In course of examination, Mr. Reid handed in plan and copy of Report of the Chief Surveyor, Otago, on the block of 20,000 acres on Messrs. Cargill and Anderson's run, No. 199. (Appendix D.)

Mr. Reid was thanked, and withdrew.

The Committee then adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1872.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. J. E. Brown, Mr. Luckie, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Murray, Mr. Thomson. Mr. T. L. Shepherd in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Hon. Captain Fraser, M.L.C., attended, and was examined. Captain Fraser was thanked, and withdrew.

Moved by Mr. Studholme, That Mr. Luckie do take the chair, to enable the Chairman to give evidence. Carried.

Mr. T. L. Shepherd then left the chair, and was examined. The Committee then adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1872.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT: Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Luckie, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Studholme. Mr. O'Neill,

Mr. T. L. Shepherd in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. E. R. Anderson attended, and was examined. Mr. E. R. Anderson was thanked, and withdrew.

Mr. W. Fraser attended, and was examined.

Mr. W. Fraser was thanked, and withdrew.

The Committee adjourned till 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 13th August.

Tuesday, 13th August, 1872.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT: Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Sheehan. Mr. O'Neill,

Mr. T. L. Shepherd in the Chair.

There being no quorum, the Committee stood adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1872.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT: Mr. J. C. Brown, Mr. Murray, Mr. J. E. Brown, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Luckie, Mr. Studholme. Mr. T. L. Shepherd in the Chair.

The minutes of Friday's meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. C. Brown attended, and was examined.

Mr. J. C. Brown was thanked, and withdrew.

Mr. Hallenstein attended, and was examined.

Mr. Hallenstein was thanked, and withdrew.

A letter from the Secretary of the Progress Association was read. (Appendix E.) The Committee then adjourned till half-past 10 a.m. on Thursday, the 15th.

THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST; 1872.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.