

15th August, 1935.

Peter Aitken Esq.,
PAERAU.

Dear Mr. Aitken,

I have duly received your message re Heavy Traffic through Mr. Black. The position is as follows -

Up to the year ended the 31st March, 1931 the Council paid over to the Dunedin City Council the sum of £881:15:8 for allocation and received as their proportion the sum of £954:7:8. These figures show that we received £72:12:- more than we actually paid in for allocation. The basis of this distribution was the Mileage returns furnished by each Lorry operator. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at this time by some of the contributing Bodies and as difficulty was being experienced in obtaining Mileage Returns from the Lorry Owners it was agreed at a Conference of all contributing Bodies, the Government Regulations had been amended in the meantime to permit of the contributing Bodies distributing the fees collected upon a mutual agreement, that the basis for the future distribution of the fees collected and paid to pool should be upon the percentage of the amount received by each contributing body during the years that the Mileage Return basis had been operative as the distributing factor of the fees collected. This system has worked since to the detriment of this County - i.e. in 1932 the Council paid to pool £180:8:8 and received as its proportion of the pool £210:14:9 - a gain of some £30 is noticed. In 1933, £218:6:3 was paid to pool and £202:6:5 was received back - a loss of nearly £16. In 1934, £284:3:7 was paid to pool and only £195:19:7 was received back - the loss had grown to nearly £89. In 1935 £295:14:8 was paid to the Pool and only £215:3:7 was returned as our share - a loss of £80:11:1 being registered. The reason for this continued decrease is due to the fact that though our percentage of the pool remained the same our fees collected had grown from £180:8:8 in 1932 to £295:14:8 in 1935. When the percentage basis was agreed upon for the allocation of fees the Waitaki County Council had only just been transferred from the South Canterbury Group to the Otago Group and consequently no mileage return data was available to Dunedin City Council for use in arriving at what Waitaki's apportionment of fees should be. At the Conference abovementioned, Waitaki County and Oamaru Borough made joint application to retain the fees collected by them and this request was granted.

At the recent Conference held on the 30th ultimo you will remember that the Lake County Council were granted the right to retain the fees collected in respect of those motor vehicles that are operating at the head of Lake Wakatipu. The grounds for the Lake County Council's request being that the vehicles were precluded by the geographical formation of the country from operating in other than Lake County. The voting on the question was of a very divided nature.

In this County we have twenty-six Licensed Heavy Motor Vehicles which with the exception of the vehicles owned by The Stone Carrying Co. Ltd. and one owned by T. Gilchrist of Otarehua, operate *almost* solely in the County. At the present time Foote & Co. Ltd., Dunedin have two vehicles which are licensed in Dunedin operating in the County. Other outside traffic includes the ever-present White Star Service cars which run between Palmerston and Cromwell practically every day in the week.

If the contributing bodies fail to arrive at an amicable agreement as to the allocation of the fees the Regulations provide that

the fees shall be apportioned by the Minister of Transport. In carrying out the apportionment the Minister distributes the fees on the basis of the following road expenditure taken over the two years preceding the application

- (a) Road Maintenance Expenditure.
- (b) Interest and Sinking Fund Charges on surface Improvement Loans.
- (c) A proportion of Capital Expenditure out of Revenue upon surface improvements.

I might mention that Dunedin City Council appear to me to be somewhat hesitant in the matter of making an appeal to the Minister of Transport to apportion the fees. However, from this Council's point of view I do not see that we should be governed by the outlook of other authorities on this matter, it may be that under the Minister they would receive less as their apportionment or on the other hand they may receive more. On thing is certain, we cannot receive less than at present. The apportionment for the last period shows us as receiving £40 odd less than we paid into the pool. If this rate of decreased apportionment continues we will be losing a third of the fees we collect.

I consider that the Council should seriously consider making application to the Minister of Transport to settle the question of the apportionment of the Heavy Traffic Fee.

There is no combating the fact that the advent of the Transport Licensing Act has altogether altered the operation of Heavy Motor Vehicles throughout the Country, and, coupled with the present conditions the operations of that Act has had a decided tendency to permit of Heavy Motor Vehicles acting in the capacity of feeders to the Railways rather than to permit these vehicles to operate in direct unlimited opposition of the Railways.

I do not think that there is anything that I can add to the above that will assist to further clarify the subject. If I have missed any point that occurs to you, I shall be pleased to endeavour to shed further light on receipt of your indication of same.

With Kind Regards.

Yours faithfully,

J. Whitcombe

COUNTY CLERK.

P.S. I have just received word from Mr. Lawry of the South British Insurance Co. Ltd. that his Head Office will be pleased to grant our request for a Loan on the conditions as submitted by us when in Dunedin at the beginning of the month. *107*

11th. September 1935.

Peter Aitken Esq.,
P A E R A U.

Dear Mr Aitken,

Herewith I enclose draft of report re Conference for your perusal and consideration. If you will go through the report and amend same to meet with your requirements and then return same to me I will have a fresh copy typed ready for the meeting.

On the last occasion when the Chairman and Clerk attended the Conference the Chairman was voted £10 in addition to Hotel expenses. The total cost was £33:-:4 and if the same amount is voted to you the total cost will be £32:12:2.

Please let me know if the above meets with your approval.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Whitcombe

COUNTY CLERK.



Loganbrae
Paean

22/9/35

Mr Whitcombe

Dear Whitcombe
your letter to hand, on my way to
Dunedin, my daughter took charge
and left it in Dunedin. However
she has written to have it returned
by next Tuesday's mail.

I think
if you have time, you might
have a letter written by our next meeting
a really a circular one. No ratepayers, putting
forth the advantages of the proposals, etc.
while a certain amount may appear in the
newspapers, plenty of the ratepayers may
miss it. This may mean the saving
of a months time.

I trust Mrs Whitcombe
family and yourself are well, and not
troubled with the Flu, which is very
prevalent up here.
Yours sincerely
Peter Aitken

27th September, 1935.

Gentlemen,

I desire to report that, accompanied by the County Clerk, I attended the Annual Conference of the N.Z. Counties' Association which was held in Wellington on the 28th and 29th ultimo.

The Conference was opened by the Hon. Sir A. Ransom and was followed by an address by the retiring President Mr. A. E. Jull M.P. who dealt with the representations made to the Government by the Executive of the Association since last Conference, and also Legislation which had been placed on the Statute Book.

Mr. G. McNamara, Director of the Post & Telegraph Department was then introduced to the Conference and the question of the cost of removal of Telephone and Telegraph poles was discussed. It was ultimately agreed unanimously that the Counties should bear Twenty-Five per centum of the cost of such removals.

In connection with rating on Crown properties the Conference unanimously agreed to forward the following remit to the Government -

"That the Government Departments lending on rural lands e.g. State Advances and Lands Departments, should be liable in the same manner as other mortgagees for rates on their lands".

All remits dealing with Main Highways Subsidy increases were not favourably recommended by the Special Committee set up to deal with same as the Conference passed the following Remit prior to the Committee sitting - "That the Government be asked to introduce Legislation this Session authorising payment of a £ for £ subsidy on all roads other than Highways instead of the present rate subsidy

Various committees were then appointed to deal with the remits which had been sectionised, and the General Conference adjourned until 7.30 p.m. that evening when a commencement was made with the work of considering the reports of the various committees. In all some 150 remits were dealt with by the Conference which terminated at 1 p.m. on the 29th. On the following morning a deputation representative of the Conference waited upon the Hon. Sir A. Ransom, and placed before him the more urgent of the Association's requests. The Hon. Minister promised to confer with his colleagues and to advise the Association in due course of the Government's decisions regarding the several matters.

In accordance with the Council's wishes I waited upon the Secretary to the Local Government Loans Board and discussed with him the Council's application for a loan for the purpose of erecting new Offices in Ranfurly. During the discussion the Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to furnish a Plan and Specifications of the proposed building before the Board would be able to consider the application. On my arrival in Christchurch I rang Mr. McDowell-Smith, Architect, Dunedin, who acted for the erection of the new hospital at Ranfurly, and arranged with him, for a nominal fee, to supply the necessary documents and to also lodge an application for payment of the Unemployment Board's Building Subsidy. As all applications for Loans such as ours have to be reported upon by the various Government Departments the Plans and Specifications were lodged direct with the District Engineer of the Public Works Department, Dunedin, thereby saving undue delay. It is not anticipated that the decision of the Loans Board will be received before the middle of next month.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN

MANIOTOTO COUNTY COUNCIL

24th May, 1935.

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1935.

Gentlemen,

The past year, I regret to report did not register a continuance of the improvement in the prices obtained by our ratepayers for their products during the year ended 31st March, 1934 and which is perhaps best illustrated by making a comparison with last year's figures which are given in parenthesis.

Cash Assets at the close of the year amounted to £5979 (£4830).

Liabilities at the end of the year totalled £5521, including Principal moneys secured by Loan £3030, less accrued Sinking Funds £390 (£332) and Balance due to Main Highways Board for Plant Purchase £1304, leaving a nett amount of £3827 (£3179) owing.

Receipts for the year totalled £26712 (£27067) and Expenditure amounted to £27750 (£23530). The Principal Revenue items were Goldfields Revenue, Rate Subsidy, Land Fund, Petrol Tax and Stamp Duty on Interest £2145 (£2054); Rates, Sanitation Fees, Penalties etc. £7359 (£7596); License Fees etc. £729 (£790); Rents, Plant Hire etc. £2845 (£2400); Main Highways Subsidies £2617 (£1634); Unemployment Board £8641 (£11433); Public Works Subsidies £792 (£153); Special Rate Subsidy £703; Miscellaneous £106 (£49); Contract Deposits £288 (£88); Power Board Rates £111 (£107); Heavy Traffic Fees £371 (£264).

Of the Expenditure Salaries accounted for £806 (£704); Travelling Expenses £276 (£242); Office, Audit, Licensing, Valuation etc. £219 (£210); Advertising, Printing, Stationery £125 (£53); Collection of Rates and Taxes £303 (£227); Insurance £73 (£48); Election Expenses £4 (£3); Hospital Levy £1678 (£1667); Main Highways £3707 (£2263); Roads and Bridges £6716 (£3230); Sanitation Service £150 (£138); Purchase and Maintenance of Plant £2576 (£2073); Subscriptions £7 (£7); Unemployment £8502 (£11308); Engineer's Car Allowance and Office Expenses £332 (£280); Interest on Loans £172 (£151); Interest on Bank Overdraft £14 (£21); Sinking Fund Instalments £45 (£35); Miscellaneous sundries including Premium and Loan Conversion charges £317 (£411); Rates refunded to Power Board £108 (£79); Heavy Traffic Fees paid to Pool £314 (£306); Contract Deposits Refunded £168 (£3).

The Balance at the beginning of the year was Cr. £3268 and at the close of the year £2230.

It is interesting to note that for the year just ended our financial position showed a decline of £1038 in comparison with last year.

Arrears of Rates Outstanding at the beginning of the year plus rates levied during the period amounted to £9542. During the year £7164 was collected and £12 was written off leaving an amount of £2365 unpaid at the end of the year.

The following are the percentages of General rates paid in each Riding, in respect of Rates levied for the year ending 31st March last:

	1935	1934
Mount Ida	80%	77%
Gimmerburn	88%	79%
St. Bathans	73%	54%
Lauder	84%	74%
Idaburn	85%	73%
Kyeburn	89%	76%
Puketoi	88%	78%
Hyde	98%	93%
Serpentine	95%	91%

giving an approximate average collection of 87% for the whole County against last year's average of 77%.

The following particulars relative to Roads and Bridges will be of interest to members in that they denote steady progress in the gravelling and formation of further lengths of roads.

	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>
Mileage of Metal and Gravel Roads	426	449
Mileage of unmetalled and formed Roads	409	391
Mileage of bridle tracks	80	80
Mileage of unformed legal roads	34	29
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Total of all Roads	949	949

The total number of bridges in the County is 79 with a total length of 6111 lineal feet, last year's figures being 75 with a total length of 5931 feet.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the most helpful co-operation, counsel and assistance afforded me during the year by Councillors and Staff and I trust that the same measures will be afforded my successor in Office.

I am, Gentlemen,

County Chairman.

C O P Y.

The Treasury,
P. O. Box 22,
Government Buildings,
Wellington C.I.
7th November, 1935.

The County Clerk,
Maniototo County Council,
P. O. Box 14,
NASEBY.

Dear Sir,

Council Chambers Loan, 1935 - £2,000

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, the necessary reports required in order to enable your application to be placed before the Local Government Loans Board for consideration have now been received.

It is anticipated that the next meeting of the Board will be held prior to the meeting of your Council set down for the 22nd instant, and you may rely on being notified of the Board's decision at the earliest available opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) C.J. ATKIN

Secretary,
Local Government Loans Board.

Mr. Aitken,

For your information.

13/11/35. M7

28th. March 1936.

Peter Aitken Esq.,

P A I T K E N

Dear Mr Aitken,

When in town last Tuesday I conferred with Mr. Smith regarding the provision of a Foundation Stone and ceremony for laying same. He is requesting the builder to leave a space below one of the front windows and also in the vestibule. The actual site for placement of the stone can be decided at the next meeting of the Council.

Now for the matter of the inscription on the stone - Does the following meet with your approval -

This Stone was laid by P. Aitken Esq.,
Chairman on the opening of the Building
of the Building
Names of Councillors
County Clerk County Engineer
Architect.

—oOo—

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

J. Whitcomb

COUNTY CLERK.

'Loganbrae'
Palmer
30/3/36

Clerk of County Dear Whitcombe

Report of Council meeting, suggestions
as to Foundation Stone to hand ^{in on day}
I propose being in Ranfurly on the 6th at
an Hospital meeting.

And I should like
you to meet me at the Engineer's office
say 3.30 P.M. if ~~you~~ I can meet you
earlier I will ring you on that date.

Business Foundation Stone etc.

Kind regards
yours sincerely J. P. Aitken

P.S. I trust you got some valuable hints
from McDowell Smith. So we have a
Minister of Swinity on the job, Choir
Band etc. Come well primed?



"Loganbhai"
Paeran
17/7/36

Dear Mr. Hitcombe
Re Yeast
List. Did we include
Public Works.

In regard to Masely
you can cut that out.
Reference can be made about it
in reply to some of the trusts.
Kind regards
Peter Aitken



P.S. If not too busy endeavour
to give me a line for opening
speech at ceremony. by next
meeting. P.A.

RECEIVED
10 JUL 1936
ANS.....

"Loganbrae"
Paeraw

10/4/36

Dear Whitcombe

The Engineer is endeavouring to get Hall & Davis & self to inspect the fencing of the Reserve. ^{on Tuesday 14th} I am writing by this mail to him to endeavour to fix the Reserve in the morning, and if you could arrange to meet me in the afternoon at Ranfurly. We could very near finalise the opening ceremonies, & afternoon tea, also the toasts for the dinner at night, and any other suggestions you may think of, will be thankfully received, and perhaps thankfully applied.

Trust Mrs Whitcombe & family, not forgetting yourself are well
Yours sincerely

Peter Aitken
Chairman

Enclosures.
our birds
" Kirkwood

RECEIVED
10 JUL 1936
ANS.....



Loganbrae"
Paeran
24/5/36

Dear Whitcombe

I should like if
you and the Engineer could arrange
to meet me at Ranfurly as soon as
possible after June 19th (Hospital meeting
Business

Rates..

Linoleum cost. or Rubber.

Programme setting, commiseration
stone, Speakers..

Function after ceremony.

Invitations

Suggest the after function be late
afternoon tea. & — at Hotel.

by chairman, Councillors & wives and invited
guests. Staff & Wives

Toasts..

Any suggestions will be thankfully received
and duly considered.

a Facsimile sent to
Engineer.

yours sincerely
P. Aitken

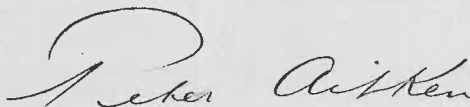
7th. December 1936.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This serves to certify that Mr. ROBERT C. TAIT, of NASEBY, has during the past sixteen years been employed from time to time by the Maniototo County Council.

Mr. Tait's first position with the Council being that of Poundkeeper, Stock Ranger and Registrar of Dogs - a position he held to the full satisfaction of the Council for a period of three years resigning to enter business on his own account as a Contractor.

As a Contractor Mr Tait carried out many works to the entire satisfaction of the Council and I have no hesitation in recommending his services to anyone who may require the services of a competent, industrious and temperate employee whose integrity is above reproach.



Chairman
MANIOTOTO COUNTY COUNCIL.

11th February, 1937.

P. Aitken Esq.,
PAERAU.

Dear Mr. Aitken,

Since telephoning you on Tuesday morning last, I have been in touch with Mr. Bodkin, who advises that he has arranged for a deputation of settlers to meet the Minister at Lauder at 3 p.m. on Monday the 22nd instant.

It appears that following the Council's intimation to the Settlers' Deputation (which waited upon the Council in Naseby) that the Council were not able to make provision in this year's estimates for its proportion of the cost of the Bridge, the Settlers approached Mr. Bodkin, who has lodged an application for a Government Grant.

If you consider that a Special Meeting of the Council should be convened for the 22nd for the purpose of meeting the Minister of Public Works at the site of the proposed Bridge, I will be pleased to receive your instructions.

With Kind Regards,

Yours faithfully,

J. Whitcomb

COUNTY CLERK.

MANIOTOTO COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chairman & Councillors,
Maniototo County Council.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions issued at last meeting the Chairman, Engineer and myself have gone into the question of requirements for the coming year and submit the following for your consideration -

Assuming that the position of the Riding Accounts at the close of the current year will be neutral - i.e. Credits will equal Debits, the following position will obtain.

General Revenue	£1775.	General Expenditure	£10538:17:6
Rate Arrears	742	Riding Expenditure	3225:17:6
Rate Subsidy	967		
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	£3484.		£13764:15:-
			3484: -:-
			<hr/>
			£10280:15:-
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To be found by Rating

To meet this amount, would require a General Rate of 1½d. over the whole County.

To permit of a reasonable Rate being struck it is suggested that the Expenditure be reduced by the amount required to meet the Council's proportion of new Bridges £3214 and that steps be taken to raise a Loan of £4500 to cover the Council's share of new Bridges during, say, the next ten years. A Loan of £4500 bearing interest at 3½% for 20 years would have an average annual charge of £305. The adoption of this suggestion would leave £7066 to be found by Rates. If Rates at present struck in each Riding were raised by ¾d. a debit of £325 would be left to carry forward. If however the practice followed in the years 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931 were resorted to and a flat rate of 1½d. was struck over the whole County the debit would be reduced to £92.

It is interesting to note that from April 1929 to March 1936, the Council expended out of its own funds £2834 on the construction of Bridges exclusive of Bridges built on Main Highways, an average annual sum of £400.

Yours faithfully,

COUNTY CLERK.

MANIOTOTO COUNTY COUNCIL

P. O. Box 47,

Ranfurly.

13th April, 1937.

Copies forwarded to all Councillors
13/4/1937.

Sir,

At the request of Cr. Morgan and with the approval of the majority of the members of the Council, the day of the next meeting has been altered to T U E S D A Y the 27TH instant at 10.30 a.m.

This alteration, though not imperative, is desirable because the question of the Rates to be struck for the year ending 31st March 1938 will be before the Council.

The schedule of the Bridges proposed to be erected under the proposed Bridge Loan will also come up for decision.

In view of the importance of the above business the alteration in date has been decided upon to ensure if possible, a full meeting of the Council.

The Finance Committee will meet at 9.30 a.m.

Yours faithfully,

COUNTY CLERK.

MANIOTOTO COUNTY COUNCIL

26th May, 1937.

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW.

Gentlemen,

As this meeting marks the termination of my office as Chairman, I desire to submit the following report covering the last year of my stewardship.

At the beginning of the year, April 1936, Cash Assets amounted to £3789 while at the end of the year, March last, the figure had decreased to £2334. During the year total receipts including a Credit Balance of £679 brought forward from the previous year amounted to £25828, the principal items being Ordinary Revenue from Government £1898 (£2900) last year. From Rates and Sanitation Fees £7901 (£6007), License Fees £687 (£729), Rents, Plant Hire etc. £3362 (£3805) Main Highways Subsidies £4717 (£5600), Unemployment Board £2876 (£3860), Public Works Grants £1376 (£792), Sundries £303 (£116), Contract Deposits £340 (£231) Power Board Rates £14 (£111), Heavy Traffic Fees £353 (£378) and Loan raised £2000.

Expenditure totalled £26534 - £8413 of this amount being borne by Government Subsidies, £15652 being found by County Funds, £2000 by Loan Moneys and the remainder £469 being provided by Special Rates, Contract Deposits and Heavy Traffic Fees.

The closing balance at the end of the year was Debit £26:6:10, a decline of £705 over last year.

At the beginning of the year, Arrears of rates brought forward amounted to £1823 (£2365) to which is to be added the current year's levy £7164 making the total levy £8987. Collections amounted to £7640 (£7164) and no amounts were written off, leaving £1347 outstanding at the end of the year.

Of the works carried out during the year the major items were as follows -

BRIDGING	6 new bridges.
	1 painted.
	6100 cubic yards approaches
	3 repaired
FORMATION	1 mile of new road formed.
	5000 cubic yards fillings, deviations etc.
CULVERTS	3 extra large end road formation, 1570 c.yds.
	Other culverts placed or renewed are -
	4 36 inch diameter.
	15 24 inch diameter.
	50 12 inch diameter
	21 9 inch diameter
	25 6 inch diameter
	Total 118 Culverts.
GRAVEL	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ Miles of new gravelling.
	app16000 C.Yds. of Maintenance Gravel.

One of the most outstanding events during the year was the erection and subsequent occupation of the new County Chambers at Ranfurly.

Numerous legislative changes were brought into force during the year, Industrial Legislation being foremost. Although from a monetary point of view the increase in the labour costs is offset by relieving the Council through the compulsory adoption of the 40-hour week from providing a paid half holiday each week.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the most helpful co-operation, counsel and assistance afforded me during the year by Councillors and Staff and I trust the same measures will be afforded my successor in Office.

I am, Gentlemen,

'Loganb'ae'
Paeraw

28/9/37

Mr Whitcombe

Sec. Maniakitoto County

Dear Whitcombe

The circular to hand
and reads very good.

only suggestion
is that shorter hours, increase
wages, means that less amount
would be available for bridges.
unless borrowing by loan was
adopted.

yours sincerely
Pete Atken





Loganbrae
Paerau
12/10/37

Mr Whitcomb

County Clerk.

Dear Sir

The enclosed speaks
for itself. Please get the
County Engineer to read it
so that he is prepared
to deal with the matter.

I have written Mr Shennan
and told him the matter
will be up for consideration
at our next meeting.

I note your name
flourishing in the Otago Daily
Times. The next will be
in Truth. Kind regards

R Walker

27th April, 1938.

Peter Aitken Esq.,
PAERAU.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in advising you that, in the election of Councillors, for which nominations closed this day, you have been returned unopposed.

Contests will take place in the Mount Ida and Gimmerburn Ridings.

Ten nominations were received for seven seats on the Hospital Board and four nominations are received for two vacancies on the Otago Electric Power Board.

The advertisements notifying the elections will appear in the issue of the Otago Daily Times for Friday and Saturday next.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Whittcombe

County Clerk.

Aiken

In connection with the recent visit
of ^{councillors} the various tree planting reserves.

I move that this Council ^{approve} ^{of our forest reserve}
the planting of an area ^{with native}
trees, suitable for our altitude
and climate.

In moving this motion, I think
we should foster the planting of our N. Y. trees
not only from a shelter point of view,
but as ^{and} education for the young
^{of Manioto} and also as a shelter, and food for
our native birds.

Perhaps it may be of
information to Councillors, that the
Kowhia grows on the Rock and
Pillar ^{mountains} at an altitude of approx 2300ft
these trees flower, but the seeds do
not germinate, the reason I ^{think} believe ~~that~~
is the absence of the Tui and the
Bell Bird to fertilise the flower.
In the Loganburn Gorge, I have seen the
logs of trees about 30ft long, Fires,
and rabbits, barking the trees, have been

the main causes of their destruction;
 as and education for the young.

How many of the children in ~~Manioto~~
 have ever seen or know, the Broadleaf,
 the Fuschia, Pine, the ~~Totora~~ Totora
 or the Kowhai etc.

Native Birds,

~~I wonder if~~ From ~~my~~
 It may be of information to members, that
 there are quite a number of native birds
 appear from time to time in our district
 Last year we had a Tui, the year before
 a Bell Bird, and when I heard his note.
 I almost fancied I was the Town Belt
 Sunedin, another time ^{also} a ^{native} pigeon.
 The fantail, Yontit, Wap eyes, are
 frequent visitors, but the little grey
 Warbler is always with us, you will
 find him in the matagouri gullies.
 and notwithstanding the ^{numerous} different enemies
 he appears to be holding his own.
 If we can get an area into Native
 Bush, ^{established} and ~~get~~ our native birds

to take up their quarters, ^{there} we shall
have. as the saying is, "a thing
of beauty and a joy forever"

18th May, 1938.

MR. P. AITKEN
PAERAU.

Dear Sir,

ELECTION HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS
11th MAY, 1938.

I have pleasure in advising that at the above election you were successful in obtaining office as a member of the Board.

For your information I enclose herewith a Return showing the number of votes recorded in favour of each Candidate at the various Booths.

Yours faithfully,

J. Whitcombe

Returning Officer

Hotel Carlton
DUNEDIN

J. Richardson, Proprietor.

Monday night
dont know the date

Dear Whitcombe

from the present indications
I dont think I will leave here till the
Friday morn, arriving for the afternoon session
or perhaps before

Please advise Councillor
G. Hall. of it

yourself and

Kind regards to
Engineer.

Yours sincerely
Peter Clarke

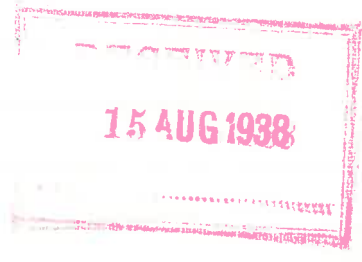
RECORDED
19 JUL 1938

To the Chairman of the Maniototo Council
Pa Peter Aitken Councillor for the Serpentine
Riding

We the undersigned ratepayers of the
Serpentine riding. Respectfully petition
your Council to improve the Old Dunstan
Road in the Maniototo District, a distance
approx. of four Miles, to connect with the
Gairi Gairty's road leading from the
Deep Stream, and terminating at the
Styg. Hotel.

As there is a bridge ^{now.} over the
Deep Stream, and the distance saved to
Dunedin by the settlers in the Styg Area is
approx. 40 miles, of course this would mean
a summer road only. For these reasons
we respectfully request your favourable consideration

- J. N. Aitken
- Jas. F. Laurenson.
- T. F. Menlove.
- J. G. Donald
- J. E. Mulholland.
- G. A. Manson
- J. G. Aitken.
- A. D. Elliot
- R. Smith



17 JUL 1939

Loganbrae
Paerua

PL/4/39

Dear Whitcombe

just a hurried line
I was wondering if you should
write offering Chairman & yourself
to join with Yairi County and
interview the Minister of Public
works

if they will not, then how about
you & Chairman interviewing ^{him} ~~the~~ ^{people}
position and see what his views are,
and the best course for us to pursue.
I suppose it is too late for the 5 year
plan.

I wonder if you could get the number
of ~~spare~~ ratepayers on this side who
contribute and the amounts they
pay into the Yairi. I do not think
the Yairi County have spent much
from the top of the Mountain
towards our boundary this last

27 years.

and the reason why no action
has been taken is there was no
bridge across the Deepstream.

yours sincerely
Peter Atkin

These are only suggestions for
the Chairman & yourself to
consider

P.A.

Loganbrae
Ranfurly

27/7/41

7 Whitcombe Croft,
County Clerk.

Dear Sir

Thanks for the
invitation to be present at the
meeting of the Ranfurly ratepayers
to consider proposed water supply.
I regret unable to be present, as I
am under medical orders, not to
go outside the house after midnight.
I trust you will yet be able
to arrange for a scheme, for a
good supply at a reasonable
cost

yours sincerely
Peter Aitken

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