

RANIERA TE WHATA examined.

57. *Sir W. Buller.*] To what tribe do you belong?—Muaupoko.
58. Where do you live?—At Horowhenua.
59. Were you born there?—Yes.
60. How old are you?—If my father had written it down, I should know; I should say about seventy.
61. Did you give evidence in the Supreme Court at Wanganui, before the Chief Justice?—Yes.
62. You heard the examination-in-chief of Te Rangi Mairehau in that Court?—Yes.
63. Did you hear his examination-in-chief here?—Yes.
64. Do you agree with all he said on Saturday?—Yes.
65. As you understand the matter, to whom does No. 11 belong?—To Kemp.
66. Is it his own, or not?—He is a caretaker for that block, for me and for the tribe.
67. With regard to No. 6?—Kemp is also in that, for the people.
68. As caretaker for whom?—For the people who were left out in 1873.
69. Is No. 14 Kemp's own, or is he a caretaker in that block?—That belongs solely to Kemp; that is his.
70. Could anyone have objected to his title there?—No; there is no one to dissent from it.
71. Could anyone have dissented if they wished?—There was only one who could have dissented from it, and that was me.
72. Did you dissent?—No; I left it to Kemp, as to my elder brother.
73. That was at the time of the Native Land Court in 1886?—Yes.
74. You have heard that Kemp has leased this land to me, and has sold a part of it to me?—Yes.
75. Have you ever objected in any way to me, or to Kemp, or to anyone?—No.
76. Have you ever demanded any part of the £100, which it is in evidence I paid it to Kemp for the piece he sold me?—No; it rests with Kemp whether he gives me anything or not; if he does not, well and good.
77. You have heard that Kemp leased the timber on the portion on the other side of the railway, on the hills, to Mr. Bartholomew, and that he got over £300 in cash. Do you disapprove of this, or does any member of the tribe?—No.
78. Did you ever ask for any part of the £300?—No; it depends entirely on Kemp. If he had chosen to give me some, well and good; I had given him the land.
79. When the Court was sitting in Wanganui, did you hear that Kemp had mortgaged No. 14 to me for £500?—Yes.
80. Did you or any member of the tribe object to that?—No; that money was paid to Mr. Edwards.
81. Have any of you objected since?—No.
82. *Mr. Stevens.*] You said that Kemp was a caretaker for the whole of the blocks: is that so?—Yes; for the blocks of which he was the caretaker.
83. Only for some of them?—Yes.
84. Not for the whole?—Not for No. 14.
85. Was he caretaker for No. 14?—Yes.
86. Why did you say, if he was a caretaker, that he could do exactly as he liked with the land without consulting you: is that the business of a caretaker.—I only know he was left as caretaker for No. 11.
87. Did you not say that Kemp could do as he liked with it, because it belonged to him?—I gave it to him to take care of.
88. You afterwards said you had given him the land to do as he liked with it?—He would have the division of it.
89. Do you know anything about the amount of money paid by Kemp out of Block No. 2 to Mr. Bell for his services?—I do not know what he did with the money, or how much was paid; money is a thing you cannot tell how it is paid.
90. Did you ever see any of Kemp's money?—No; I never saw it; I heard of it.
91. Is that the way that Kemp has held the land in trust for you?—Yes.
92. He took care of it for you by selling it and keeping the money for himself?—He sold the land, and kept the money to pay for the trouble about Horowhenua.
93. Was that trouble between Kemp and Warena?—There were numerous troubles—troubles with lawyers, and troubles here, and troubles there—and that is the way the money was spent.
94. Who was in opposition to Kemp, which necessitated his paying this money to lawyers?—It was Wirihana.
95. *Mr. Morison.*] Do you remember the troubles between Te Whatanui and Muaupoko in 1874?—Yes.
96. How were those troubles settled?—Because the land had been adjudicated upon.
97. I am speaking about the troubles after the Court, do you remember, when Kawana Hunia and others burned Watene's whare?—Yes; but I did not see it.
98. Have you heard how that trouble was settled?—I heard it was on account of the kindness of both sides; neither side fought.
99. Was not No. 9 the settlement of this trouble between Watene and Muaupoko?—Yes.
100. Do you remember coming to the Court from Wanganui in 1863?—Yes.
101. You came down with Kemp and Neville Nicholson, did you not?—Yes; Kemp sent for the Muaupoko to come to the Court at Palmerston.
102. Muaupoko only?—Hitau, Nicholson's aunt, and others.