

NELSON ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

FIRST MEETING. 10th April, 1872.

J. Holloway in the chair.

The receipt of new books was reported.

Resolved—That the Joint Book Committee be requested to order a fresh supply of books from London.

SECOND MEETING. 7th August, 1872.

The Bishop of Nelson, Vice-President, in the chair.

New Members.—Joseph Giles, M.D., D. Grant, G. Bonnington, O. G. A. Harvey, W. Tomlinson.

1. "On the Mineral Resources of Nelson Province," by J. Tatton.

(ABSTRACT.)

The subject of this paper was illustrated by a number of specimens of most of the known mineral products of the province, consisting of auriferous quartz from the reefs at Collingwood and the Inangahua, also of alluvial and refined gold; ores of silver, copper, lead, zinc, chrome, iron, iron-pyrites, arsenic and antimony in their crude state, also graphite and coal, besides many of their derivative products, principally pigments manufactured from the chrome, lead, and zinc ores. Mr. Tatton also exhibited a map showing the several localities where the minerals displayed were found.

Considerable discussion took place, and a good deal of practical information was afforded to the meeting on the superiority of the pigments, chrome especially, in quality, as well as in economy in regard to cost, as compared with similar colours imported from England.

Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to procure specimens of dried New Zealand plants to form the foundation of an herbarium for the Museum of the province.
