

On the reading of the clause relating to the estimate for completing the Sumner Road, Mr. Dampier as a member of the Council ~~dis~~claimed his concurrence with the clause so far as it pledged the Council to use any effort whatsoever to have it completed. He mentioned his fears of the practicability of the present line and his doubts of its ever being completed. He strongly recommended the colonists for the present to withdraw their attention from the road, and promote by every means in their power the development of the watercarriage between the Port and the plains.

Mr. Chas. Bishop was of opinion that preceding the development of either mode of communication through want of funds or otherwise the colonists should take measures to have the present footpath from Lyttelton to Christchurch rendered more passable - the expense of this would be trifling.

Mr. Shand thought that ~~increased~~ great benefit at a trifling expense wd. be secured by having proper access by the Ferry Road made into the heart of the town and thereupon moved seconded by Mr. Harman

- "1. That a communication be made to Mr. Godley requesting that a practicable communication for foot passengers and horses shd. be made from the terminus of the New Road to the Land Office at Christchurch, and
- 2. That an adequate conveyance be provided for horses across the ferry.

Mr. Fisher moved Mr. Read seconded as a rider to the foregoing resolution

"That the bridle-track be made practicable from the bridle-~~road~~ path to Christchurch.

The motion was put and ~~lost~~ carried (ERW). Mr. Burke moved as an amendment to the original motion seconded by Dr. Barker

"That a recommendation be made to Mr. Godley to make the road passable to Riccarton Bush from Christchurch, and that the making of this road should have precedence of all others.

The amendment was put and negatived.

The original motion was then put and carried.

The Chairman then brought forward the Report upon the present Pasturage regulations in the settlement drawn up by a sub-committee of the Council. ~~It was adopted.~~

The Chairman then read letters which had been received from Mr. Ward and the Hon. Stuart Wortley tendering their resignations of the office of Hon. Secretaries.