

*Maungakaramea Road Board.*—This Road Board desires to be retained as a road district. Even should this Bill become law we strongly object to any alteration of existing franchise. We also think that the maximum amount of County Chairman's salary should not exceed £100.—WILLIAM CRAWFORD, Chairman.

*Maunu Road Board.*—Maunu Road Board objects extending franchise to residential election. Ratepayers should only be entitled have voice in local government affairs.—M. W. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

*Maurewa Road Board.*—For reply see Conference of Local Authorities, Manukau County.

*Mercer Road Board.*—Proposed alteration more costly, perhaps more effective. Proposed rates insufficient. One local authority sufficient. Present system needs reform. Riding population thinly populated districts too high. Objects candidates deposit fee. Police should assist local authorities. Crown lands should be rated. Practical road-makers badly needed. Favour permanent road gang each county.—FREDERIC FREEMAN, Chairman.

*Moa Road Board.*—Section 4, subsections (20) and (27): We think that road districts should be amalgamated with counties; that counties should be made smaller, and divided into nine ridings, in case road districts should be retained. Provisions approved. Section 110: This Board would like it made clear that the powers for raising loan under "Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886," are not curtailed. Schedule VI.: We think that, with regard to subsidies, amount should be considerably increased. Schedule VIII.: Conditions with regard to confiscations appear unnecessarily strict.—H. TRIMBLE.

*Momohaki Road Board.*—Am of opinion that Road Boards have proved most useful and economical form of local government, and should be retained. "Counties Act, 1886," allows of Road Boards merging into counties if ratepayers require to do so. Subsection (4), section 38, would work very inconvenient where local bodies require to anticipate rates for work being constructed during proper months of year.—WILL. B. FISHER, Chairman.

*Moturoa Road Board.*—My Road Board is in favour of amalgamation with other Board or being merged in the County Council, as we consider large Board district can be worked at less expense.—H. P. METCALFE, Chairman.

*Mount Albert Road Board, Auckland.*—*Re Counties Bill:* General principle approved. Consider section 15, subsection (1), clauses (c) and (d), mischievous, and object altogether to any other than ratepayers voting. Eighth Schedule, section 2, subsections (1) and (2), section 3, section 5 should be struck out; too much special labour law already. *Re Part XXVIII:* Board prefer all Health Officers and Nuisance Inspectors appointed by Government to administer the part on us, should not be on local authorities; members of Boards are not independent; local personal feeling engendered.—JOHN BOUSKILL, Chairman.

*Mount Eden District Road Board.*—The Board object to be merged in the County of Eden. They object strongly to the retention of road districts being left to the Governor in Council. They also object to the proposed extension of franchise to residents. They support the resolution of the conference leaving question of retention of road districts to poll of ratepayers.—R. UDY, Chairman.

*Mount Hutt Road Board.*—This Board considers that Road Boards should be retained under the provisions of "Counties Act, 1901," provided road district contains population required for riding, because there are local works which can be carried out more satisfactorily by Road Boards than by body whose headquarters are at a considerable distance; and members of Road Boards being more in number than Councillors of a riding, can give more attention to requirements of their districts. Further considers that existing electoral qualifications should not be extended.—WILLIAM MORGAN, Chairman.

*Mount Peel Road Board.*—This Board are strongly in favour of Road Boards being retained on present lines.—G. J. DENNISTON, Chairman.

*Mount Roskill Road Board.*—In reply to your memo. of 14th *re* County Bill, it is the opinion of my Board there should be no interference with the existing system of Road Boards—in any case, not without the consent by vote of the ratepayers; that under the present system of Road Boards the necessary work is done more efficiently and more cheaply than it could be done by County Councils. My Board cannot see any good that would be obtained by extending the franchise beyond actual ratepayers. It is also our opinion that the present rating-powers are ample.—CHARLES BAGLEY, Chairman.

*Mount Somers Road Board.*—We consider Road Boards should be retained as best form of local government. Also, where overseer is kept, Chairman should receive some remuneration.—W. T. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

*Mount Stewart Road Board.*—The Mount Stewart Road Board is opposed to amalgamation in the Counties Bill. We have kept our roads in good order from our road rates. Five Boards in Bruce are merged in County Council, and borrowed large sums, which will take years to wipe off. We know we can control the expense of our immense district, with its seventy miles of roads, far better than we can possibly do if merged in the Counties Bill. We respectfully urge you to retain our Board intact. We object strongly to residential franchise, as miners in Adams Flat might swamp the freeholders who have taxed themselves for thirty-five years to make the roads without a farthing from the miners. Those who raise the revenue should have the right of spending it.—JAMES ADAM, Chairman.

*Mount Wellington Road Board.*—*Re Counties Bill, 1901:* At a meeting of the Mount Wellington Road Board yesterday this Bill was fully discussed, and a resolution unanimously passed to ask that Mount Wellington Road District be allowed to remain as now constituted; also that the power given by section 38 to grant a salary to Chairman of Council up to £400 per annum, and by section 71, subsection (11), allowance to a member as travelling-expenses up to £100 per annum, is excessive.—ROBERT S. CARTER, Clerk.

*North Ruataniwha Road Board.*—The North Ruataniwha Road Board, while not making any