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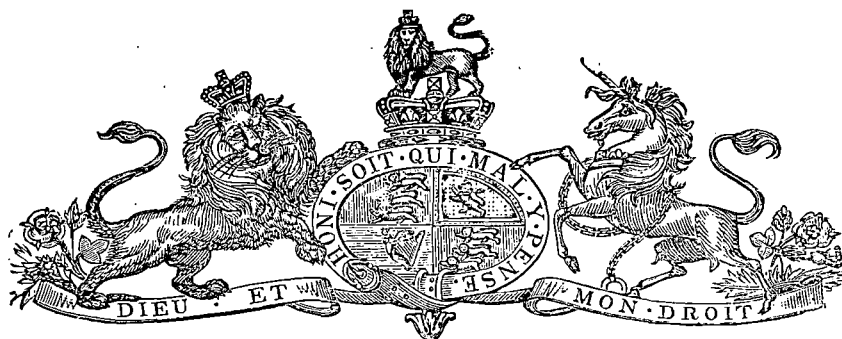
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

ROAD TRUST SUBSIDIES DISTRIBUTION :

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE, WITH
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

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SELECT COMMITTEE appointed on the 5th September, 1899, to consider and report upon a Re-adjustment of the present mode of distribution of the Amount voted annually for Subsidies to Road Trusts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

MR. ARCHER.
MR. BURBURY.
MR. BURKE.
MR. FOWLER.
MR. HAMILTON.

MR. MACKENZIE.
MR. MINISTER OF LANDS AND WORKS,
succeeded by
MR. AIKENHEAD.
MR. WOOLLNOUGH. (*Mover.*)

DAYS OF MEETING.

Thursday; October 5; Friday, October 6; Wednesday, October 11; Wednesday, November 1; Thursday, November 2; Friday, November 3; Wednesday, November 8; Wednesday, November 15.

REPORT.

Your Committee, appointed to consider the re-adjustment of the Road Trusts subsidy, has the honour to submit the following Report:—

We had before us the annual value and mileage of the several Road Districts, together with the amount per mile that would have been raised in 1898 by a Shilling Rate, had it been levied by every Road Trust.

It was found that owing to great variation in the annual value of the several Road Districts some had much more money of their own than others wherewith to maintain their roads in average repair. This inequality is increased by the present practice of giving the larger subsidy to such richer Districts. It was also found that many of the poorer Districts, levying a Shilling Rate, still raised less per mile than other richer Districts levying less than a Shilling Rate.

Your Committee therefore recommend—

- I. That the practice should be continued of granting subsidies only to those Road Trusts which levy a Shilling Rate.
- II. That Town Board Districts and other Districts whose Shilling Rate raises more than £10 per mile should receive one-fourth of the subsidy, and the remaining Districts three-fourths of the subsidy.
- III. That one-half of the subsidy should be distributed in proportion to the mileage actually open for traffic, and upon which Road Rates or public money has been spent, and the remaining half in proportion to the amount raised by the several Trusts.
- IV. That Town Board Road Districts should be placed on the same ground as other Road Districts, and should not be entitled to a subsidy unless they levy a Shilling Road Rate.

It was reported to the Committee by the Chairman that he had been informed by officials in the Lands and Works Department that there would be no difficulty in ascertaining the mileage in the several Road Districts.

J. B. W. WOOLLNOUGH, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 15th November, 1899.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1899.

The Committee met at half-past 2.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough, Mr. Archer, Mr. Burbury, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. Aikenhead.

Mr. Woollnough was appointed Chairman.

The Clerk read the Order of the House appointing the Committee.

The Committee deliberated.

The Chairman laid upon the Table a list giving the names of all the Road Trusts of the Colony, the mileage, rate levied by each, &c.

Motion made, That in the opinion of this Committee subsidies should be granted only to those Road Trusts which levy a Shilling Rate. (Mr. Aikenhead.)

To which an Amendment was proposed by leaving out all the words after "Committee," and inserting "all Roads, which rate themselves at Sixpence and upwards, should receive subsidies in proportion to their rate." (Mr. Burke.)

Question—That the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the Motion, put and agreed to.

And the original Motion being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, subsidies should be granted only to those Road Trusts which levy a Shilling Rate.

At 4 o'clock the Committee adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1899.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough (Chairman), Mr. Archer, Mr. Burbury, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. Aikenhead.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, Town Board Districts and other Districts whose One Shilling Rate raises more than Ten Pounds a mile should receive one-fourth of the subsidy, and the remaining Districts three-fourths of the subsidy. (Mr. Burbury.)

At 12:50 the Committee adjourned till 10 o'clock on Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1899.

The Committee met at 10 o'clock.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough (Chairman), Mr. Aikenhead, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Fowler, and Mr. Burbury.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Committee, one-half of the subsidy for Road Trusts should be distributed in proportion to the mileage actually open for traffic, and upon which Road Rates or public money has been spent. (Mr. Aikenhead.)

At 12:25 the Committee adjourned *sine die*.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1899.

The Committee met at half-past 2 o'clock.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough (Chairman), Mr. Archer, Mr. Aikenhead, Mr. Burbury, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Mackenzie.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee deliberated.

Mr. Hamilton took his seat.

Mr. Fowler took his seat.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, one-half of the subsidy for Road Trusts should be distributed in proportion to the amounts raised by the several Trusts.

The Committee adjourned till half-past 2 to-morrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1899.

The Committee met at half-past 2 o'clock.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough (Chairman), Mr. Archer, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Burke, Mr. Aikenhead.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Mackenzie took his seat.

The Committee deliberated.

Mr. Hamilton took his seat.

Mr. Burbury took his seat.

At 12 o'clock the Committee adjourned till half-past 2 to-morrow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1899.

The Committee met at half-past 2 o'clock.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough (Chairman), Mr. Burke, and Mr. Fowler.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee adjourned till half-past 2 on Wednesday next.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1899.

The Committee met at half-past 2 o'clock.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough (Chairman), Mr. Burke, and Mr. Mackenzie.

The Committee adjourned *sine die*.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1899.

The Committee met at 2 o'clock.

Members present.—Mr. Woollnough (Chairman), Mr. Archer, Mr. Burbury, and Mr. Burke.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, Town Board Road Districts should be placed on the same ground as other Road Districts, and should not be entitled to a subsidy unless they levy a Shilling Road Rate. (Mr. Burke.)

Draft Report brought up and adopted.

The Committee adjourned *sine die*.
