

SESS. II.—1879.
NEW ZEALAND.

CENSUS OF THE MAORI POPULATION, 1878

(FURTHER PAPERS RELATING TO THE).

Laid upon the Table by the Hon. Mr. Bryce with the leave of the House.

No. 1.

MEMORANDUM from the REGISTRAR-GENERAL to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

THE census of the Native population has been rearranged in this office for publication with that of the European population in a condensed form.

The small number shown of the Ngatihaua, a sub-tribe of Waikato, has been remarked. They are as follow:—From Mr. Jackson's return, 3 persons, resident at Hauraki and Lower Waikato; from Mr. Woon's return, 56 persons, resident at Upper Wanganui.

In Report No. 9 Major Mair states that he has not dealt with the bulk of the Ngatihaua, living at Maungakawa and Matamata, "who will be included by Mr. Marshall in his return."

Now, there is no return from Mr. Marshall amongst the series from which the census numbers are made up, and consequently it seems likely that a portion of the population, including many Ngatihauas, has been omitted altogether.

Will you inform me if anything is wanting to the completeness of the census as it now stands, and, if necessary, communicate with Messrs. Jackson and Marshall on the subject?

As the tables I have prepared will be required shortly by the Printer, any communications required should be made urgent to allow time to alter the figures.

WM. R. E. BROWN,
Registrar-General.

No. 2.

The UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department, to the RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, Raglan.

SIR,— Native Office, Wellington, 23rd September, 1879.

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your report the copy of a memorandum by the Registrar-General, drawing attention to the small number of Natives belonging to the Ngatihaua Tribe according to the census returns of the Native population in 1878.

As you were directed in Native Office circular dated 17th January, 1878, copy enclosed, to place yourself in communication with officers in districts adjoining your own in order to prevent the possibility of any Natives being omitted from the census, I have to ask you to be good enough to state whether you acted in compliance with that direction.

No copy of the circular above referred to was forwarded to Mr. Marshall, of Port Waikato, as he was an officer in Mr. Jackson's district.

In the event of any Natives not having been included in your returns, I have to request you will take immediate steps to procure an estimate of the probable numbers on or about the 1st March, 1878, and forward it to this office at the earliest possible period.

I have, &c.,
T. W. LEWIS,
Under Secretary.

R. S. Bush, Esq., Resident Magistrate, Raglan.

No. 3.

The RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, Raglan, to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

SIR,— Resident Magistrate's Office, Raglan, 3rd October, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication respecting the census of the Ngatihaua Tribe, and in reply to state that no copy of the circular calling for the census of the Natives was forwarded to me, but Dr. Harsant, late Resident Magistrate here, received one. I compiled the return for him, with some remarks, which he forwarded.

The return is shown in his name in the report of the census enclosed by you.

On the former census being taken arrangements were made with Mr. Marshall that he should include all Natives living on the western shores of the harbour in his return. I believe on that occasion the duty of furnishing a census return of the Ngatihaua devolved upon him.

I observe Major Mair states "that the bulk of the Natives of this tribe at Maungakawa and Matamata will be included in Mr. Marshall's return."

It is apparent from this that Major Mair was under the impression that Mr. Marshall would again be called upon to make a return of these people.

The Ngatihaua do not reside in this district; hence their not appearing upon the return furnished from this office.

Major Mair was communicated with, but I am not sure whether Mr. Marshall was. I cannot find a copy of any letter to him.

Having a thorough knowledge of this tribe, knowing nearly every member of it, I take the liberty to furnish a return of them, which I forward for the information of the Registrar-General.

I have not Mr. Marshall's return of the former census to refer to, but still I think this return will be found tolerably correct, as I know all their settlements, which I visit three or four times every year in the course of my duties.

The Maungatautari, Pukakura, Aratitaha, and Wharepapa people may be included in Major Mair's return, but I do not observe the names of these settlements on it.

I do not notice the name of Ngatihinerangi upon any of the returns. These people live at Okauia and Te Tuhi, on the dividing range between Waikato and Tauranga—that is, on the land between the east bank of the Waihou River and the dividing range already mentioned.

I have, &c.,

R. S. BUSH,

Resident Magistrate.

The Under Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 3.

NATIVES in the WAIKATO DISTRICT not included in the Census taken in 1878.

Name of Tribe.	Name of Hapu.	Residence.	Males over 15 Years of Age.	Females over 15 Years of Age.	Males under 15 Years of Age.	Females under 15 Years of Age.	Total.
Ngatihaua	Ngatipare, Ruarangi	Tamahere ...	14	12	6	5	37
"	Ruarangi ...	Te Matenga ...	6	4	5	3	18
"	Ngatikoura	Hukanui ...	5	3	3	1	12
"	Ngatiwairere	" ...	6	3	1	2	12
"	Ngatiteoro, Ruarangi	Te Āwa, Waikato	12	13*	5	7	37
"	Ngatiteoro	Maungakawa, Paritu, Tapuit	20	21	8	4	53
"	Ngatitemihi, Ruarangi, Ngatirangi, Ngatiteoro	Mata Mata Settlements, banks of Waitoa River	25	20	9	4	58
"	Ngatiteoro, Ruarangi	Peria ...	9	7	5	3	24
"	Ngatikoura, Ngatiwairere	Pukekura ...	30	28*	6	8	72
"	Ngatikoroki, Ngatikahukura, Ngatiapakura, Ruarangi, Ngatiteoro	Maungatautari	100	107*	25	27	259
"	Ngatikahukura, Ngatihaua	Aratitaha, Mangapiko† ...	25	24	6	4	59
"	Ngatihaua and Ngati-raukawa	Wharepapa, Korakanui	16	17	5	4	42
	Total	...	268	259	84	72	683

* One half-caste. † Migratory between these three settlements. ‡ Migratory between these two settlements.

No. 4.

The UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department, to the NATIVE AGENT, Alexandra.

SIR,—

Native Office, Wellington, 24th October, 1879.

Adverting to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, with which the copy of a memorandum by the Registrar-General was enclosed, drawing attention to the small number of Natives belonging to the Ngatihaua Tribe according to the census returns of the Native population in 1878, I have the honor

to state that, from information since received in this office, it appears the Ngatihinerangi Natives have not been included in the returns, and to request you will be good enough to proceed at once to Okauia and Te Tuhi, and furnish a census of Natives residing in those places.

A form of return is enclosed herewith for the purpose.

I have, &c.,

T. W. LEWIS,

Under Secretary.

W. H. Grace, Esq., Native Agent, Alexandra, Waikato.

No. 5.

The UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department, to the NATIVE AGENT, Alexandra.

(Telegram.)

Government Buildings, 6th December, 1879.

As no reply has been received in this office to my letter No. 813, of the 24th October last, in which you were asked to proceed to Okauia and Te Tuhi for the purpose of obtaining a census of the Natives residing in those places, I have to request you will be good enough to furnish the information with as little delay as possible. If you cannot proceed to the locality, it will be necessary to furnish by telegram an estimate of the population, as required in the letter referred to. The information is required for Parliament.

T. W. LEWIS,

Under Secretary.

W. H. Grace, Esq., Alexandra.

No. 6.

EXTRACT from TELEGRAM from W. H. GRACE, Alexandra, 11th December, 1879.

WOULD estimate the number of Ngatihinerangi residing at Te Tuhi and Okauia at—Males, 40; females, 30; children, 25; total, 95. I proceed to the settlement to make true census in a few days, when we will have the work in office pretty well in hand.

T. W. Lewis, Esq., Native Under Secretary, Wellington.

No. 7.

Mr. W. J. MORPETH to the UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department.

Mr. Lewis.

IT will be seen from Mr. Bush's return and Mr. Grace's telegram, copies of which are attached, that the following additions should be made to the census of the Maori population taken in 1878—namely: Ngatihaua Tribe, 683; Ngatihinerangi Tribe, 95: total, 778.

15th December, 1879.

W. J. MORPETH.

No. 8.

The UNDER SECRETARY, Native Department, to the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

By some misunderstanding of the Native officers, Waikato, when the Maori census was taken in 1878, the Ngatihaua and Ngatihinerangi settlements were omitted therefrom. I beg to suggest that the attached memoranda and reports be presented to Parliament and printed, to place the corrections on record, and to enable comparison to be made when the next census is taken.

16th December, 1879.

T. W. LEWIS.

Approved.—JOHN BRYCE.—16th December, 1879.

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