

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1897.

## THE WYNNUM JETTY.

### PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held in the Wynnum Divisional Board Hall last night to consider the site of the proposed new jetty. Despite the rain, between fifty and sixty persons were present. At 8 o'clock Mr. G. Gibbs was voted to the chair. He stated that he hoped matters would be discussed impartially and in a fair manner. He had just got to the point of saying that he hoped there would be no interruptions, when

Mr. Cunningham walked in, and in a loud voice asked who had appointed Mr. Gibb as chairman. He objected to a hole-and-corner affair, and moved that the chairman of the Divisional Board take the chair. Mr. Gibbs said that he did not covet the position of chairman. He asked Mr. Cunningham to take his place. Mr. Felton said that Mr. Gibbs had been elected to the chair. However, he would put the motion again, which he did, and Mr. Gibbs was again elected amidst applause.

Someone in the audience then asked why the meeting had been convened, and who was convener?

Mr. Felton said he had convened the meeting to prevent the jetty from being lost to No. 2 Subdivision. The board had proposed altering the site of the jetty from its present position to Bride-street (better known as King's store). He considered the action was unworthy of the board. If the proposed jetty were shifted it would depreciate the value of property in No. 2 Subdivision, and all for the benefit of a few ratepayers. The present jetty was a disgraceful affair, he thought; but to shift it was string-pulling on the part of the board. He referred to the proposed bridge over the creek, and said that there was a great deal of difference of opinion as to where it should go. On the suggested site it would cost about £400, whereas, if built on the esplanade, it could be done for about £100. (Mr. Cunningham here interrupted and was called to order, but continued making remarks, and had again to be called to order.) The speaker, continuing, said that the present jetty had originally been erected by a Mr. Keating. It was in a good place. (Interruption.) He did not think the proposed site was a good one, and the cost of the new jetty would be more than the ratepayers could stand. He thought the best thing that could be done would be to withhold loans until justice could be done by the board. He moved,—“That the proposed jetty be erected on the site of the old one.”

Mr. A. Wilson seconded the motion.

Mr. Lupton followed. He objected to vested interests being destroyed. If the board were going to shift the jetty, he thought it was time for them to retire. (Applause.)

Messrs. Finlayson, A. Wilson, and R. Shipp also spoke in favour of retaining the present site.

Mr. Cunningham said that he had an apology to offer. He came into the hall at 8 o'clock and did not hear the motion electing the chairman. Speaking to the question, he said that the old jetty had been erected by Mr. Keating to enhance the value of his property. Eventually it had been bought for £52 and a bathing-house erected. The board had expended a large amount in repairs, which had not met with general approval. He objected to the attacks which had been made upon the board for selecting a new site. What had surprised him most was the fact that a fortnight ago no one seemed to care anything about the jetty, and now there was a great commotion as to where it should be erected.

Mr. Felton: You want it at Mary-street.

Mr. Cunningham: I'll deal with you by-and-by.

An interruption here occurred, and lasted for a few minutes. Mr. Cunningham then referred to the dredging of the creek.

The Chairman: I won't hear you.

Mr. Cunningham: Oh, won't you? Well, these gentlemen will.

Mr. Cunningham then resumed the creek topic, and the chairman said he would refuse to hear Mr. Cunningham unless he kept to the jetty subject.

Mr. Cunningham said he thought the jetty should be as near to the creek as possible. If it was to remain where it was a channel would have to be cut in order to provide deep water.

Mr. J. Waters concurred with Mr. Cunningham as to the site of the jetty, and thought that in any case it should not be built below Bride-street.

Mr. Cunningham moved an amendment to the effect,—“That the proposed jetty be erected on the present site, inclining towards the mouth of the creek.” Mr. Walters seconded the amendment.

The chairman then put the amendment, and the mover and seconder alone voted. The motion was put and eleven voted in favour of it. Some one then called out “against,” and the chairman repeated the question, and as no one voted he declared the motion carried unanimously.