

more eligible, and that Mr. Godley be requested to declare immediately that the capital of the settlement will be fixed on that site."

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

In answer to various questions -

Mr. Godley informed the meeting that the site of Sumner was not reserved for a port town. That the Association's boats were let out to private speculators who should be free to charge their own prices - the maximum rates having been prescribed, viz. 20/- per ton to Sumner 18/- from Sumner to Christchurch and 1/- a head for passengers to and from ships in the harbour - That as soon as possible the surplus ships ~~in the~~ stores belonging to the Association would be sold at a valuation - provided that the services of a licensed auctioneer could not be previously had - That until the banking arrangements were completed Mr. Godley would to a small extent accommodate colonists in pressing cases upon the security of their letters of credit.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman having; upon the motion of Mr. Pollard seconded by Mr. Phillips, been passed, the meeting adjourned.

W.G. Brittan.

Tuesday Dec. 31 Lyttelton. General meeting called by public notice to land purchasers.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard seconded by Mr. Earle, Mr. Brittan took the chair.

The Chairman read to the meeting a communication received by the Council from Mr. Godley (Marked A and inserted in the margin) and the Report of the Council thereupon (Marked B).

It was moved by Mr. Dampier and seconded by Mr. Fisher

"That the report of the Council upon Mr. Godley's letter be received and adopted."

The motion was affirmed with one dissentient voice. Mr. Brittan then addressed the meeting on the subject of the position of the Council as representing the body of land-purchasers, and desiring from the meeting some mark of their confidence, tendered pro forma the resignation of the present Council. Thereupon Mr. Crompton moved and Mr. Pollard seconded the motion - "That the present Council be requested to retain office for two months from the present date, and that a general meeting be then called for the purpose of electing a new council."

Mr. Burke moved as an amendment seconded by Mr. Kēele