

## VII.—TRANSFER OF CANTERBURY RAILWAYS TO COLONIAL GOVERNMENT—continued.

No.	Date.	From.	To.	Subject.
100	1871. Aug. 9	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Asking what proposals are intended to be made by Government to give effect to Provincial Council resolutions.
101	Aug. 15	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Canterbury	Mr. Bray will be instructed to place himself in communication with Provincial Government. 1st of October next is proposed as date of transfer.

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## I.—DUNEDIN AND CLUTHA.

102	1870. Dec. 21	Mr. Blair ...	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Original and modified estimates relative to the construction of the Otago and Southern Trunk Railway.
103	Dec. 28	Mr. Blair ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Recommends section from Dunedin to Caversham to be contracted for.
104	Dec. 30	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Blair ...	Call for tenders for construction from Dunedin to Caversham.
105	Dec. 30	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Otago	Mr. Blair has been instructed to call for tenders as above, and prepare plans for greater length.
106	1871. Jan. 21	Mr. Blair ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Plans, &c., completed and open for inspection of contractors.
107	March 28	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Has carefully examined the plans of the Dunedin contract; some modifications proposed.
108	March 30	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Sections Nos. 2 and 3 can be advertised. No. 1 section let to Mr. Chaplin for £4,325 15s. [Note.—Mr. J. Smyth's tender for £21,000 accepted for sections Nos. 2 and 3.]
109	May 27	Mr. Blair ...	Mr. Blackett ...	Reporting progress during May.
110	June 26	Mr. Blair ...	Mr. Blackett ...	Reporting progress during June. Field work for contract at Clutha end nearly finished.
111	July 21	Mr. Blair ...	Mr. Blackett ...	Reporting progress during July. Clutha contract advertised.
112	June 15	Mayor of Balclutha ...	Hon. F. D. Bell ...	Although the prayer has been anticipated by the action of Government, yet forwards a memorial praying that the railway works may be begun at the Clutha end as well as at Dunedin.
113	July 3	Mr. Knowles ...	Mayor of Balclutha ...	Acknowledges receipt. Government are anxious to go on with the work as speedily as possible.
114	April 26	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Plant and rolling stock required to be ordered from England.
115	May 27	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Agent-General, London	Ordering plant and rolling stock. Requests certain information with a view to building the carriages for the future in the Colony.

## II.—WAITAKI TO MOERAKI.

116	1870. Nov. 8	Hon. Col. Secretary ...	The Superintendent of Otago	Requesting recommendation of Engineer to survey Waitaki to Moeraki line.
117	Nov. 24	Mr. Millar ...	The Superintendent of Otago	Has formed his field staff, and will proceed at once with the survey.
118	Nov. 26	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Millar ...	Instructions as to survey.
119	Dec. 7	Mr. Millar ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	When should plans be ready?
120	Dec. 16	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Millar ...	By May next.
121	1871. March 23	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Has examined line now being surveyed. Although there are difficulties in some places, has no doubt a good practicable line will be found for the whole distance.
122	May 13	Mr. Blackett ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Line is turning out much better than expected.
123	June 16	Mr. Steward, M.H.R.	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards resolutions passed at a public meeting respecting a proposed line—Oamaru, through Cave Waiareka and Awamako Valleys, to Maerewhenua.
124	July 6	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Steward, M.H.R.	Line mentioned will receive consideration, and suggesting that landowners along the line should communicate to the Government their willingness to give the land free.
125	July 7	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Otago	Forwarding correspondence with Mr. Steward, M.H.R.

## III.—INVERCARGILL TO MATAURA.

126	1870. Aug. 22	The Superintendent of Southland	Hon. J. Vogel ...	Calling attention to importance of a railway between the Mataura River and Invercargill.
127	Nov. 8	Hon. Colonial Secretary	The Superintendent of Otago	Will His Honor recommend an Engineer to survey line?
128	Nov. 26	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Brunton ...	Instructions for survey.
129	Dec. 7	Mr. Brunton ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Will lose no time in completing plans, &c.
130	Dec. 26	Mr. Brunton ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Report on alternative lines—requesting instructions.
131	1871. Jan. 9	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Mr. Brunton ...	The blue line is authorized.
132	Feb. 28	Mr. Brunton ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards plan, section, and estimate of line. Estimates cost at £2,500 per mile.
133	June 14	Mr. Harvey ...	Hon. Colonial Secretary	Forwards report of a public meeting held to urge Government to commence Invercargill and Mataura Railway as soon as possible.