

SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

No. of Series.	Date.	From	To	Subject.
1	1870. Nov. 28	Mr. Blakett ...	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Has inspected road from Foxton to Palmerston, with view to tramroad. It offers great facilities. Roughly estimated cost for twenty-four and a half miles, £10,008 5s. Od. Owing to deficiency of metal, tramroad is essential to development of country
2	Dec. 3	Mr. Blakett ...	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Has inspected inland road, Wanganui to Waitotara. Not suitable for economical working of a tramway
3	1871. Feb. 13	Mr. Blakett ...	Mr. Stewart ...	Scandinavian immigrants about to arrive to be employed in preparing materials for tramway, Palmerston to Ngawhakarau
4	April 22	Provincial Secretary of Wellington	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	A visit to Manawatu has impressed him with necessity for expediting tramway, Palmerston to Ngawhakarau. Details of cost of carriage, &c., instanced in support of his views
5	April 28	Mr. Knowles ...	Provincial Secretary of Wellington	Tramway, Palmerston to Ngawhakarau, will be expedited, and instructions given to prepare estimates for its extension to Foxton
6	April 22	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Mr. Stewart ...	To prepare estimates, &c., tramway Ngawhakarau to Foxton, for consideration of Government, and to push on the construction of tramway, Palmerston to Ngawhakarau, as rapidly as possible
7	April 24	Mr. Stewart ...	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Tramworks are being pushed on. Commence laying as soon as enough material ready
8	May 1	Mr. Stewart ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Approximate estimate for tramway from Ngawhakarau to Foxton is £6,350
9	May 2	Mr. Stewart ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Alternative line, Ngawhakarau to Foxton <i>via</i> Motoa, would cost only one-third of estimate in No. 8. Disadvantage; change of vehicle in transit. Road transit, five miles; river transit, ten miles. Total, fifteen miles
10	May 8	Mr. Stewart ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Detailed approximate estimate of alternative line <i>via</i> Motoa, £2,450. Disadvantage; transfer from tramway to vessel at Motoa, and from vessel to tramway at Ngawhakarau
11	May 13	Dr. Hector and Mr. Blakett	Hon. Minister for Public Works	Reasons why the alternative line <i>via</i> Motoa should be discarded
12	May 27	Mr. Knowles ...	Mr. Stewart ...	Line reported on in No. 8 has been adopted in preference to alternative line <i>via</i> Motoa. Whole line is to be undertaken by contract or piece-work
13	May 31	Mr. Stewart ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Owing to excessively wet season, quite impracticable to lay tramway except for two miles near Palmerston, until fine weather sets in, say commencement of September. From same cause, goods traffic between Ngawhakarau and Palmerston is wholly by canoe
14	May 31	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Superintendent of Wellington	Forwarding Mr. Stewart's reports (Nos. 8 and 10) and decision arrived at by Government (No. 12)
15	June 2	Superintendent of Wellington	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Acknowledges with satisfaction decision arrived at ...
16	June 5	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Superintendent of Wellington	Forwarding Mr. Stewart's further report (No. 13) ...
17	June 7	Superintendent of Wellington	Hon. Mr. Gisborne	Acknowledges receipt thereof
18	June 16	Mr. Knowles ...	Mr. Stewart ...	Requiring report on the practicability and probable cost of making a tramway on the proposed line of railway from Palmerston to Oroua, so as to open direct communication between Manawatu Road and Wanganui
19	June 19	Mr. Stewart ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Estimate for tramway, Oroua to Palmerston, along proposed line of railway, about eight miles, at £380 per mile. Practicable, but cannot well be done until the wet season is over
20	June 21	Mr. Knowles ...	Mr. Stewart ...	Government have decided to instruct you to prepare plans and specifications, and call for tenders, as soon as circumstances permit
21	June 21	Mr. Stewart ...	Mr. Knowles ...	Generally line for tramway will be favourable, and further communication from Oroua to Middle Rangitikei, by proposed railway line, will be good and easy of construction for tramways

PLAN showing lines of tramway under construction from Palmerston to Ngawhakarau and Foxton, also proposed line from Palmerston to Oroua page 3.