

that as far as practicable two opinions be appointed to each question.

Mr Guthrie appointed to open the next question "That the selfish system is not founded on Truth"

Read and confirmed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1866

Chas J. Foster

Chairman

### Mechanics Institute

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

The society met as usual, Dr Foster in the chair -

There were present Messrs March - Cox, Montgomery.

A. Cuff - Mice - Hewitt - H. Newton - A. C. Newton - Beynon & Bowie

The minutes for last week were read and confirmed -

Dr Foster informed the society that he had written to His Honor the Superintendent, but had not yet received his answer on account of His Honor's having had to go to Wellington.

Mr Guthrie opened the question "That the selfish system is not founded on Truth" -

Mr Beynon, by previous agreement, opposed him but he was supported by Messrs Montgomery - Bowie - H. Newton - Mice - Hewitt & A. C. Newton - The chairman summed up and all votes recorded were in favour of the opener.

Mr Albert Cuff was appointed to offer the question "That Indirect taxation is preferable to direct" but A. C. Newton took the opposition side.

Read and confirmed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1866.

Chas J. Foster

Chairman

Cap<sup>n</sup> Wilson 2/6 - June 28<sup>th</sup>

Dr H. Bowie 2/6 "

### Mechanics Institute

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

The society met as usual, Dr Foster in the chair. There were present Messrs Bowie - Mice - A. C. Newton - March - H. Newton - A. Cuff - Guthrie - Beynon & Wilson & Hewitt

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Dr Foster then read a letter from Mr Stewart accepting on behalf of His Honor the Superintendent the office of Honorary President of this Society

The secretary then proposed on behalf of the Committee of Management (as part of the results of their enquiries according to the wish of the society as expressed on June 14<sup>th</sup>)

"That a room should not be hired for more than one evening each week -" This was seconded and carried -

"That a copy of the Encyclopaedia Britannica be sent for from England" This was seconded - but an amendment proposed by Mr H. Newton "That the word 'Australia' be substituted for 'England' was carried by a majority of 7 (seven) to 2 (two) -

Dr Foster having another engagement the chair was taken by Mr Beynon in the absence of both our Vice-presidents -

Mr Albert Cuff then opened the question "That Indirect taxation is preferable to direct" He was opposed, by previous agreement, by Mr A. C. Newton - and also by Cap<sup>n</sup> Wilson -

Messrs Bowie & March spoke in his favour - The chairman summed up and the votes recorded were two (2) in favour of indirect taxation & three (3) against it -

Read & confirmed on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1866

Chas J. Foster

Chairman