

Question 5—continued.

Boards be able to settle all such questions as now have to go to the Colonial Secretary. As to by-laws, counties should have little or no power. As far as possible one code should be made for conduct of business.

Raglan—
Newcastle—No; abolish County Councils, and give more power to Road Boards.

Whakatane—
Opotiki—Counties should have administration of waste lands within their area, with consent of the Governor.

Tuaranga—Counties should have administration of waste lands within their area, subject to the consent of the Governor. Waste Lands Boards nominated by the Crown should be abolished.

Taranaki—
Waiwakaiho—That they should have the power of collecting the road rates for any road district so desiring, on payment of 2½ per cent.

Oakura—Sweep them away entirely.

Mangarei (J. T. Upjohn)—I think it best counties should be only administrative bodies, and that their duties should be clearly defined by Parliament, especially with regard to turnpikes. There are here district roads on which one has to pay 2d. per mile for every mile you travel on a county road to a centre of population on horseback; outside which pike you can travel about for fifty miles without paying anything from one centre of population to another.

Patea—
Wairoa—No answer.

Manawatu—
Manchester—To make by-laws regulating the width of tires on vehicles plying on roads within the county.

Rangitikei—
Sandon and Carnarvon—No.

Wairarapa East—Increased power should be given to regulate traffic on roads.

Castlepoint—Should have power to

make by-laws regulating traffic on roads, especially with respect to the width of tires used on conveyances.

Wairarapa West—
Masterton—They should possess power to levy tolls, regulate the width of tires on vehicles carrying beyond a given weight, and generally to regulate traffic; power to raise loan on behalf of any section of county, and levy rate on such section, providing interest on same.

Waimea—
Suburban North—No.

Amuri—Not at present.

Marlborough—
Havelock—No.

Kaikoura—No.
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Selwyn—
Avon—All County Councils be compelled to take over and maintain all arterial lines of road in their respective counties.

Malvern—No.

Rakaia—No answer.

Spreydon—The Board would suggest that any by-laws made by County Councils affecting local bodies should receive the previous consent of the local bodies concerned.

Springs—Yes; such as trespass of cattle, registration of dogs in respect to fees, small-birds nuisance.

Upper Waimakariri—Appointing Trustees of Cemeteries, recreation Boards, &c., so as to save time and trouble.

Ellesmere—The powers at present conferred upon Licensing Committees should be transferred to County Councils. All tramway reserves, especially those in the Ellesmere District, should be vested in the County Councils, with a view to their control being handed over to the Road Boards.

Akaroa—No answer.

Ashburton—
South Rakaia—No.
Longbeach—No.
Upper Ashburton—No answer.

Geraldine—
Levels—No.
Levels (Chairman)—Counties should have more general administrative powers, and relieve Parliament from present excess of local demands for works, &c.

Waimate—No.

Waitaki—
Otepopo—Counties should have more power to regulate traffic on roads by regulating width of tires. They should be the licensing body for the county, subject to the local-option clauses.

Vincent—The Council have none to suggest.

Lake—Yes; vest in them, if the Licensing Act is continued, local powers to administer same. Give them power to support mining and other industries. Give them full powers under proposed Rating Bill to tax Crown lands.

Peninsula—
Portobello—The County Councils should form Licensing Committees outside boroughs. Have power to expend Council votes on other than county roads; have control over the small-birds pest; and large powers generally for the framing and passing of by-laws on local subjects.

Taieri—
Seaside—No answer.
Taieri—The County Councils should have power to make laws comfortable for the ratepayers in the districts which they preside over, especially the control over the rabbit and bird pests.

Bruce—
Kaitangata—County Councils should form Licensing Committees outside boroughs.

Clutha—
Clutha—The counties should have power to frame by-laws, and also to carry out elections under the Licensing Act; also to carry out the Rabbit and Sheep Acts.

6. Should the counties be enabled to create new road districts or alter existing ones of their own motion, or only on the petition of a majority of the ratepayers?

Mongonui—
Whangaroa North—On petition of ratepayers only.

Oruaiti—Only on petition of ratepayers.

Mongonui—On petition of ratepayers.

Bay of Islands—Does not apply to this county.

Whangarei—
Kaurihohori—No answer.

Mangapai—By the majority of ratepayers.

Maungakarama—Upon petition of the majority of the ratepayers.

Ruatangata—The power of creating new road districts or altering existing ones should be in the hands of a majority of ratepayers, and exercised by them by petition to Colonial Secretary.

Waipu North—The counties should not have the power without the consent of the ratepayers.

Whangarei—No answer.

Hobson—This should be left to the ratepayers.

Rodney—
Albertland North—Counties ought not to have any voice in the matter.

Komokoriki—County Councils should only have the power to create new

road districts or alter existing ones on the petition of a majority of the ratepayers in the districts the alterations would affect.

Matakana East—The power of altering existing road districts or creating new ones should be left to the discretion of the ratepayers.

Waitemata—
Devonport—No answer.

Devonport (W. H. Fenton)—On the petition of ratepayers only.

Pukeatua—Only on petition of a majority of the ratepayers.

Waitakerei East—Only on petition of a majority of ratepayers.

Eden—We think the law should remain as at present.

Manukau—
Awhitu—No answer.

Pokeno—Neither.

Waipipi (A. Muir, jun.)—Only on a petition of the majority of the ratepayers.

Waikato—
Cambridge—Only on petition of the ratepayers.

Waipa—Yes; but only on a petition of a majority of the ratepayers.

Mangapiko—Yes; by petition of two-thirds of the ratepayers.

Ngaruawahia Town—Yes; but only on the petition of two-thirds of the resident ratepayers in the district seeking to form a new Board. Such district to have at least fifteen resident ratepayers.

Pukekura—Only on petition of a majority of the ratepayers.

Raglan—
Newcastle—Only on petition of ratepayers.

Whakatane—
Opotiki—By petition of two-thirds of ratepayers.

Tauranga—By petition of a majority of ratepayers, having regard to both numerical majority, and also to the rateable valuation of the petitioners.

Taranaki—
Waiwakaiho—They should be empowered to create new ones, but only to alter them with the sanction of a majority of the ratepayers.

Oakura—So long as counties exist, on petition of majority of ratepayers.

Mangarei (J. T. Upjohn)—Only on petition of the majority of ratepayers.

Patea—
Wairoa—No answer,