

Wellington Province Inwards Correspondence

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1868 May 3 – Alfred Ludlam, Chairman of Board of Wardens, Lower Waiwetu District, Hutt

– Sir, I have the honor to forward you replies to the queries relative to the Lower Waiwetu Road as requested in your letter of 23rd of March.

Reply to Query No.1: The repairing rate for the Lower Waiwetu road last year was 9d per acre, the amount realised £24 17s 8d.

No.2: No subscriptions received during the last year.

No.3: The Board of Wardens will receive from the Government a sum equal to the amount of their rates £24 17s 8d.

No.4: The road has been made for some years.

No.5: About 2½ miles of cart road all finished and metalled.

No.6: The rate of 9d per acre will most likely be imposed for the ensuing year, if so, it will realise about £24 – allowing something for over assessment last year.

Memo: This road has always been repaired by Contract, which Contracts did not include repairs to the 2nd and 3rd River Bridges. The highest that has been paid for repairing Contract was £40 per annum, the lowest £35. The latter may be considered a fair price taking into consideration a large amount of traffic over the road otherwise than that of the rate payers – the 3rd river bridge was lately destroyed in consequence of a dray with four horses very heavily laden with timber for the Wainuiomata district attempting to cross it, this bridge was only built for light traffic, the cost of repairing or putting a new one will be about £70, it is quite impossible the Board of Wardens can find money out of such a small amount of rate money to erect the new one, it is contemplated to raise a subscription which with an equivalent from Government and some money from the Board may be enough, in the meantime all traffic is stopped.
