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Vincent County Offices
held Sept. 27th 1881
T. J. Pyke Chairman

The Chairman
Vincent County Council.

I have the honor to report that I have examined the Upper Alberttown Pier and have to report upon its condition as follows -

At present the pier is in a very shaky state, which is due more to the method of construction than to the wasting or rotting of the timber of which it is composed.

It was originally built for the purpose of carrying sheep and consequently the platform has been made very large, much too large to be safe in fact. What is required is, that the platform should be reduced in size and the boats placed closer together for which purpose it would be necessary to take the platform to pieces and rebuild it.

The boats themselves are in a pretty fair state of preservation but some of the timbers inside require renewing, and the whole requires to be well scraped and tarred. One new king post

Resolved
A sum not exceeding £45 to be expended in repairs
conducted by Messrs. Campbell & Co. being
one half the amount £22.10.0
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and mooring post is required for the Indian wire, and some new timber would be required in the platform.

The cost of these repairs would amount to about £45 and if a stern wire were erected as is alleged by Mr. Holmes is necessary, a further expenditure of £25 must be incurred, or a total of £70.

In conclusion I would beg to remind the Council that the general traffic, other than that connected with the station, across this punt, is very trifling indeed, since the erection of the bridge at the foot of the Hawera Lake.

I have also been informed that almost the only regular traveller using it is Mr. Stewart of Makarora when driving cattle, and if the timber trestles were erected at the bridge the cattle could be crossed there, and driven down the East side of the river to near Piesian's where a favorable place for swimming them could be found.

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