwarding resolution of Provincial Council relative to transfer of railway lines.