

The UNDER-SECRETARY, PUBLIC WORKS to the ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, Midland Railway.

*Re Midland Railway: Proposals for a New Contract.*

SIR,—

Public Works Department, Wellington, 29th August, 1894.

I have the honour, by direction of the Premier, to forward herewith for your information a copy of the report of the New Zealand Midland Railway Committee, laid on the table of the House this afternoon, and to request that you will be good enough to state whether you agree to the last paragraph thereof as to the time for the completion of the railway between Patterson's Creek and Jackson's.

I have, &c.,

H. J. H. BLOW,  
Under-Secretary for Public Works.

Robert Wilson, Esq., Wellington Club, Wellington.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Midland Railway Company, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

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SIR,—

Wellington Club, Wellington, N.Z., 4th September, 1894.

Referring to my letter of the 29th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I have just received a cablegram from my directors stating that they accept the terms set out in the report of the Select Committee and enclosed in your letter of the 29th ultimo, but consider that the company should receive in Government 3½-per-cent. debentures half the cost of the extension into the Motueka Valley, and have left this question to my discretion.

In the meantime I have the honour to refer you to my letter dated 20th July last (clause B), and would ask you to be good enough to provide for this in the new contract.

Referring to clause C of the same letter, I herewith enclose schedule of the proposed maximum rates and fares, to be attached to the new contract.\*

I have, &c.,

ROBERT WILSON,  
Engineer-in-Chief and General Manager.

The Hon. the Premier.

The ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, Midland Railway, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

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SIR,—

Wellington Club, Wellington, 5th September, 1894.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received a cablegram from my directors, asking me to let them know at once by cable when the company will be in possession of the draft contract, and when the Bill is to be brought before the House.

I shall be much obliged if you will, at your earliest convenience, be good enough to place me in a position enabling me to send an answer to my directors.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT WILSON,  
Engineer-in-Chief and General Manager.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

The ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, Midland Railway, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

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SIR,—

Wellington Club, Wellington, 10th September, 1894.

Referring to my letter of the 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the New Zealand Midland Railway Company (Limited) accept the terms of the report of the Select Committee, enclosed in your letter of the 29th ultimo, as a basis of the new contract.

I shall be glad, however, if you will be good enough to make provision in the new contract for clauses (b) and (c) in your letter of the 18th July last, of which no mention is made in the report.

I have, &c.,

THE NEW ZEALAND MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

ROBERT WILSON,

Engineer-in-Chief and General Manager.

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

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SIR,—

Public Works Office, Wellington, 10th September, 1894.

I am directed by the Hon. the Premier to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 4th and 5th instant on the above subject, and, in reply, to state that the Government is unable to proceed with the preparation of the proposed new contract, or the Bill to authorise the same, until you have, on behalf of your company, definitely accepted the proposals of the Midland Railway Committee.

\* Schedule of rates printed in D.—3A, 1894.