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Town Clerk's Office,
Alexandra.
30/8/38.

CIRCULAR to MEMBERS:
Vincent County Council,
Cromwell Borough Council,
Alexandra Borough Council.

Dear Sirs,

HEAVY TRAFFIC FEES.

I wish to bring to your notice the grave injustice which I consider the Vincent County, Cromwell and Alexandra Boroughs are suffering under the present system of distributing Heavy Traffic Fees.

No doubt you are aware that Heavy Traffic Fees are paid on all vehicles the gross weight of which, loaded, exceeds 2 tons, and, that such fees are meant to reimburse local bodies for the damage done to their roads by such vehicles.

In an attempt to insure that the fees go to the various local bodies in proportion to the amount of heavy traffic on their roads, all fees are collected into a "Pool" and distributed according to what is considered a fair formula by the local bodies concerned.

In Otago for six years it was the practice to insist on the Licensees putting in a return of the mileage their vehicles had run on the roads of the various local bodies and to proportion the fees accordingly. At the end of that six years a summary was taken of the mileage returns during that period, and it was decided to, in future, proportion the fees according to that summary and do away with the mileage returns.

I am not finding fault with the decision, then, to use that method of distribution, but point out that since that decision conditions have entirely altered and the old mileage returns are not in any way applicable to Heavy Traffic today so far as the Vincent district is concerned.

Under the Transport Licensing Act 1931 a number of restrictions were placed on transport vehicles which has had the effect of confining most heavy vehicle operators to their own district. Whereas before the enforcement of that act motor lorries, registered in Vincent, ran regularly to Dunedin (and other places) and recorded a high proportion of their mileage in the various districts on the way, such is not now the case and these motor lorries rarely leave the Vincent district.

Further, mainly through the operations of the Public Works Department, the number of lorries registered in Vincent has considerably increased and although, as I have pointed out, less heavy traffic is going out of the district than formerly, a large proportion of this increase is not being allocated to the Vincent District.

I think it is certain that there is more Heavy Traffic (witness the Railway Omnibuses) coming into the Vincent district than going out of it, yet the following figures show that the fees collected are much in excess of the allocations received.

		<u>Paid to Pool.</u>	<u>Allocations Received.</u>
1935/36	Vincent County	£650: 3: 6	524: -: 5
	Cromwell Borough		31:17: -
	Alexandra Borough	196: 8: 1	17: 9: 7
		£846:11:7.	£573: 7: -.
1936/37	Vincent County	770: 4: 9	604:11: 8
	Cromwell Borough		36:14:10
	Alexandra Borough	228: 4: 7	20: 3: 4
		£998: 9:4.	£661: 9:10.
1937/38	Vincent County	933:12:11	738:19: 2
	Cromwell Borough		44:18: 3
	Alexandra Borough	350:18: -	24:13: -
		£1284:10:11.	£808:10: 5.
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		<u>£3129:11:10.</u>	<u>£2043: 7: 3.</u>

NOTE: In three years the District has received £1086 less than paid into the "Pool"
 In 1937/38, £476 less than paid in was received.
 In three years fees have increased by £438 but the allocation has only
 increased by £235.

From the foregoing figures it will be seen than, if my contentions are correct, the present system of distribution is robbing the Vincent County, Cromwell and Alexandra Borough's of some £400 or £500 a year which they are justly entitled to, and it behoves those Bodies to get together and do something about it.

Lake and Waitaki Counties have been granted exclusion from the "Pool" and keep all the fees they collect subject to the Borough's within those Counties receiving a certain percentage. Maniototo County is now applying for exclusion, and as under the present Transport Licensing Act, it is fairly certain that the vehicles registered there will be mostly confined to the Maniototo district, I see no just reason for refusing the application. The same conditions prevail in Vincent and I would recommend the Vincent County, Cromwell and Alexandra Boroughs to make a similar application subject, if successful, to an agreement between themselves regarding the distribution of the fees collected in the district.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

W.J. RUSSELL,

Town Clerk,
 Borough of Alexandra.

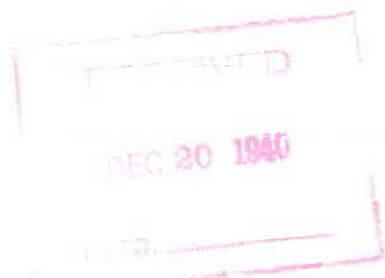
Box 12
Hyde
20th Dec 40.

The Chairman
Mantato C.C.

Dear Sir

I contemplate pumping water from across the Lakeri River to this side for domestic and other purposes. I propose using a 1" pipe and as it would be of great benefit to me to make use of the Lakeri River bridge for the purpose of bringing this pipe line across I seek permission from yourself and Council for that purpose.

Yours faithfully
John Andrew



28th January, 1941.

Mr. John Andrew,
P. O. Box 12,
H Y D E.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in advising you that your request for permission to cross the Taieri Bridge at Tiroiti with an inch pipe for water-supply has been sanctioned by this Council.

By Direction of the Council.

Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

Box 12

Hyde

14th Feb 1941.

Mr F. Whitcomb.
County Clerk.
Maniototo County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ult^o conveying the sanction of the M. C. C. to my request to cross the Tairi Bridge with a pipe line.

Please convey to your Council my gratitude for that permission.

Yours faithfully,
John Andrew.
(for Dr J. Andrew).

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Patearoa

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The Chairman
Maniototo County Council
Ranfurly

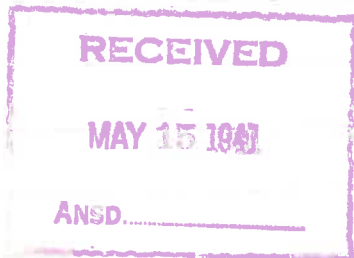
Dear Sir, I beg

your Council's permission to
put an irrigation culvert across
the Puketoi Run road.

The sight has already been
inspected by the County Engineer.

I would like the job to be
done by the County Employees.

Yours Faithfully
C. H. Andrews



28th May, 1941.

S. H. Andrews Esq.,
PATEAROA.

Dear Sir,

APPLICATION TO PLACE IRRIGATION CULVERT
ACROSS PUKETOI RUNS ROAD.

Having further reference to the above I have to
advise that your request has been granted.

Will you kindly advise the County Overseer when
you would like the job done.

Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

The Automobile Association, Otago

(INCORPORATED)

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY, P.O. Box 174

450 MORAY PLACE
DUNEDIN, C.1
NEW ZEALAND



22nd. JUNE 1942.

THE CLERK,
MANIOTOTO COUNTY COUNCIL,
RANFURLY.

Dear Sir,

When roads are affected by weather conditions from time to time we would be very much obliged if you would inform the office, either by collect phone or collect telegram, of the abnormal conditions which may arise.

I am instructed to say my Executive appreciates very much the work you have done and the information you have forwarded on in the past, which has been of very great benefit to our members.

This action has become necessary owing to the fact that the Secretary and both the Service Officers are in Camp for the duration of hostilities and we trust that you will be able to help us.

Yours faithfully,
THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION OTAGO INC.,

Assistant Secretary.

85 Dyer's Pass Rd.,
Christchurch.

14th April, 1943

Dear Mr. Whitecombe,

I have nearly completed my thesis on the Ranietoto Basin, but now find that I lack a base map. I have written to the Survey Office Dunedin, but the Chief Surveyor has no maps of the Ranietoto County on hand at present. I wonder if you would be able to supply me with a map of the Ranietoto County on the scale of one mile to the inch. I shall be glad to forward the required amount on the receipt of the map.

I should also be glad to know if you have any small scale map of Patauroa Township, showing the divisions of roads, sections etc.,. Would you please let me know what maps you have as soon as possible as I am thinking of coming down early in May to finish what mapping I have to do.

Thanking you,

I remain,

yours truly,

Mary Aitken.

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20th April, 1943.

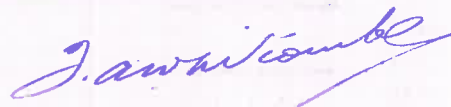
Miss Mary Aitken,
85 Dyers Pass Road,
CASHMERE, CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Miss Aitken,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 14th instant and in reply am sorry to say that, like the Chief Surveyor, spare maps of the County are not available - nor have we any detail maps of Patearoa Township.

The large maps of the County are compiled from lithos of the various Survey Districts comprising the County and in the past these have always been obtained from the Lands and Survey Department, Dunedin, the cost of a whole County Map being in the vicinity of £10/-/-.

Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

13th December, 1943.

Mr. J. Andrew,
Tiroiti,
HYDE.

Dear Sir,

Re: PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE - TIROIITI.

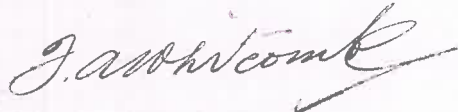
Following inquiries made in regard to the above proposals, I am led to believe that the undermentioned information is necessary to ensure that urgency will be accorded consideration of this application.

Total Acreage of Holding (Maniototo & Waihemo).
Market Value.
Capital Value.
Number of Fat Lambs sold per annum.
Number of Fat Sheep sold per annum.
Number of store sheep sold per annum.
Number of Bales of Wool.
Value of other Products (Milk, Cream, Hay, Turnips &c.) £.
Details of inward goods such as fertilisers, coal, tractor fuel etc. should also be stated separately.

Please let me have the above information by return of post.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.

Ranfurly, 18

25th October, 1944.

The Clerk,
Maniototo County Council,
RANFURLY.

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned respectfully request your Council to prevent the surface water which runs through the property of Mr. G. Green at Ranfurly from flowing into or affecting our respective properties.

The water becomes polluted on Mr. Green's property by contact with the animal manure which collects there, and has deleterious effect upon some of our wells apart from the unpleasant odour it produces.

We shall be glad if you will give the matter your favourable consideration.

J. J. Jones Ranfurly

J. A. Bartrop

W. Anderson

Yours faithfully,

R. D. Allan

31st October, 1944.

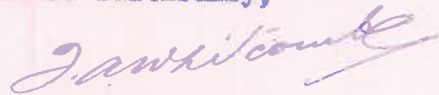
Mr. R.D. Allen,
RANFURLY.

Dear Sir,

I have to advise you that the subject matter of your letter of the 25th instant has been considered by the Council and a report thereon is being obtained from the Health Inspector.

You will be advised in due course of the Council's final decision.

Yours faithfully,



County Clerk.