Enclosure 3 in No. 17.

Memo. by Mr. Dobson, respecting inland traffic—Grey Valley.

Goods are now taken up the river from Greymouth in boats carrying from 3 to 5 tons-3 ton boats require 4 men and 2 horses; 5 ton boats, 4 men and 3 horses. Freight to Ahaura, 25 miles, £5 per

ton; Junction, 30 miles, £6 10s per ton.

Three trips a week made in fair weather, to either place. A 3 ton boat will, therefore, make per week, when in full work, £45, for 4 men and 2 horses; a 5 ton boat will make £75 per week, for 4

men and 3 horses, taking goods to the Ahaura.

This price could well fall 50 per cent., and then admit a high rate of wages to the men, and a good share for the boat,

Goods are conveyed from Greymouth to Reefton, on the Inanghua, 70 miles from Greymouth, for

£20 per ton.

Large quantities of hay and potatoes are now grown in the Upper Grey; and before long, wheat will be raised and ground, so that the amount of imported goods will probably decrease considerably in future. The boats charge passengers £1 for going up, and 10s. for the down trip.

Horse hire to and from the Ahaura is at the same rates.

A. Dudley Dobson. Provincial Engineer.

Enclosure 4 in No. 17.

Mr. WHALL to Mr. O'CONNOR

Borough Council, Greymouth, 26th May, 1871.

I have the honor to enclose the statement of expenditure of the Council upon river works and STR,streets; together with a statement of the assessed valuation of the holdings within the limits of the Borough of Greymouth. I have, &c., John A. Whall, Toy C. Y. O'Conner, Esq., County Engineer, Greymouth. Town Clerk. STATEMENT of amount expended by the Council of the Borough of Greymouth upon river works, from September, 1868, to 30th April, 1871 £7,027 9 3 Statement of amount expended by the Grey Road Board upon river works, previous to the town being declared a Borough under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1867 2,373 1 4 £9,400 10 7 Expended previously, by Canterbury Government 3,180 1 10

Total ... £12,580 12 5

STATEMENT of amount expended making streets and bridges, since the town of Greymouth was proclaimed a Borough under the Municipal Amount expended by the Grey Road Board, previous to the town being proclaimed a Borough ... £1,315 17 3

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£1,346 0 9

STATEMENT of the annual rental value of the holdings within the Borough of Greymouth, on 24th February, 1871, numbering 537 rateable properties, valued, under sworn declaration, at a rental value, per annum, to be

£27,643

Enclosure 5 in No. 17.

Mr. O'CONNOR to Messrs. Blackett and Hector.

Greymouth, 1st June, 1871.

BRUNNER COAL MINE RAILWAY.

GENTLEMEN,-

In connection with the above question, I have the honor to furnish the following maps and papers, showing conditions on southern side of Grey River.

1. Plan 10, chain scale, showing line of proposed railway, with alternative routes, from Greymouth

to Arnuld; also, gradients along red and blue lines

Plan, 3 chain scale, showing details of alternative routes, Greymouth to Kaiata reserve.
 Plan, 1 chain scale' showing details of coal gorge.
 Section, 30 feet scale, showing levels across river at do.

5. Estimates showing probable cost of different sections red line; also, same for blue line.
6. Statistics of population, &c, Greymouth.

Messrs. Blackett and Hector, Commissioners.

I have, &c., Charles Y. O'Connor, County Engineer, Westland.