

Assembly, I am quite prepared to do so." Mr. Moorhouse observed that he would be very glad to see Rewi there for the benefit of his own people, and because it would give confidence to the Europeans. After Mr. Moorhouse left, Rewi and Karaitiana talked together about the proceedings of last session of the Assembly; of how the late Government had been turned out of office, and how Sir George Grey had come forward for the benefit of the two races. Rewi seemed to take deep interest in the account given by Karaitiana, and he required his secretary, Te Keinga, to take a note of everything that transpired. There are still heavy showers of rain, but the meeting will not be further postponed. William King and his followers are expected to arrive in good time for the meeting.

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THE WAITARA MEETING.

(From our own Correspondent. By Telegraph.)

Waitara, 25th June.

THE meeting did not take place to-day, much to the disappointment of some 200 of the inhabitants of New Plymouth, who arrived by special train in the forenoon. The Native Minister had an interview with Rewi, who informed him that William King and his followers were not far off on their way to Waitara, and that the Natives from Te Whiti's place, farther south, had reached Stoney River, about twenty miles south of New Plymouth. This party of Natives are said to be bringing with them over thirty drays laden with food. It was decided by Rewi and the Hon. Mr. Sheehan that an orderly should be at once sent to these people, requesting the principal chiefs who were to take part in the meeting to hasten on, and leave the escort with the drays to follow. It is expected that they will arrive this evening. The rivers have been flooded, thus retarding their progress. The Native Minister met several Natives, at his temporary office in the township, on business matters. Rewi, on hearing that Sir George Grey was unwell, paid him a friendly visit, accompanied by a number of his chiefs or advisers, at Mr. Halse's residence, Raleigh, where the Premier and party are staying. He remained about half an hour, and freely entered into general conversation with Sir George Grey. He seemed in excellent spirits. He regretted the cause of the delay in holding the meeting, but he hoped it would commence to-morrow. For himself, he did not mind the bad weather, if the results of the meeting were good; they should not mind experiencing a little inconvenience, so long as their efforts were crowned with success. He said, "You must blame me for bringing you here at this inclement season of the year, through which you are suffering. Now is the time for us to bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion. We must make up our minds to experience some inconvenience, for what we do here will affect the whole Island and the races inhabiting it." After some further conversation on various matters, Sir George Grey spoke of their respective ages, of their early recollections of New Zealand, and the events that transpired when they first met. Rewi said he recollected Sir George Grey well when he first arrived in New Zealand, and from his appearance he considered they were both about the same age. Sir George Grey said they did not mind speaking of their ages now, as they were both old, but his great desire was to accomplish a permanent peace and a cordial and friendly relation between the Natives and Europeans. When that state of things was brought about he did not mind when he was called away from taking part in the government of the country or in the management of its public affairs. Rewi replied: "No; you will not be allowed to depart before that time, or it will be a sign that you are not sincere in your wishes. For myself, if I depart before these things are accomplished that will also be a sign that I have been insincere. Should you die before me I shall go and cry over your grave." Sir George Grey said he would weep over Rewi's grave should he survive him. Rewi continued: "If you die, I wish to be allowed to select the spot where your remains shall be interred. I am very much pleased to see you now. If all the things are settled, we can think of Waitara as a place where good objects have been accomplished. If we do not succeed we shall look back upon it as a place of bitterness, as it has hitherto been. The weather is bad, and Waitara has an evil name; but let us now turn it into brightness and think of it with joy." Shortly afterwards Rewi rose and, shaking hands, bade Sir George Grey good-by. His chiefs followed his example. Rewi also shook hands with the Europeans present. On being introduced to Mr. Mitchell, as Sir George Grey's private secretary, and the person who took notes of all the proceedings at these meetings, Rewi jocosely said, "Be careful that you put down everything exactly as it is said, so that when we refer to the proceedings hereafter we shall not find anything doubtful or incorrect; let everything be full and clear." He laughed heartily at this remark, and seemed very much amused. He then retired, followed by his chiefs. A messenger arrived in the afternoon to the Native Minister, informing him that William King and his followers were within a few miles of Waitara, and would most likely be here this evening. The "Hinemoa" will arrive at Taranaki to-morrow morning.

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THE WAITARA MEETING.

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Waitara, 26th June.

THE weather is still cold and wretched, heavy rain and hail falling during the forenoon. The ground is so infiltrated with the pluvial showers as to render the roads almost impassable and moving about anything but agreeable.

Owing to the non-arrival of William King and other Natives it was considered desirable to further postpone the meeting, rather than give the slightest cause for dissatisfaction or complaint afterwards. The Natives here are anxious, considering the state of Sir George Grey's health, to have the meeting over as soon as possible.

This morning the Native Minister paid a visit to Rewi to inform him that the Parihaka people would be here to-morrow morning early. They are bringing with them forty-nine cart-loads of food, and are accompanied by a number of people on horseback. They will stop at Te Oro Puriri, a settle-