

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Dobson, and carried, That after the record maps hereinbefore referred to shall have been prepared, no land ought to be brought under the operation of the Land Transfer Acts until the map of the Crown grant in which it is contained shall have been correctly delineated on the record map by the proper local officer.

Moved by Mr. Cass, seconded by Mr. Dobson, and carried—

A. That, in the opinion of the Conference, a Board to be composed of Chief Surveyors, or other qualified professional persons in the Colony, should hold periodical sittings for the purpose of examining candidates for diplomas in the profession.

B. That after a certain date no survey ought to be received as the foundation of a Crown grant, or for any public purpose, except it shall have been executed by a surveyor holding such a diploma from the Board.

C. That there should be two or more grades of surveyors, each grade to be required to have passed a separate examination before the Board; and that the number of different grades in the profession, and the degree of examination required to pass for each, should be determined upon by the above-mentioned Board of Examiners.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and carried, But that the foregoing should not apply to Government Staff Surveyors, nor to any surveyor at present in possession of a diploma issued prior to the 1st January, 1873, and granted by the "Surveyors' Association of the Province of Auckland," or by any previous or existing Chief Surveyor or other competent authority of any Province in the Colony.

Moved by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Humphries, and carried, That the Conference do adjourn until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th April, 1873 (at the same place), for the purpose of considering the papers referred to it.

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The Conference met in the Provincial Library, Wellington, on Wednesday, the 16th April, 1873, at 2 p.m.

*Present :*

Mr. Cass,		Mr. Humphries,
Mr. Clarke,		Mr. Jackson,
Mr. Dobson,		Mr. Mueller,
Mr. Heale (Chairman),		Mr. Tole.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and confirmed.

The Secretary read a telegram received from Mr. Thompson, stating that he would leave Dunedin for Wellington as soon as possible.

*Subject*—Consideration of Papers respecting preparation of Crown Grants.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and carried, That, in the opinion of the Conference, it is advisable that every Crown grant, in addition to a distinct reference by number to the Record Map, should contain the fullest possible survey details, necessary, not only for the proper description of the land thereby granted, but also for the determination of the true position of the same upon the ground. It is therefore recommended that, in all cases where practicable, the linkages and bearings of the boundaries of each estate, and, where a trigonometrical station or stations (or points fixed from the triangulation) are erected within the boundaries thereof, or adjacent thereto, a bearing and distance also from such point or points should be fully delineated on the marginal plan.

The Secretary read a memorandum presented by the Registrar-General of Land.

Moved by Mr. Humphries, seconded by Mr. Mueller, and carried, That the Conference, believes that the faithful carrying out of its previous resolutions will fully meet the requirements suggested by the Registrar-General in his memorandum presented to the Conference, as well as the difficulty referred to in the papers relating to the Crown grant for the "Karaka Block," referred to the Conference. The proposal of Mr. Williams, that the assistance of the Provincial Survey Offices should be available to the Registrars, appears to be one desirable to be met in many cases, but the Conference apprehends that it must be left for departmental arrangement.

*Subject*—Papers relative to laying down Roads through lands granted to Natives and Europeans.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and carried, That, in the opinion of the Conference, the question involved in the consideration of this subject is one especially deserving the attention of the Legislature of the Colony, with the view to either enlarging or removing the limit as to time fixed by Statute; but failing that, it is recommended that steps be taken to lay down the general direction of required roads (without actual survey) upon the official plan of each parcel of sold or granted lands, leaving the best lines of road to be subsequently determined upon, and exchanged hereafter, with the consent of the owners of the land, for those formerly taken.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Dobson, and carried, That the Chairman be requested to draw up a report embodying the foregoing resolutions, to be presented at the next sitting of the Conference.

Moved by Mr. Humphries, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and carried, That the Conference do now adjourn until Friday, the 18th April, at 11 a.m. (at the same place), to allow time for the Chairman to comply with the last resolution.