

Ordinary General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers, Christchurch, Jan. 1st 1852.

1. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 28th and December 6th and of the quarterly meeting of Oct. 2nd were read and confirmed.

2. The report of the Council on resigning office together with the documents referred to therein was read, and on the motion of Mr. G. Bishop seconded by Capt. Westerman, adopted. [Westerman]

3. Mr. Pollard brought forward the subject of the revision of the franchise of the Society by moving the following resolution: "That the Council be requested to take into consideration the present organisation of the Society, with a view to an extension of its franchise, and to report thereon with as little delay as possible." Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

4. On proceeding to the election of a new President and Council, a discussion took place as to whether the Society were acting, in strict conformity with their Rules, in electing a President when no person had been publicly mentioned as being a candidate for the office.

Mr. Bourn moved and Mr. Barker seconded "that the meeting do proceed at once to the election of a President." As an amendment Mr. Fitzgerald proposed, supported by Revd. O. Matthias that "the meeting do adjourn for three weeks to allow the names of candidates for the office of President to be proposed." The amendment was carried.

Mr. Brittan stated that Captain Simeon had withdrawn his name from the list of candidates for seats on the Council, and that consequently the remaining twelve candidates were elected as a matter of course.

The meeting then separated.

W.G. Brittan.

Extract from the Lyttelton Times of Jan. 10th 1852.

"The following gentlemen have been duly elected as Members of the Council of the Society of Land Purchasers for the present year."

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| Messrs. Alport | Messrs. C. Dudley |
| Barker | J.E. Fitzgerald |
| Bowen | Longden |
| Bray | Russell |
| Brittan | Tancred |
| I. Cookson | Townsend. |

R.J.S. Harman, Clerk to the Council