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**REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ROADWAYS.**

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Brought up by Mr. Balfe, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
12 September, 1862.



*REPORT of the Select Committee appointed on the 31st July, 1862, to enquire into and report upon the best means of facilitating Inter-communication by ROADWAYS throughout the Colony.*

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MEMBERS.

MR. JOHN MEREDITH.  
MR. PERKINS.  
MR. CHARLES MEREDITH.  
MR. DOWLING.

MR. ROOKE.  
MR. DAVIES.  
MR. SYNNOT.  
MR. BALFE. (*Mover.*)

DAYS OF MEETING.

- No. 1.—12 August, 1862. *Present*—Mr. Balfe, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Rooke, Mr. J. Meredith, Mr. C. Meredith, and Mr. Davies.  
No. 2.—22 August, 1862. *Present*—Mr. Balfe, Mr. Dowling, and Mr. C. Meredith.  
No. 3.—3 September, 1862. *Present*—Mr. Rooke, Mr. Balfe, Mr. Davies, Mr. C. Meredith, and Mr. Synnot.  
No. 4.—9 September, 1862. *Present*—Mr. Balfe, Mr. Rooke, Mr. Synnot, and Mr. Davies.  
No. 5.—12 September, 1862. *Present*—Mr. Balfe, Mr. Rooke, Mr. Synnot, and Mr. Davies.

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WITNESS EXAMINED.—MR. W. MOORE, River Inglis.

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## R E P O R T.

Your Committee have carefully considered the subject remitted to them; and have had before them the Report which a Committee of your Honorable House presented last Session, and which Report was received and ordered to be printed on the 20th July, 1862.

Your Committee have decided to bring up as their Report the following Resolutions, which they commend to the serious consideration of your Honorable House.

*Resolved.*—1. That, in the opinion of your Committee, it is highly desirable that immediate steps should be taken by the Executive and Parliament to provide for carrying out, on a comprehensive and liberal scale, the recommendations of the Committee of last Session for opening up the Forest Lands by Tramroads.

*Resolved.*—2. That, in the opinion of your Committee, in carrying out the foregoing Resolution, the interests of the already settled and populated portions of any district where it is proposed to establish Roadways should be the first consideration, and not the mere extra value to be given to unsold Lands of the Crown, which appears to constitute the leading principle of the system now being acted upon.

*Resolved.*—3. That wherever Tramways are required, and the parties interested may raise a certain sum by special rate or otherwise, the Government should be required to give a similar sum in aid, and guarantee the payment of interest on the amount so borrowed; and as some doubt at

present exists as to the competency of the Ratepayers to levy special rates for the purpose of constructing Tramroads, your Committee recommend that the Road Act should be amended so as to confer that power upon the Ratepayers.

*Resolved.*—4. That one-third of the sum required for the repair of the Main Line of Road should be raised by Assessment on the different Road Districts through which the Main Road passes.

*Resolved.*—5. That a sum of £200 be expended for a Preliminary Survey of the proposed Line of Tramroad from Deloraine to the Mersey, on condition that a like sum be raised for the purpose; and that the Surveyor to be employed shall be approved by the Government.

*Resolved.*—6. That it is the opinion of this Committee that, towards the formation and repairs of Roads, either Tram or ordinary, throughout the Colony generally, one-third of the proceeds of the Crown Lands, either by sale or lease, be placed at the disposal of the local authorities of each District in which such sums are raised.

*Resolved.*—7. That, in all cases where it is necessary to make Surveys of Tram or other Roads to be constructed by local rates or contributions from public funds, the persons appointed to execute such surveys should be approved by the Executive.

J. D. BALFE, *Chairman.*

*Committee Room, 12th September, 1862.*