

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 22nd day of December, 1887.

Hon. Sir F. WHITAKER, K.C.M.G., to move the following resolutions in reference to the Midland Railway Contract:—

- (1.) That the Government be authorised to work the several sections of the Midland Railway hereinafter described:—
 - (a.) A section from Belgrove southwards, to cost £60,000; length, say, 6 or 7 miles;
 - (b.) A section from Springfield towards the west, to cost £60,000; length, say, 5 miles;
 - (c.) A section from Brunnerton towards the east, say, 9 miles; and
 - (d.) A section from Brunnerton to Ahaura, say, 12 miles.
- (2.) The Government to be called upon only to run such number of trains as they may consider necessary for the requirements of traffic.
- (3.) The Government to maintain only the rails, sleepers, and ballast, not the formation works or bridges. The Company to remove all large slips, and to make good any damage which arises from floods or other accidents to the permanent way or works.
- (4.) The Government to pay to the Company 40 per cent. of the gross receipts derived from the working of the sections of railway above mentioned.
- (5.) If more rolling-stock than the Government has at present on the Nelson and Greymouth lines be requisite to work the Company's sections at those places, the Company shall either provide the additional rolling-stock required at their own cost, the Government keeping it in repair, or shall pay the Government the interest on the cost of providing such additional rolling-stock, as may be required.
- (6.) The arrangement for working traffic on this basis to be for not more than five years from date of new contract, after which, if traffic is to be continued by the Government, the arrangement to be on the basis of similar arrangements hitherto made with other private companies.
- (7.) Beyond the four sections hereinabove referred to, the company may make extensions when and how it pleases, but shall not be obliged to work any such extension until it is ready to do so; and, if the Government wishes to work any such extension, it is to do so on the same terms as hereinabove set forth for the four sections therein referred to.
- (8.) The company will construct any particular section which the Government may desire if the Government agree to work it on the basis above set forth.
- (9.) The working or non-working of any section of the railway is not to affect the earning of land grants by the company in respect of such sections.