

In conclusion, it may be desirable that I should state for your information that the Provincial Government has made arrangements by which, in addition to a ship which recently arrived, and another which sailed on 29th May, four ships with immigrants have left or will leave London between the months of July and November for Canterbury; and accordingly the undertaking of these works is not likely to interfere prejudicially with the ordinary industrial occupations of the country.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM ROLLESTON,
Superintendent of Canterbury.

No. 5.

His Honor J. MACANDREW to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Wellington, 5th September, 1870.

Referring to my personal interview with you respecting the construction of the Southern Trunk Railway, I have now to state formally, that this line has been accurately surveyed and laid down at a very considerable cost, by the late Mr. Paterson, Railway Engineer, who was sent out from England for the express purpose. I may say, that the Provincial Government of Otago has obtained the sanction of the Colonial Legislature, to construct the line in question as provided in "The Otago Southern Trunk Railway Act, 1866," and "The Otago Southern Trunk Railway Act, 1867;" and further, that all the plans, sections, specifications, and estimates have been approved of by the General Assembly, and are now in the Private Bill Office.

I have, &c.,

J. MACANDREW,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

Superintendent of Otago.
