

Maniototo County Council.

Minutes of first meeting, held in Court House, Vaseby, on Thursday, January 4, 1877.

Present— Messrs. Williamson, Stuart, Shammon, Rolland, Turnbull, Lavery, Foster, Brown & Ewing.

It was agreed that Mr. Rolland should act as Chairman of present meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Stuart— "That Mr. Shammon be appointed Chairman of Council."

Proposed by Mr. Turnbull, as an amendment to the foregoing, "That Mr. Rolland be Chairman."

Adjournment.

It was then proposed by Mr. Lavery, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and agreed, to, that there should be an adjournment of an hour and a-half, to allow members to consult before coming to a decision.

At two o'clock the meeting was resumed.

Election of Chairman.

It being decided that the former amendment had lapsed through not being seconded,

Mr. Foster proposed, and Mr. Turnbull seconded— "That Mr. Rolland be Chairman."

It was then proposed by Mr. Williamson, and seconded by Mr. Stuart— "That Mr. Ewing be Chairman."

The motion that Mr. Rolland be Chairman was put to the meeting, and there voted

Ayes— Messrs. Foster, Lavery, Turnbull, Ewing, Rolland

Noes— Messrs. Shammon, Stuart, Williamson, Brown.

Totals— Ayes, 5; Noes— 4.

It was agreed that the Secretary should procure and forward, or have forwarded to each member of the Council a copy of the "Counties Act," "Rating Act," and "Public Works Act of last session, at as early a date

as possible

Mr. Turnbull proposed - "That the Government be written to by the Chairman as to what proposals they have to make regarding the Head Race works." Seconded by Mr. Ewing.

Mr. Williamson proposed, Mr. Brown seconded - "That the Government be not written."

For the amendment - Ayes, Messrs. Brown, Foster, Lavery, Shannon, Williamson, Stuart, Rolland. Noes - Messrs. Turnbull & Ewing. Ayes, 4; Noes, 2.

Special Meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Brown - "That the Chairman be empowered to call a Special Meeting of the Council, should he consider it necessary, on receiving proposals from Government with reference to the Public Works."

Ayes - Messrs. Brown, Lavery, Turnbull, Shannon, Stuart, Williamson, Ewing, Rolland.

Noes - Mr. Foster

Ayes - 8; Noes, 1.

Ordinary Meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Williamson - "That the next ordinary meeting of the Council be held at Uaseby, in such place as may be secured for that purpose, on Thursday, 8th March, at noon."

Proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Shannon - as an amendment, that the words "at noon" be struck out, and the words "two o'clock," inserted in their stead.

The Council being unanimous in adopting the amendment the proposition as amended was put to the meeting and carried.

A. Rolland
Chairman