

necessary, not only for the proper description of the boundaries of the land thereby granted, but also for the determination of the true position of the same upon the ground. It is therefore recommended that, in all cases where practicable, the linkages and bearings of the boundaries of each estate, and where a trigonometrical station or stations (or points fixed from the triangulation) are erected within the boundaries thereof, or adjacent thereto, a bearing and distance also, from such point or points should be fully delineated on the marginal plan.

18. That the Conference believes that the faithful carrying out of its previous resolutions will fully meet the requirements suggested by the Registrar-General in his memorandum presented to the Conference, as well as the difficulty referred to in the papers relating to the Crown grant for the "Karakā Block," referred to the Conference.

The proposal of Mr. Williams, that the assistance of the Provincial Survey Offices should be available to the Registrars, appears to be one desirable to be met in many cases, but the Conference apprehends that it must be left for departmental arrangement.

19. That, in the opinion of the Conference, the question involved in the consideration of this subject [relative to the laying down of roads through the lands of Natives and Europeans,] is one especially deserving the attention of the Legislature of the Colony, with the view to either enlarging or removing the limits as to time fixed by statute; but failing that, it is recommended that steps be taken to lay down the general direction of required roads (without actual survey) upon the official plan of each parcel of sold or granted lands; leaving the best lines of road to be subsequently determined upon, and exchanged hereafter, with the consent of the owners of the land, for those formerly taken.

20. That the Chairman be requested to draw up a report, embodying the foregoing resolutions, to be presented at the next sitting of the Conference.

21. That the experience already gained in this Colony, as well as that of many other countries, leads the Conference to believe that the cost of the proposed triangulation would not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per acre, at least over those portions of the Colony over which triangulation is likely to be early required.

22. That returns in form of the draft this day approved of, together with that moved for by Mr. Tole on the second day of meeting of the Conference, be prepared by each surveyor, and forwarded to the Honorable Colonial Secretary for the purpose of being appended to the other papers of the Conference.

23. That the report of the Chairman, with the verbal alterations agreed to, be adopted.

24. That the Chairman be instructed to forward to the Honorable Colonial Secretary the report as agreed to, with the interim returns and copy of the resolutions passed, together with the minutes of the proceedings.

APPROXIMATE RETURN showing the STATE of SURVEYS conducted under the INSPECTOR of SURVEYS.

| Province. | Area of Province. | Area of Confiscated Lands. | Native Land Claims Surveys passed. | Triangulated. |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. |
| Auckland ... | 17,000,000 | 1,873,237 | 1,828,796 | 3,017,500 |
| Auckland ... | ... | Sectionally surveyed, 1,300,000 | ... | ... |
| Hawke's Bay... | ... | ... | 1,233,239 | 1,020,000 |
| Wellington ... | ... | ... | 833,577 | 743,750 |

APPROXIMATE RETURN showing the STATE of the SURVEYS in the respective PROVINCES.

| PROVINCE. | Area of Province. | | | Lands alienated. | | Major Triangulation. | | Minor Triangulation. | | Reconnaissance. | Amount appropriated by Provincial Legislature for current year. |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| | Forest. | Open. | Lake. | Sectionally surveyed. | Survey not yet completed. | Finished. | In progress. | Finished. | In progress. | | |
| Auckland* | ... | ... | ... | 1,167,827 | 395,171 | ... | ... | 70,000 | ... | ... | £ 1,000 0 |
| Taranaki ... | ... | ... | ... | 167,775 | 7,700 | ... | ... | 16,000 | ... | ... | 280 0 |
| Hawke's Bay | ... | ... | ... | 726,500 | 24,000 | ... | ... | 420,000 | ... | ... | 1,200 0 |
| Wellington... | 5,700,000 | 1,270,000 | 30,000 | 789,921 | 480,857 | 2,496,000 | 1,420,800 | 2,000,000 | 426,240 | ... | 12,500 0 |
| Nelson ... | ... | ... | ... | 985,000 | ... | ... | ... | 20,000 | ... | ... | 4,000 0 |
| Marlborough | 750,400 | 2,224,000 | 5,230 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Westland ... | 2,843,141 | 172,800 | 29,759 | 10,500 | ... | 554,160 | ... | 100,880 | ... | ... | 3,125 0 |
| Canterbury ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,093,000 | 97,000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,800,000 | 14,934 15 |

* This return merely embraces a period from 1856 to 1870.