

323. With regard to No. 12, who did Muaupoko agree to put into that title?—It belongs to Ihaia Taueki.

324. Did you hear any persons at those meetings say to Ihaia Taueki, "Ihaia, we are putting this into your hands, to do so and so with"?—No.

325. There was absolutely nothing said to indicate that he was under an obligation to them to do anything with it?—No; there was nothing of the kind; I gave it to Ihaia, and the Muaupoko never said anything against it.

326. You were at the Supreme Court, Wanganui, were you not? Did you give evidence about Block 11?—Yes.

327. Several Muaupoko said there that they told Ihaia, "We are giving you this as *kaitiaki*. They swore to the Court that at the meetings in 1886 they had said that?—It is absolutely false.

328. If Ihaia were to sell this block to the Government, would he not be under an obligation, as a Maori chief, to distribute the money to these people?—Yes; that would be the Maori custom, and would also prove him to be a chief.

329. He has not sold it yet, has he?—No; he has sold 600 acres of it to the Government to pay for surveys.

330. *Ropata Ranapiri*.] Did you not hear that, in 1874, Kemp went to Wellington with a portion of the Ngatiraukawa to see Sir D. McLean about a dispute?—Yes.

331. Did you not hear that Kemp had given them a piece of land and some money, with a view to settlement?—Yes.

332. Do you know how much land he gave them?—I heard it was 1,200 acres.

333. Do you know to whom he gave this land?—I heard he gave it to Watene, Tauteka and others; they were descendants of Te Whatanui.

334. Did you not hear that Kemp gave Horomona Toremi a piece of land about this time?—I did not hear that.

335. Supposing he had given Horomona Toremi a piece of land about that time, when he was there with McLean, would you have objected?—No; I would not, because it would have been a gift according to Maori custom, and I would not have disputed it. If Kemp did that, he had a right to do it. I heard, in 1886, that Horomona Toremi had seen Kemp on this subject, but I do not know what Kemp's answer to him was.

336. *Mr. Nicholson*.] You know of the meeting held at Kupe?—Yes; I recollect that meeting; it was held by my father.

337. What was the reason for that meeting?—To take the influence back from Ngatiraukawa, and take them away from here, so that they might not remain at Horowhenua.

338. Who were your father's people at Horowhenua?—Te Whatanui, and, when he died, Te Watene; the latter was the chief man.

339. Where were the boundaries?—They laid the boundaries down from a hill called Panuio-marama down to the beach to Tiawhitikuri; that boundary is to the north of the stream Hokoio running to the north-west. Kawana did not assent to that boundary.

340. After that, did not Kawana Hunia set some houses on fire on the lower side of the boundary?—Yes; he burned Watene's house.

341. What reason had he for burning that house?—It was disputing his right to be where he was in Horowhenua, and to do away with his mana, and that of Whatanui and others.

342. After that did not a Court sit at Foxton?—Yes.

343. Who were opposed to Kawana Hunia and Kemp at that Court?—The chiefs of Ngatiraukawa, Tauteka opposed them, Te Watene, Karena, Waratini, and Hitau.

344. At that time, where were Watene's kaingas?—In this block, by the side of the Hokoio Stream.

345. Do you know those kaingas?—Yes; they are old settlements—the settlements close to the lake.

346. You recollect Kawana Hunia urging the burning of those houses at Mahoenui?—Yes; I recollect the burning of the houses there, and also the destroying of the potato-crop.

347. Do you know that it was in consequence of burning those houses and the pulling up of the potatoes that guns were fired?—Yes; in consequence of the houses at Rakauhamama.

348. Do you know that the houses at Rakauhamama and at the other place were set alight to on the same day?—Yes.

349. Did you not hear that Sir D. McLean came up here to settle the disturbance that occurred at this time?—Yes; he came to Otaki, and sent a letter to Hunia, at Rangitikei, to come to him.

350. Do you not know that McLean took Hunia and Watene to Wellington to settle the disturbance?—Yes.

351. Did you not hear that Kemp went at that time?—Yes.

352. Have you heard who the people are that are entitled to this 1,200 acres?—I heard that it was Watene, Tauteka, Caroline Waratini, and Hitau. Those are the people, I understood, who were to have the land, and my father told me so when he came back from Wellington after the affair had been settled.

353. Do you recollect the Court that sat in 1886, when this block was subdivided?—I was there.

354. Did you not hear me get up in Court and say that I objected to have No. 14 given to me?—I forget.

355. Did you not see Mr. Lewis at Palmerston when I objected to this block?—I saw Mr. Lewis at Palmerston. He came there about this block.

356. It was after Mr. Lewis came down that the block was changed from 14 to 9, was it not?—I do not recollect it. I only know that Kemp held those two blocks in his hand, and you chose No. 9.