

TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1870.

PRESENT :

Mr. Bunny,
Mr. Carrington,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Haughton,
Hon. Colonel Haultain,
Mr. Kynnersley,
Mr. Macandrew,

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Reynolds,
Mr. Rolleston,
Hon. Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Studholme,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Wood,

Mr. Gillies in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Motion made by Mr. Rolleston, That your Committee beg to report that the annexed schedule shows the result arrived at by the decisions of the Committee as to the boundaries of the Electoral Districts, and the number of Representatives for each District. (For schedule, see Report annexed.)

Carried.

Mr. Haughton moved, That the majority of the colonists in New Zealand will not be so well represented under the scheme adopted by the Committee as they are at present.

On the question being put, the Committee divided as under :—

Ayes, 2.
Mr. Haughton,
Mr. Taylor.

Noes, 8.
Mr. Bunny,
Mr. Carrington,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Kynnersley,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Rolleston,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Wood.

So it passed in the negative.
The Committee then adjourned.

APPENDIX.

A.

PROVINCE OF TARANAKI.

1. Electoral District, Town of New Plymouth, One Member.—As at present constituted.
2. Electoral District, Grey and Bell, One Member.—Bounded on the North by the River Mokau to its source; on the East by a right line running from the source of the River Mokau to the point where the Ngahuinga or Tahua, the principal tributary of the Wanganui River, is intersected by the thirty-ninth parallel of South latitude; thence by the River Wanganui to the point where it is met by the Taumatamuhoe path leading from the River Waitara; thence by a right line running from the above described point on the Wanganui River in the direction of the mouth of the Patea River, till it intersects the boundary line of the confiscated land; thence by the said boundary line to the summit of Mount Egmont; thence by a right line to the source of the Oakuru River; thence by the Oakuru River to the sea; thence by the sea to the mouth of the Mokau River.
3. Electoral District, Egmont, One Member.—Bounded on the North-east by the Electoral District of Taranaki East; on the East by the Province of Wellington; on the South-west by the sea, from the Patea River to the Oakuru River.

B.

PROVINCE OF NELSON.

1. City of Nelson, Two Members.—Boundaries as described in "Representation Act, 1860."
2. Suburbs of Nelson, One Member.—Bounded on the South and South-west by the Wairoa River from the point at which it intersects the boundary of the Picton District to its junction with the Waimea River, thence by the Waimea River to the Sea; on the East by the Picton District; and on other sides by the Sea, including D'Urville Island and other adjacent Isles. Excepting the City of Nelson District.
3. Waimea, One Member.—Bounded on the North by the Collingwood, Motueka, and Suburbs of Nelson Districts; on the East by the Picton, Wairau, and Cheviot Districts; and on the South and West by the Buller and Grey Districts.
4. Motueka, One Member.—Boundaries as described in "Representation Act, 1860."
5. Collingwood, One Member.—Boundaries as described in "Representation Act, 1860."
6. Cheviot, One Member.

C.

PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

THE Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of apportionment of Members within the Province of Canterbury, beg to make the following recommendations:—

1. That the present District of Mount Herbert, having a small population and area, be joined to the Akaroa District, the united district to return one Member.
2. That portions of the Heathcote and Avon Districts adjoining the City of Christchurch, having interests identical with the City, be joined to it, and that the district thus formed be divided into