

The Conference met in the Provincial Library, Wellington, on Friday, the 18th April, 1873, at 11 a.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 Chairman brought up a report embodying the foregoing resolutions, in compliance with the request of the Conference; after the reading of which, it was moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and carried, That the draft report be laid on the table of the Conference, and taken into consideration next sitting day.

Moved by Mr. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Tole, That the Conference estimates the cost of the major triangulation, including connection with the trigonometrical work already completed, at $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per acre over the whole Colony, and that this amount, in round numbers, will be about £150,000.

After some discussion, Mr. Dobson asked leave to amend his former motion, by omitting therefrom all the words after "Colony." But it was moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Mueller, and carried on division (as an amendment), That the experience already gained in this Colony, as well as that of many other countries, leads the Conference to believe that the cost of the proposed triangulation would not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per acre, at least over those portions of the Colony in which triangulation is likely to be early required.

<i>Ayes, 4.</i>		<i>Noes, 3.</i>
Mr. Cass,		Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Humphries,		Mr. Dobson,
Mr. Jackson,		Mr. Tole.
Mr. Mueller.		

Mr. Mueller presented a return showing the actual condition of existing surveys in the County of Westland.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Mueller, and carried, That the following words be added after Mr. Humphries' motion of 14th April, (That no grant should be issued until the land has been connected by triangulation):—"That where, from the densely wooded character or other physical obstacles of any part of the country, a minor triangulation is found to be impracticable, a system of main or circuit traverse, carefully connected with and executed from the meridian of one (at least) or more of the nearest previously triangulated points, should then, in such cases, be adopted."

Moved by Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and carried, That the following words be added after Mr. Tole's motion of 15th April (respecting exemption of certain surveyors from examination):—"Provided that holders of such diplomas or certificates shall be required to forward the same for registration to the Board of Examiners within a certain time, to be fixed by the said Board."

Moved by Mr. Cass, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and carried, That the Conference do now adjourn until Saturday, the 19th April, at 10 a.m., at the same place.

The Conference met in the Provincial Library, Wellington, on Saturday, the 19th April, 1873, at 10 a.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.

A draft form of "Return of Condition of Surveys" was approved.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Dobson, and carried, That returns in form of the draft this day approved of, together with that moved for by Mr. Tole on the second day of meeting of the Conference, be prepared by each Chief Surveyor and forwarded to the Honorable Colonial Secretary for the purpose of being appended to the other papers of the Conference.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Mueller, and carried, That the draft report presented by the Chairman yesterday be read, and considered paragraph by paragraph.

Moved by Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Tole, and carried, That the draft report, with the verbal alterations agreed to, be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Cass, seconded by Mr. Mueller, and carried, That the Chairman be instructed to forward to the Honorable Colonial Secretary the report as agreed to, with the interim returns and copy of the resolutions passed, together with the minutes of the proceedings.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Humphries, and carried, That the thanks of the Conference be conveyed to His Honor the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington for the ample accommodation which he has afforded for its sittings.

Moved by Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mr. Cass and carried, That the Chairman be instructed to sign the necessary voucher for the payment of the Secretary, Mr. Samuel.

Moved by Mr. Tole, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and carried, That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to Mr. Heale for the ability, courtesy, and forbearance which have characterized his conduct in the chair.

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

There being no further business before the meeting, the Chairman declared the Conference at an end.