

SESS. II.—1879.
NEW ZEALAND.

NO. 2 KATIKATI SPECIAL SETTLEMENT.

(REPORT AND RETURN SHOWING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE IMPROVEMENTS
EFFECTED TO THE END OF JUNE, 1879.)

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Auckland, to the UNDER SECRETARY of CROWN LANDS.

SIR,—

Crown Lands Office, Auckland, 5th August, 1879.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, the enclosed copy of the Crown Lands Ranger's first annual report (with descriptive schedules) on the nature and extent of the improvements effected by Mr. G. V. Stewart's second party of special settlers at Katikati.

I have, &c.,

The Under Secretary, Crown Lands, Wellington.

D. A. TOLE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Enclosure in No. 1.

Mr. C. H. HILL, Crown Lands Ranger, to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS.

SIR,—

Auckland, 14th July, 1879.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 829, of the 14th ultimo, requesting that I would proceed to Katikati and inspect and report on the improvements effected by the No. 2 party of Katikati settlers; that I would ascertain what number of dwellinghouses have been erected on the 10,000 acres of land purchased by Mr. Stewart from the Government; that I would obtain from Mr. Stewart certificates as to persons who had paid him in full for their selections; and that I would ascertain the names in full of all persons forming the No. 2 party.

In reply, I have to report that I proceeded to Katikati and inspected the improvements, and now forward thirty-seven schedules showing the nature and extent of the improvements effected.

With respect to the certificates required from Mr. Stewart, I applied to that gentleman for them, but was unable at the time of my visit to obtain them. He, however, informed me that in some cases he had received payment in full for the land, and that certificates would in due course be shortly furnished to those purchasers.

The settlers, for the time they have been located, have brought into cultivation—as will be seen on reference to the schedules—a large extent of land, and erected large and costly houses.

In several instances I observed that the grass-seed brought from England by the settlers has partly failed; only a small proportion of it has come over the ground. The clover is growing pretty well.

Roads are being formed in some parts of the district.

So far as I could observe the settlers appeared to be contented.

I may state that I consider the labours of the settlers would have shown to more advantage had my visit of inspection been deferred until a later period of the year. The middle of the winter is a time the efforts of a farmer, particularly in a new district, do not show so well as in spring or in summer.

I have, &c.,

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland.

C. H. HILL,
Crown Lands Ranger.

RETURN showing the Nature and Extent of the Improvements in the No. 2 Katikati Settlement, to the end of June, 1879.

No.	Extent of Holding.	Cereal or Root Crops.*	Orchard	Trees Planted		Laid down in Grass.	Stock.			Area Enclosed.	Fencing.	Dwellinghouse: Dimensions and Materials.	Value of Improvements.	Remarks.
				Fruit.	Forest.		Horses	Cattle.	Sheep.						Pigs.	Nature of Fence.
1	500	Acres. 1	...	...	60	...	6	1	...	2	80 chains posts and wires	30 x 26, weather-board 22 x 17, upright board	£ 360	16 acres ploughed; fencing being prepared.
2	100	...	...	...	6	...	2	6	...	...	...	...	161	10 acres surface-sown grass.
3	120	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	Grass and oats sown together; total cultivation, 4a.
4	200	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	169	Timber ready for an addition to the house.
5	80	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	235	Also stable and men's hut; 1 acre fallow, 1 acre surface sown.
6	150	8½	...	...	22	...	4	9	...	...	...	...	545	
7	200	11	...	...	40	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	279	
8	100	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144	
9	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	
10	200	10	...	...	10	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	70	15 acres surface-sown grass.
11	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	3 acres fallow.
12	100	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	
13	100	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	House in course of erection.
14	500	20	...	...	...	...	5	21	...	...	...	...	719	Dairy, stable, &c., in course of erection; 60 acres fallow.
15	500	20	18	200	...	110	3	20	1½	117	59 x 36½	...	1,468	Men's house, 25 x 20; stable and other outbuildings; 120 chains fencing ready for erection.
16	274	13	...	...	25	...	1	6	51	...	31 x 32,	...	418	Stable, 27 x 16; 13 acres fallow.
17	250	6	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	6 chains ditch and bank, &c.	...	74	10 acres surface-sown grass.
18	60	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	
19	20	2	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	10	5 acres fallow.
20	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	1 acre fallow; 2½ acres surface-sown grass.
21	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	½ acre dug with spade.
22	100	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180	14 acres fallow.
23	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	
24	26	1½	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	202	½ acre fallow. ½ acre garden.
25	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	Kitchen, 12 x 8; buildings not quite finished.
26	210	...	...	...	25	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	44	House in progress; 8 acres fallow.
27	110	13	50	100	...	9	1	3	...	...	...	...	384	1½ acres fallow; 3 acres surface-sown grass.
28	300	...	...	...	35	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	146	Stable, 20 x 12.
29	100	...	...	...	18	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	160	4 acres fallow.
30	1,000	2	...	...	65	...	4	85	...	...	...	...	906	Hut, 15½ x 11½; stable, &c., 40 x 14; 1½ acres fallow; 10 acres surface-sown grass.
31	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	
32	220	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	7	61 chains posts, wires, ditch, &c.	55 x 20,	1,200	Kitchen, 28 x 24; No. 2 dwelling, 24 x 12; stable, barn, &c., 60 x 13.
33	300	...	...	...	24	...	4	4	2½	23	14 chains posts and wires	38 x 25,	330	Stable, 15 x 11.
34	100	3	...	...	15	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	691	Kitchen, 14 x 10; wash-house, 14 x 10.
35	200	...	...	...	12	...	2	4	3	...	44 chains posts and wires	45 x 15,	640	No. 2 dwelling, 30 x 10; kitchen and offices, 58 x 10; stable, 30 x 14; 10 acres fallow.
36	200	5	50	300	...	25	3	2	...	8	...	21 x 24,	225	Detached building, 24 x 19; kitchen, 10 x 10; stable, &c., 24 x 14; 5 acres surface-sown grass.
37	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 chains posts and wires	24 x 24,	205	25 acres fallow.

* Cereal or root crops consist of wheat, oats, barley, maize, potatoes, mangold, &c.