

capital for water-supply, &c., it is of importance that the Government should take steps to either resume the private lands bordering on the Marewhenua River or declare the river a watercourse for the reception of tailings and mining *débris* under section 154 of "The Mining Act, 1886."

10. A letter having been handed in in connection with the alienation of auriferous lands on the Midland Railway, it was resolved, That, while regretting that the West Coast is not represented at this Conference, the delegates have not before them sufficient information to justify them in making any recommendation in the matter of auriferous reserves on the line of the Midland Railway.

The sitting of the Conference terminated with hearty votes of thanks to the chairman, to Mr. Werner, delegate from Lowburn, and to the Press.

The chairman was requested to forward the resolutions to the Minister of Mines, and invite his favourable attention thereto.

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