

office, county and road. By-laws not to upset through technical objections. Give power to limit number of horses to pair of wheels. Councillors to be paid more than travelling-allowance.—**J. GRIFFIN**, Chairman.

Kirikiroa Road Board.—The Kirikiriroa Road Board, on receipt of the Councils Bill, maturely considered its provisions, and came to the unanimous conclusion that any alteration or interference with the local government by Road Boards would be disadvantageous. I may add that the Tamahere and Cambridge Road Boards have passed resolutions to exactly the same effect.—**JOHN GORDON**, Chairman.

Kiwaka Road Board.—This Board enters a most emphatic protest against clauses Counties Act prohibiting for abolition Road Boards. It considers it would be a great calamity to this district, being extreme northern end of the Waimea County, and having control of about thirty miles by-roads, and yearly extending into back districts, also twelve miles bridle-tracks, all of which could not possibly be maintained as efficiently by County Council as by Board; also having under control the management of two wharves, built by ratepayers and invested by Marine Department.—**DANIEL BATE**, Chairman.

Knapdale Road Board.—Knapdale Road Board objects to residential franchise, and is of opinion that only those who contribute to revenue should vote. Secondly, is strongly of opinion that the dissolution of Road Boards should be left entirely to ratepayers. Resolutions to this effect were passed at meeting of Board on Saturday.—**GEORGE BRETT**, Clerk.

Kohi Road Board.—Board prefers to carry on as at present constituted. Strongly oppose being merged in county. Ratepayers thoroughly satisfied with present working of Board's affairs.—**R. BREMER**, Chairman.

Komokoriki Road Board.—*Re Counties Bill*: I beg to inform you that we are opposed to same, preferring our present system of administration by our local Road Boards.—**A. E. DUNNINGHAM**, Chairman.

Kumeroa Road Board.—Your telegram to hand. The Kumeroa Road Board is merged in the Woodville County, which has just passed through the House, and soon will be in working-order. Would suggest that copies of Bill be sent to local bodies interested for their perusal.—**P. H. LYNCH**, Chairman.

Lincoln Road Board.—*Re Counties Bill*: Lincoln Road Board fully indorse circular forwarded by local conference. Delegate from Board going to Wellington.—**J. W. OVERTON**, Chairman.

Little River Road Board.—Board think that in counties in which Road Boards exist poll of ratepayers should be taken before abolition of Road Board, or *vice versa*. Any two or more Road Boards should have the power to amalgamate. Akaroa County peculiarly situated: eastern ratepayers require road to nearest wharf, western ratepayers only require road to nearest railway-station. Under circumstances, opinion Road Boards in Akaroa necessary.—**H. BUCHANAN**, Chairman.

Longbeach Road Board.—Owing to district being closely settled and thickly populated, this Board is unanimously of opinion that interests of ratepayer would be best served by retaining this as a road district.—**GRIGG**, Chairman.

Mainene Road Board.—Our Board respectfully requests and desires to remain as we are. Amalgamated in Council or Board we feel sure our roads would be badly neglected. If all Councils are like Rodney it would be best to wipe them all out; they take our rates out of the district, dog-tax too; they have not spent one shilling in our district for years. Council has five miles in our district. Government maintain four, leaving County one. Respectfully request to remain as we are. Yours respectfully.—**OLIVER HEYWARD**, Chairman.

Makara Road Board.—My Board was unanimous against the absorption of the Board by the County. Makara is an isolated place, and would not obtain benefit from altered circumstances; rather the contrary. The Board is in a good financial position, its roads are in very good order, and the Board recognise that they would be neglected if under the County.—**W. F. ENGLAND**, Clerk.

Manukau County, Conference of Road Boards.—At a conference of all the Road Boards of Manukau County, held at Papakura on the 5th June, 1901, the following resolutions were passed:—Resolution 1.—Local Authorities Bill, 1900: That this conference is of opinion that the Road Boards of the Manukau County have hitherto carried on the work of local government well and economically, and think, while some of the contiguous small road districts might be amalgamated with advantage, and their then powers enlarged, some provision should be made in the Local Authorities Bill for the suspension of the Counties Act when the ratepayers wish to do so. Resolution 2.—Local Authorities Bill, 1900: That this conference is of opinion that in the event of this Bill becoming law a clause should be inserted to the effect that the rates collected in a riding should be spent in that riding, less a proportion for working-expenses and hospital and charitable aid. Resolution 3.—Government valuation: That this conference protest against the methods of valuing, inasmuch as the cost is very largely increased, and the work done less effectually than before the passing of the Act.—**SAM. A. BROWNE**, Secretary.

Manukau County, Conference of Road Boards.—Conference Road Boards Manukau County unanimously favour ratepayers retain or adopt Road Boards with enlarged powers.—**SAM. BROWNE**, Secretary.

Manukau County, Conference of Local Authorities.—At a conference of Road Boards represented by Otahuhu, Papaitoi, Mangere, Maurewa, East Tamaki, Papakura, West Tamaki, Pakuranga, it was unanimously resolved that, as the Manukau County is very extensive and sparsely settled, the work of local government as now carried on is much more advantageous and economical than if the Counties Act was brought into operation. It was further resolved that a vote should be exercised by ratepayers only. The conference was strongly opposed to the amalgamation of Road Boards unless at the special instigation of the Boards interested.—**ALFRED STURGES**, Chairman.

Manawatu Road Board.—In reply to your telegram of 14th instant, I am directed by the