

*Fitzherbert Road Board.*—Section 4, subsections (20) to (27): Board considers Road Board districts with capital value not less than £250,000, where Counties Act suspended and working with 20 per cent. of income, should be retained. Section 8: Object to residential franchise clause; suggest that only ratepayers be allowed to vote. Suggest clause relieving Boards from re-erecting or building bridges over large rivers on main roads when such bridges will cost over £5,000.—Wm. P. KENDALL, Chairman.

*Frankley Road Board.*—Frankley Road Board suggests road districts should amalgamate so as to be not less value than £150,000. Franchise: Favour rating; if residential, twelve months' residence; property should have vote in every riding. Provision should be made so that road districts leading into boroughs, and not using county roads, should not be liable for full rate levied by County Council. 85 not workable in this district.—H. OKEY, Chairman.

*Geraldine Road Board.*—Geraldine Road District should be retained in existence; no better form of local government could be substituted here. Residential qualifications very undesirable. The law relating to the powers of Road Boards should be consolidated and made perfectly plain in new Local Bill. Provisions should be made in Bill to enable the local authority to deal with traction-engines hauling heavy loads over bridges and roads; possibly broader tires, higher fees, with greater restraint as to endangering life and property, would be desirable.—J. KELLAND, Chairman.

*Henui Road Board.*—Henui Road Board considers great mistake to abolish or amalgamate Road Boards. Affairs of road districts always managed better by Boards, who should have knowledge of requirements of their districts. This is my Board's experience. My Board prefers remaining as at present, as it has always been able to manage its affairs out of revenue derived from rates, and without the aid of any loans. Holdings in district small, but numerous and valuable. Better managed by Board as at present. Board strongly protests against residential qualification.—HESLOP BARNITT, Chairman.

*Hikurangi Road Board.*—Our Board are against any but ratepayers having a vote, and also in favour of retaining the Road Boards, and having it optional to merge into counties.—J. O. CARTER, Chairman.

*Howick Road Board.*—Howick Township Board in favour of abolition of small Boards; in favour of large road districts if enlarged districts can collect rates equal to those collected by county where no road districts; otherwise in favour of county. In favour of franchise being limited to ratepayers; in case of county being divided into large road districts it would be impossible to leave out one unable to earn subsidy by itself.—FRANK HIRST, Chairman.

*Huntly Road Board.*—Huntly Road Board in favour of road districts being retained; also in favour of subsection (8) of section 4 being made law; but Board decidedly against clause (8) of section 15 becoming law.—J. P. BAILEY, Chairman.

*Hunua Road Board.*—The Hunua Road Board recommend that ratepayers have the power to say when Road Boards retained, merged into county, or amalgamated. Object to residential qualification. Object to clause (1) of 68 and 229. 172: Should tender for over £20. Riding rates to be spent in riding where collected, less expenses. Rates collected on Crown lands should carry subsidy. Sixth Schedule: All subsidies to be paid to Road Board. Members of retained or amalgamated Boards should be paid for attending ordinary meetings.—GEO. A. WILSON, Chairman.

*Inch-Clutha River and Road Board.*—Recommend road district to be retained. Section 8: Recommend ratepayers only entitled to vote.—J. MOSLEY, Chairman.

*Kaiti Road Board.*—Kaiti Road Board convinced Cook County Council will be unable administer district road satisfactorily; strongly objects merging. Approves section 4, subsections (20)–(27). Section 250: Board suggests, where county road intersects a retained or amalgamated road district, that rate levied by county be definitely allocated for expenditure in such district on such roads, *vide* county map showing Wainui Road, which intersects Kaiti and Pouawa Districts, in the alternative that such road, being arterial road serving the whole of East Coast, be a Government road, and respective districts be relieved of county rate now imposed.—G. MATTHEWSON, Chairman.

*Kakapau Road Board.*—For reply see Waipawa Road Board.

*Karaka Road Board.*—The Karaka Road Board does not approve of Road Boards being abolished, and desires in particular that this road district be retained; and consider that the franchise should only be extended to ratepayers as at present, and that the Acts now in force are sufficient, and does not consider any alteration necessary.—WILLIAM RATCLIFFE, Clerk.

*Katikati Road Board.*—Thanks your telegram. Katikati Road Board strongly urges retention Road Board system, and even formation of new Road Boards, if desired, by poll of ratepayers. As to future merging, the law to remain as at present. Board strongly objects on co-operative works proposals; desires perfect in contracts. The franchise to remain as at present. If no rates struck one year, full subsidy to be paid to Council on rates collected. County main roads to be taken over by Government.—VESSEY STEWART, Chairman.

*Kaukapakapa Road Board.*—In reply to your wire *re* Counties Bill, the Kaukapakapa Road Board enters an emphatic protest against the proposals to abolish Road Boards without the consent of ratepayers. The Board further objects to County Councils nominated Committees taking the place of elected Boards in future legislation. Taking into consideration the small details which the Boards have to deal, the Road Boards' administration is or must be cheaper than County Councils'.—FRANK DYE, Chairman.

*Kensington Road Board.*—Object franchise, ratepayers only to vote. Salary Chairman, £100 maximum. Suggestions: Merged road districts to have fixed revenue; one-half county general rate and subsidy, less administration. Chairmen Road Board Ridings Councillors virtue of office. Ratepayers in riding only to be Councillors for riding, ceasing to be ratepayers ouster from