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TRUST ESTATES FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

(SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CONDITION AND NATURE OF).

[In continuation of Papers presented 1st June, 1869.]

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

Wellington, 30th June, 1869.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Commissioners, in continuation of the Report and Minutes submitted by them to your Excellency on the 25th May, 1869, have now to transmit the Minutes of Evidence taken in relation to the subjects of their inquiry in the Province of Hawke's Bay.

Of these the more noticeable are the Poverty Bay Native School Estate, the Te Aute Native School Estate, the Napier School Estate, and the Wairoa School Reserve.

The objects of the grant of 593 acres of land for the Poverty Bay Native School appear to have been steadily pursued until the disturbed state of the country caused its operations to be suspended. The Commissioners regret that of the buildings and improvements effected upon this Estate, at a cost of £4,683 15s. 3d., a considerable portion has been destroyed, and that the remaining portion is, for want of occupation, exposed to injury and decay. The expense of those buildings and improvements was defrayed by means of grants from Government amounting to £1,848 7s.; grants from the Church Missionary Society, amounting to £1,266 13s. 4d.; proceeds of cattle, the original stock of which was contributed from private sources, amounting to £586 14s. 11d.; and sums advanced by the Bishop of Waiapu, amounting to £982. The last-mentioned sum, and two other sums of about £50 and £45, are claimed by the Bishop against the Estate.

The Trusts of the four Grants, comprizing in all 7,799 acres of land (since slightly altered in extent and boundary by exchanges) for the Te Aute Native School or College, appear to have been accepted upon the understanding that a school would be erected upon part of the Estate at the expense of the Government, that a sum of £500 would be granted by the Government for the purchase of sheep, and that a certain allowance of at least £300 per annum would be granted by the Government towards the maintenance of the school, payment of a Schoolmaster, and improvements of the Estate. The school was not so erected.

The £500, on account of the high price at the time, sufficed to purchase 250 ewes only. The annual grant was continued for the years 1854 to 1859 inclusive. During these years a school was maintained, the attendance at which, though small, was as considerable as, under the circumstances stated (see evidence of the Rev. Samuel Williams, p. 4), it would have been reasonable to expect. (See also report of Mr. Henry Robert Russell, appendix to Journals of House of Representatives for 1862, E. No. 4, p. 31.) Upon the cessation of the annual grants (practically in 1859), the Estate producing no income applicable to the support of a school, and having sustained a severe loss by fire, the school was discontinued. The object of the management since has been to improve the property until it should be capable of producing an income in some measure adequate to the support of a school. The annual profits beyond those which have accumulated in the form of improvements have been insufficient, after payment of current expenses and interest, to repay the moneys advanced and leave a debt due from the Estate, at the end of the year 1868, amounting to the sum of £767 7s. 1d. The annual value of the Estate has been increased from £10 in 1853 to between £500 and £600 at the present time. The sheep have increased to the number of 6,137 at the muster in 1868, and it is clearly shown that the improvements of the property have been judiciously effected.

It will, nevertheless, be apparent that while the object of the management—the rendering the Estate productive of an available income—has been nearly attained, the children of the Native donors of the land have grown up to maturity deriving little or no benefit from the Trust. This has led to complaints from donors and representatives of donors, having some show of reason in them.

The state of the accounts and rental of the Napier School Estate is very satisfactory. The land, two town allotments, in Napier, of one rood each, was purchased with a sum of £10, taken out of moneys originally contributed for the maintenance of a school in that town. The action of the Trustees towards establishing a school is in abeyance, pending the construction of a scheme for its management by His Honor Mr. Justice Johnston, to whom the papers and accounts relating to the property have been referred. The delay in the establishment of a school upon the scheme to be so devised will probably enable the funds (at present about £850) to accumulate until they become sufficient for the erection of convenient buildings, while the annual rental (£235 16s.) will be a valuable endowment towards the expense of maintaining it.

In respect of the Town of Clyde School Reserve, it appears, from the statement of Mr. Sturm, that before the Native title to the district in which this Reserve is situated was extinguished, a piece of land, part of the present Reserve, was set apart for a school for the education of Native and Half-caste children; that Trustees were appointed, and a schoolhouse built, which is still standing and occupied; and Mr. McLean states that, when the district was ceded by the Natives, no express stipulation was made in respect of the land on which the schoolhouse stands. This land, as part of a larger quantity, has been reserved in the ordinary way for educational purposes. The propriety of measures to impress on the land, upon which the schoolhouse stands, the Trusts upon which it was originally given, has been suggested to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners have to submit to your Excellency this their second Report.

(L.S.)	ALFRED DOMETT, Chairman.
(L.S.)	F. D. BELL,
(L.S.)	G. S. COOPER,
(L.S.)	ROBT. HART,
(L.S.)	W. GISBORNE.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

PROVINCE OF HAWKE'S BAY.

Church of England.

FRIDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1869.

Present:—Mr. Hart.

593 acres, Poverty Bay, Bishop of Waiapu—Native School.

The Venerable Archdeacon *Williams*, being duly sworn, states: My name is William Leonard Williams. I reside at Poverty Bay. I am a Clerk in Holy Orders. (Record copy, No. 4A., folio 33, produced.) I know the land comprised in this grant. The names of the present trustees are, the Right Rev. Bishop of Waiapu, the Rev. William Leonard Williams, Poehipi Te Rohe, Henere Kepa Ruru, Wairemu Pere, Matina Ruta Toti, Pita Te Huhu, the five last-named being members of the tribe Te Whanau a Taupaia. The deed of appointment is, for safe custody, deposited in the Registry, Cathedral Library, Auckland. The land has all been enclosed. The greater portion is in grass. The outer fences are part post and rail, part wire, and part hawthorn fence. There are two buildings on the ground, one having been the Bishop's residence up to April, 1865, the other having been occupied from some time in the year 1857, to August, 1865, as a Native and Half-caste girls' school. The returns of the numbers in attendance were sent in every month to the New Zealand Government. The school-building is a weather-boarded building containing nine rooms—four dormitories, schoolroom, school-mistress' room, pantry, kitchen, and scullery. Previous to the year 1865, there were, besides the above-mentioned buildings, three dwelling-houses (occupied by myself, the Rev. E. B. Clarke, and the schoolmaster for the boys' school), a schoolroom for Maori and Half-caste men and boys, a store, kitchen and bakehouse, carpenters' shop, blacksmiths' shop, barn, dwelling-house for farming men, and a large shed used for carts and other purposes. These buildings were of timber, and shingled. Besides these, there were about fifteen good raupo and toe-toe houses occupied by the men, with their families, and the boys. The establishment at that time was supported in part by grants from the Government and in part by funds derived from private sources. The proceeds of the estate, with a very small exception, were consumed in the establishment; the proceeds of any sold were applied in providing necessaries for it. There is no one at present in occupation. The buildings, excepting the two first mentioned, were, in the month of November, 1865, destroyed by Hauhaus, and the two first mentioned were seriously injured at the same time. This was done immediately before the attack upon the Hauhau pa at Waerengahika. From that time the place remained untenanted till the 1st of April, 1867, when it was leased for two years to Mr. Samuel Clarke, at a yearly rental of £200, on condition that the tenant should put into good repair all the fences, ditches, &c., and the building formerly used as a girls' school; the money laid out by him for these purposes to be considered as a set-off against the rent, and settled for as the rent became due. The last settlement we had was in July, 1868, up to which time all the rent accrued was absorbed in the expense of repairs. Since that time, Mr. Clarke has left the district, in consequence of the late disturbances, and there has been no opportunity as yet of making any further settlement. Some of the settlers who were killed by Te Kooti's party were living within two miles of the estate. I left Poverty Bay for Auckland in September last, and before I returned, in November, Mr. Clarke had left also. Mr. Clarke left people in charge of the estate, who left on the 10th November, 1868: since that time, the estate has been unoccupied. I visited it in February last, and found the fences considerably damaged, and the buildings also. During the present unsettled state of the country, the Trustees are unable to find any person who would take charge of the property. The estate is within the present disturbed district. The building known as the Bishop's house had the roof so damaged at the time of the Waerengahiki fight, that it was necessary to get it re-shingled in order to preserve the building from decay. The expenses incurred for this purpose by the Bishop, amounting to nearly £50, are still chargeable to the estate; and besides this, there is a further sum of about £45 (more or less) owing to the Bishop for previous current expenses, which would have been defrayed by the proceeds of the estate. The Trustees, Ihaiia Te Noti, and Te Teira Kupa, also named in the appointment of new Trustees, are since dead.

The Bishop of Waiapu, being duly sworn, states: My name is William Williams. I reside in Napier, and am the Bishop of Waiapu. (Copy of Record of Crown Grant, Reg. No. 4A., folio 33, produced.) I know the land comprised in this grant, and the buildings erected upon it, and the improvements. The money expended on those buildings was paid by myself, partly derived from grants from the Government, partly from private sources, and partly from the Church Missionary Society. The expenditure for buildings was £3,476 15s. 3d., being made up of cost of materials, £1,861 8s. 5d., and carpenters' wages, £1,615 6s. 10d.; the expenditure in fencing was £926 13s. 9d., and in draining £280 6s. 3d.; these several sums make together £4,683 15s. 3d. The funds for this purpose were contributed as follows:—Moneys granted by the New Zealand Government, £1,848 7s.; moneys granted by the Church Missionary Society, £1,266 13s. 4d.; from private sources, £982; and proceeds of cattle obtained from private sources, £586 14s. 11d.: the original

stock of these cattle was from private sources. I resided on the property from the year 1856 to the end of March, 1865, and had the oversight of the establishment. The institution was broken up in consequence of the arrival of the Hauhaus. If the estate had been sufficiently productive to have allowed of the repayment of the £982 above mentioned, it would have been repaid out of such proceeds, though there was no express stipulation to this effect. The pa occupied by the Hauhaus Natives was near my residence. When the Hauhaus who had been in communication with Mr. McLean found he would be no longer trifled with, and that the troops would be likely to attack their pa, they returned and set fire to the buildings of the station to prevent them affording a shelter to the troops, and they would have burned the residence but for a friendly chief nearly related to them, who had promised to protect the house, and who, with his family, resolutely remained in it till the arrival of the troops caused the rebels to withdraw. During the existence of the institution, the proceeds of the estate were all consumed for its benefit. The troops, while there, damaged the roof of the house to enable them to fire from it, and destroyed the surrounding fences for firewood. There was a crop of thirty acres of wheat just coming into ear, which was consumed and destroyed by the horses of the troops, and a crop of two acres of potatoes was consumed by the force. I will give the particulars of the claims referred to in the evidence of Archdeacon Williams :

Napier, 15th April, 1869.

SIR,—I have received from Archdeacon Williams the following memorandum, with the request that I would furnish the information it requires to yourself :—

Memorandum.

“Furnish some account of the cost of buildings, &c., at Waerengahika, showing how cost has been supplemented. Bishop to send a note of his claim against the estate.”

Cost of Buildings.

Materials	...	...	...	...	£1,861	8	5	
Carpenters' wages	...	...	...	...	1,615	6	10	
								£3,476 15 3
Fencing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	926 13 9
Draining	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	280 6 3
								£4,683 15 3
This expenditure has been defrayed as follows :—								
By Government grants	...	...	...	...	£1,848	7	0	
By grants from Church Missionary Society	...	...	...	...	1,266	13	4	
From private sources	...	...	...	...	982	0	0	
Proceeds of cattle obtained from private sources	...	...	...	...	586	14	11	
								£4,683 15 3
My personal claim upon the estate is for money advanced for buildings...								
Loss of private property destroyed by the Government troops and by the Hauhaus					£982	0	0	
					559	0	0	
								£1,541 0 0
Robert Hart, Esq.. Commissioner on } Religious, Educational, and Charitable Trusts, Wellington.								I have, &c. WILLIAM WAIAPU.

MONDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1869.

Present :—Mr. Hart.

Four Grants, in all 7,779 acres, Te Aute, Bishop of New Zealand and others—Native School.

(Copies of Grants recorded—No. 4, Reg. xiv. ; No. 5, Reg. xiv. ; No. 12, Reg. xiv. ; No. 1,650, Reg. H.7—produced.)

Mr. James Henry Coleman, being duly sworn, states : My name is James Henry Coleman, of Waitahora, near Havelock. I am a sheep and cattle farmer. I have resided in Hawke's Bay nine and a half years. I know that there is a portion of land set apart for a school or college, commonly called the Te Aute School property, or Te Aute College reserve, about 6,000 or 7,000 acres. I lived for six years on this property as overseer—from the beginning of January, 1860, to about the end of 1865 or the beginning of 1866. I was engaged by the Rev. Samuel Williams. At the time I went, there was very little done in the way of improvements. At that time a house was just completed or about completion : do not know how many rooms it contained. There was a small wool-shed, no stable, one or two small whares for men's accommodation, and an enclosed stockyard. There were two or three paddocks fenced in, but in an inferior style. The property was occupied with sheep and cattle during the time I was there. The land was not fully stocked when I first went, and about two-thirds stocked when I left the place. I cannot state the number of hands employed under me ; they varied very much. Considerable improvements were effected during my stay—fencing, and laying land down in grass. The block, containing about 5,500 acres, was fenced in when I came away. The wool-shed was enlarged whilst I was there. A good many of the sheep that were on the place were on terms. The Rev. Mr. Williams kept his books regularly and made them up during that period from materials which were in part

supplied by myself. The expenses of the station are contained in those books. As the overseer, I made up my returns to Mr. Williams, who made up his books from them. The land was principally fern when I went there. A portion of the land was ploughed. The ploughed paddocks laid down in grass were about 50 acres; a large number of other paddocks were made round those, "surface sown." There were some cattle sold whilst I was there. I took no account of the annual outlay and income, but merely supplied materials for making such account. The block not fenced in had sheep on it. A small portion of land near the homestead was very good, but a large portion of it was of a very inferior description. I would not have given a shilling an acre for it. Of the bulk of the land, I should estimate two and a half acres would be required for one sheep. In its natural state the block would have been worth about £100 per annum (or might be a little more), if let for such a term as to give tenant the prospect of recovering value of improvements. As to the present value, properties are almost unsaleable at the present time, owing to the general depression and want of confidence. Taking into consideration the probable value of wool, and other circumstances, if the district were reduced into a state of security, and confidence were restored, I cannot say what would be the annual value of the property apart from the stock. I was there about twelve months ago for some little time, but had not then an opportunity of examining the property. I have been informed that considerable improvements have been made since I left. I do not know of any building called the Te Aute School or College—there was none whilst I was on the property. I am not aware of any education having been afforded to the children of aboriginal Natives or other persons in connection with it whilst I was there. I know the inhabited neighbourhood called Te Aute. There used to be a Maori pa there. There was, while I was in the occupation of the property, no institution in the nature of a school maintained at Te Aute in connection with it. There had been, I have heard, previously. The buildings on the property were in very good repair when I left. I am aware that the value of the property has been considerably over-estimated. The public road runs through the paddocks which contained the superior land to which I have referred, and persons passing are induced to estimate the value of the whole by what they see of the smaller portion through which the road passes.

The Rev. S. Williams—(15th April, 1869),—being duly sworn, states: My name is Samuel Williams. I reside at Te Aute. I know the lands comprised in the four grants, copies of which are before me. (Record copies of Grants No. 4, Reg. xiv.; No. 5, Reg. xiv.; No. 12, Reg. xiv.; No. 1,650, Reg. 47, produced.) These lands have been transferred to and are now vested in the Bishop of Wellington, Archdeacon Octavius Hadfield, William McCloud Bannatyne, George Hunter, and Robert Stokes. Though there is a distinction between the trust expressed in the first and second and that in the third and fourth, they have been managed as one property. The land comprised in grant referred to as No. 1,650, Reg. H.7, and part of land comprised in grant referred to as No. 12, Reg. xiv., amounting to 244 acres, was granted in exchange for land—part of the land comprised in grant No. 5, Reg. xiv. I was not aware of any difference in the trusts till several years after entering upon the management of the property. I am in occupation of and have the management of the property. This commenced in 1854. There is a dwelling-house of timber, with shingle roof, containing four rooms on ground floor in main building, two rooms in skilling, four attic rooms, and a kitchen detached, occupied by myself and family; a wool-shed built of timber, two small houses in the occupation of farm servants, one-stalled stable and cart-shed, and a shepherd's house and a milking-shed; the shepherd's house is on No. 4, Reg. xiv. The other buildings are on No. 5, Reg. xiv. There are between twelve and thirteen miles of fencing on No. 5, Reg. xiv., and No. 12, Reg. xiv.; and on No. 1,650, Reg. H.7, fifty-five acres have been ploughed and are now laid down in English grasses, making, together with other lands which have been prepared by burning and surface-sowing, about 900 acres, which are enclosed in paddocks, besides other portions of the land which have been surface-sown. The land which has been surface-sown was fern land previously. The road passes through the edge of No. 5, Reg. xiv.; No. 12, Reg. xiv.; and No. 16, Reg. xiv. The land through which the road passes in No. 5, Reg. xiv., is some of the best land in the whole property. I do not consider there are 1,000 acres on the whole property of equal value to that on the side of the road in that block. The whole of the land now belonging to the estate is fenced in, except that comprised in No. 4, Reg. xiv. Of the land described in plan to grant No. 650, Reg. H.7, together with 244 acres bounded by the edge of a swamp on the one side, and the original boundary of the land granted to the Bishop of Wellington, (in grant No. 12, Reg. xiv.), 4,244 acres were included instead of 4,000 intended to be granted, the extra 244 acres and the 382 acres described in grant 1,650, Reg. H.7., having been given by the Government in exchange for the portion of land comprised in grant No. 5, Reg. xiv. Part of the land described in the plan annexed to the grant of section No. 19r., Te Aute, being land described in grant 1,650, Reg. H.7, pencilled by me with the letter O and my initials, belong to the trust expressed in grant No. 5, Reg. xiv., the portions comprised in the grant No. 1,650, Reg. H.7., and the portion bordered by the swamp, having been granted in exchange for a portion of the land comprised in grant No. 5, Reg. xiv., and which was re-conveyed to the Crown by the Trustees. When the arrangement for the exchange was agreed to between the Government and myself, I was not aware of the difference between the trusts of the first and second above-mentioned grants, and the third-mentioned grant. The accounts of the receipts and expenditure have been rendered to the Trustees up to the end of 1867. Accounts for 1868 are not yet made up. The accounts are forwarded to the Bishop of Wellington. The merchants' accounts are made up in March in every year, and my agent's account for 1868 has not yet been rendered. The balance of receipts and payments for 1861 was (as against the property upon the general account), £867 13s. 7d., and in 1862, £1,937 6s.; in 1863, £3,120 10s.; in 1864, £2,898 17s. 4d.; in 1865, £2,869 5s.; in 1866, £1,669 1s. 5d.; in 1867, £1,450 13s. 9d. I laid out, in completing the building, up to 1867, £356 5s. 2d. in excess of receipts. I have examined the account printed in Mr. Russell's report in Parliamentary Paper, E. No. 4, Appendix to Journals of House of Representatives, Report

of Inspectors on Native Schools, page 31. The sum mentioned in Mr. Russell's report, of £167 17s. 11½d. is included in the above sum of £356 5s. 2d. Since 1859 there has been no school or scholars on the estate. A promise was made to the Natives by the Governor, at the time the land was given up for the endowment of a school, that the Government would be at the expense of erecting a school upon the property, and renewed by Sir George Grey, on his first visit to Hawke's Bay during the later period of his government of New Zealand, and also referred to by the Government of the Colony in communication with the Bishop of Wellington. The large amount I have expended necessarily in improving the property, with the view to making a permanent income, has prevented my attempting to erect a school. There were, in the first instance, temporary buildings at Te Aute for a school, wherein a school was opened in October, 1854, and closed in March, 1859. There were, in 1854, twelve scholars for three months; in 1855, ten during the year; in 1856, fifteen during the year; in 1857, thirteen during the year; in 1858, eight during the year; and in 1859, four for six months. The small number of scholars was due to several causes—first, the roughness and want of accommodation for a boarding-school at starting; second, to the hard work necessarily entailed on the scholars; third, to the high wages offered by the settlers in the neighbourhood for similar work; fourth, the excited state of the Native mind on the land question, which led to the Hapuka feud. The school was closed in 1859 from want of funds, in addition to a heavy loss by fire, and the total destruction of the new barn and wool-shed, containing a large quantity of grain, stores, and implements. I was then just on the point of building a school-house, the timber for which was mostly cut and on the ground. At the same time a change in the Government system of grants-in-aid took place, and seeing it impossible for me to continue the school under the new system, I used the most of the timber for the erection of the new barn and wool-shed, which were imperatively wanted. I had commenced the school, trusting to the terms of Sir George Grey's original charter for Native education, by which a certain allowance of at least £300 a year was placed at my disposal for the improvement of the school estate and for the current expenses of the school, including the maintenance and clothing of scholars and for payment of the salary of the schoolmaster during part of the time. Under the new system framed by the Government about 1858, and which came into operation during 1859, only a certain allowance for each scholar, amounting practically to about £8 per head, was at my disposal. This sum was found totally insufficient for the mere maintenance and clothing of the scholars, leaving the deficit, in addition to the cost of a schoolmaster and suitable buildings for their accommodation, to be provided otherwise. I therefore found it expedient to close the school for the present, and to confine my attention to the improvement of the property, in order that it might at a future date better subserve the objects of the grant. I examined the accounts rendered to Mr. Henry Robert Russell on the occasion of his making a report on the Te Aute School, and can certify they are correct. The balance I have mentioned as appearing on the accounts rendered to the Trustees since 1861, were simply the balances due at the termination of each account. The balance mentioned as appearing in the account ending in December, 1867, was the sum (exclusive of the balance due on the building account) then due to me from the estate. If the accounts furnished to the Bishop shall be found not available, I will promptly furnish to the Commissioners a copy of them. I believe they are in the hands of the Secretary to the Wellington Synod. The condition of the property when I first took it in hand was principally ferny. There were originally (in 1854) 250 ewes supplied to stock the land: they are accounted for in Mr. Russell's report. Out of the 250 and their increase I was required in 1859 to deliver to the Waikato School institution 100 ewes. The flock reported by Mr. Russell in 1862 as numbering 1,448 was comprised of 702 ewes, 291 wethers, 216 ewe-hoggets, and 219 wether-hoggets. They have since increased, till at the mustering of 1868 there were returned—ewes, 3,300; wethers, 1,029; lambs, 1,808; making in the gross, 6,137. As the property was originally placed in my hands, it was principally covered with fern. The sheep were placed on the Block No. 4, Reg. xiv.; the rest of the property was useless, with the exception of 4,000 acres, for which Mr. Robert Pharazyn paid me at the rate of £4 3s. 4d. per annum for five years, being after the rate per acre charged by the Government, viz., from 1854 to 1858 inclusive, after which time Mr. Pharazyn ceased to occupy the block. It remained unoccupied till the middle of 1862, when Mr. James Smith paid me at the rate of £5 per month for seven months. In 1863, finding it impossible to occupy the property profitably without enclosing it, I commenced the boundary-fence, and occupied it at the same time with sheep. The fence was commenced in 1863. In January, 1859, 100 acres of the land were leased to Mr. Pharazyn for ten years, at a rent of £10 per annum, upon condition that at the end of the term he should be allowed for all improvements made by him thereon at a valuation to the extent of £200. The rent is paid annually. This lease was granted by arrangement made by the Bishop of New Zealand, previous to the property being handed to the Trustees. The improvements effected on the property will amount to much more in value than £200 at the end of the term. In the accounts of the estate furnished to the Trustees I have made no charge for management. I had an overseer working under me from 1860 to 1865, both inclusive, whose salary has been charged in the accounts. Since then I have had a foreman employed. The Government charge for land of that character, at the time when I took charge of it, would have been ½d. per acre. I would not like to hazard an opinion as to the present annual value of the property. I have intimated to the Trustees that, whilst I have no wish to force them to deal with the property summarily, I should be glad to be relieved of the management, which is a considerable tax on my time. Complaints have been made by Native chiefs of there having been no school built there, and expressions of disappointment have been made that the money promised by the Governor has not been forthcoming for the purpose. My dealing with the property has been under a power of attorney from the Trustees. There were some cattle occasionally on the land during the summer months, before it was laid down in grass, for the purpose of destroying the fern and spreading the grass-seed, but they belonged to a different fund. Any possible benefit derived to the cattle has

been compensated for by meat supplied to the establishment, and by pasturage for sheep belonging to the establishment in dry seasons upon another run not belonging to the trust. I have sometimes, from drought, been compelled to remove every sheep from the estate.

The Rev. S. Williams—(16th April, 1869)—examination continued: The Te Aute School estate is distant from Napier thirty-two miles in the interior. There is a good dray road all the way now: it was difficult of access at one time. Having several trust estates to manage, and no funds of this estate in hand, it will occupy me some time to make out the account for the year 1868. My avocations at the present, from the disturbed condition of the country and the extent of the district I have to visit, leave little time at my disposal. I will furnish the account as soon as I can. The balance is lessening, and if no further fall in the prices of stock and wool should take place, I hope by the end of the present current year there will be little or no balance against the estate. The accounts furnished to Mr. Russell were audited by him; the accounts furnished by me to the Trustees have not been audited. The increase of the flock was derived, to a great extent, from sheep taken on terms for the benefit of the property. The sales of wool appear in the accounts. From 1860 to the present time, the cattle referred to in my former evidence had the use of 40 acres of the paddocks at the homestead of the estate, principally milking cows. Another block of about 50 acres has been used for the cattle during the last two years. There is also an enclosure of scrub and bush, containing about 300 or 400 acres (which is unfit for depasturing sheep), into which cattle were turned, whose services in breaking down the bush and scrub, and extending the grass, greatly benefited the property. The sheep on the estate have had the use, in addition, of 200 acres of grass land of a superior character, not belonging to the estate, during the same period that the cattle have been upon the bush land referred to. When I first occupied (in 1863) the lands contained in the grants referred to—No. 12, Reg. xiv.; No. 1,650, Reg. H.7—they only carried 1,000 sheep, but they now carry 3,000, and keep them in a better condition. Mr. Stokes, one of the Trustees, has or had the plans showing the exchanges made, and their boundaries.

The Rev. S. Williams—(24th April, 1869) further examined: I wish to correct a statement in my evidence given on the 16th inst. The portion to which I refer is as follows:—"The balance is lessening, and if no further fall in the prices of stock and wool should take place, I hope by the end of the present current year there will be little or no balance against the estate." Since giving that evidence I have ascertained that prices are so very low that it would be wrong to hold out such an expectation. The amount of the balance will entirely depend on the prices to be realized by sale of the wool and surplus stock. The promise of Sir George Grey, mentioned in the evidence of Te Waaka Rewharewha, was, not that he would give 500 sheep but that he would give £500 in money to be laid out in sheep. The moneys paid to me in respect of this promise are credited, and the application of them shown in the accounts appended to Mr. Russell's report before referred to. Sheep at the time these sums were received were at a price of thirty-seven shillings and sixpence to two guineas. I paid thirty-seven shillings and sixpence for the sheep I bought. Mr. Tatham occupies the block of land originally leased to Mr. Pharazyn, and is, I believe, the assignee of his lease. The term for which this property was let is now terminated, and the Trustees are liable to pay the £200 stipulated for improvements. It is under consideration by the Trustees to endeavour to effect an arrangement with the occupier, whereby, in consideration of sinking the claim to the £200, he might have an extended term, or if the Trustees should pay the £200, that he would continue in occupation at an improved rent. The quantity of 900 acres mentioned in my evidence (15th April) as having been prepared by burning, and surface sown, includes a portion of the bush enclosure.

Mr. Purvis Russell—(19th April, 1869)—examined (Copies of Crown Grants recorded—No. 4, Reg. xiv.; No. 5, Reg. xiv.; No. 12, Reg. xiv.; No. 1,650, Reg. H.7; produced): My name is Thomas Purvis Russell. I reside at Waipukurau, and am a sheep farmer. I have known the property generally known as the Te Aute College or School estate, comprising about 7,000 acres, from the year 1853. When I first travelled through it it was almost impenetrable fern, with small clumps of bush. For the whole estate upon a lease for fourteen years you could not have obtained a rental of more than £10 a year. Before any benefit could be derived from it, considerable outlay must be incurred in grassing it, which has been done. Its size was against its realizing a large rent. It was surrounded by the different runs there, and possessed no natural boundaries, so that the expense of shepherding would be great. It was off the main line to Napier, and the difficulty of carriage of produce to Napier, partly by canoe and partly by land, was very great. I should think the carriage of wool must have cost Mr. Robert Pharazyn, who occupied part of the land, from 1½d. to 2d. per pound. I do not know the extent of fencing nor quantity of land, but can state generally that the estate has been greatly improved, and rendered valuable for occupation. As near as I can recollect, the road was commenced about 1859, running through part of the Te Aute estate. This road caused a gradual reduction in the cost of carriage of from £10 to £2 10s. per ton. I would not like to stock the property as it now stands with more than 5,000 or 6,000 sheep, which would yield no higher rental than from £600 to £650 per annum. Having regard to the nature and value of the improvements, and the flock of sheep stated by the Rev. Samuel Williams, in his evidence, to belong to the estate, and to the amount of debt stated in his evidence to be a charge upon the estate, I am of opinion that the estate has greatly benefited by the occupation.

Mr. Samuel Locke—(24th April, 1869)—being duly sworn, states: My name is Samuel Locke, and I reside at Napier. I am a surveyor by profession. I have resided in the Province of Hawke's Bay about ten years. I have been accustomed during that time to the examination and valuation of land. (Copies of Crown Grants No. 4, Reg. xiv.; No. 5, Reg. xiv.; No. 12, Reg. xiv.; and No. 1,650, Reg. H.7, produced.) I know the land comprised in the Crown Grants of which the produced papers are copies. On Monday evening and Tuesday morning, the 19th and 20th instant, I examined the land. I found the fences and buildings in very good order. There is on No. 12,

Reg. xiv., a six or seven-roomed house, in which the Rev. S. Williams resides; a detached kitchen and other outbuildings, an overseer's house of two rooms, another small house in which the cook lives, and in which the men take their meals; a stable to accommodate five horses, with coach-house under the same roof; a very good wool-shed, sufficient to accommodate twelve shearers. There is also a stock-yard, and sheep-pens in yard, proportioned to the size of the wool-shed; and on another part of the estate a dwelling-house formerly occupied by Mr. Pharazyn, since by Mr. G. S. Cooper, and now sub-let to a Mr. Tatham—I do not know upon what terms. There is a small detached building connected with this, and some enclosed paddocks let with the house, containing, I should judge, about 30 acres, one of which is ploughed. I found the land comprised in grant referred to as No. 12, Reg. xiv., and part of land in No. 5, Reg. xiv., fenced on all sides except about one mile and a half of irregular boundary, whereto a swamp serves as a fence. The fencing was of good wire fencing. About 1,200 acres of this are divided into eight or nine paddocks by similar wire fencing and a few chains of white thorn fencing. One of the paddocks contains about 600 acres, the residue is in paddocks of various sizes. Nearly all this land in the paddocks is well down in grass, mostly surface-sown, but well laid down. The rest of the land in No. 5, Reg. xiv., and No. 12, Reg. xiv., is enclosed in one paddock (except the portion leased to Mr. Tatham). About 1,000 acres of that is very hilly, and may almost be called useless—very poor indeed. The rest of it is very fair land, and has been partially surface-sown. The land comprised in grant referred to as No. 4, Reg. xiv., is hilly land of the average character of the common sheep-run. It has been to a considerable extent surface-sown, but with only partial success. It has not been fenced in. I found tufts of grass growing here and there about this land, confirming the statement of the overseer as to the extent of the surface-sowing. Of the land in No. 12, Reg. xiv., about 200 or 300 acres are bush, from which supplies for firewood and fencing are taken. The sheep on the property were looking well: I was unable to estimate their numbers. There were a good many cattle about the property; some upon the estate, and some upon the land adjoining (bought by the Rev. S. Williams from the Natives). I think the value of the whole estate to let per annum, if the times were as they were about four or five years ago, and the estate in its present condition, exclusive of the stock upon it, would be about £900 or £1000; but at the present moment, if the country were in a state of peace, the estate would be worth from £500 to £600 per annum. Having heard read the description of the land as it was in 1853, in Mr. Purvis Russell's evidence, I should think the improvements and the sheep—if, as represented, numbering about 6,000 of all ages—would, less about £1,000 said to be chargeable against the estate, represent a fairly accumulated rental for the property during the time from 1853 to the present time.

Ko te Waaka Rewharewha (examined through the interpretation of Mr. Samuel Locke, Mr. Locke being first duly sworn truly to interpret) states: I am Te Waaka Rewharewha. I live at Te Aute, and am a Christian teacher under the Rev. Samuel Williams. On the first occasion when Sir George Grey came into the district, he was accompanied by Bishop Selwyn and Mr. Tollemache. At a meeting between him and several Natives at the banks of the Roto-o-Hara, he (Governor Grey) asked e Taranone, e Hone Waikato, e Paora Kopakau (since deceased), Noa Taikiroa (since deceased), and myself to give the land to the Bishop and the Governor, for Mr. Williams to establish a school, and the Governor said he would give 500 sheep, the produce of which would go to the school. These sheep were given: I helped to shear them. After the land was given, Mr. Williams came to Te Aute from Awapone. A meeting was held, at which some children from Te Aute and the district were given him to take charge of. He took them to Otaki, and stayed there some time: it might have been about a year. He then returned to Te Aute with his wife and family and those children. Very shortly after the return of the children from Otaki they went back to their parents. I was a teacher at Te Aute at the time the land was ceded by the Natives, and have been so ever since. Between the years 1854 and 1859 there were a few boys at the place, but it was not what we expected when the land was given for a school. The boys being there entirely ended shortly after the fight between Hapuku and Moananui in the Big Bush, at which Puhara was killed. (See Parliamentary Papers, C.—No. 1, p.p. 335 and 336, in completion of papers presented 14th June, 1861.) Some considerable time after the school ceased, the three Natives—Hone Waikato, Haurangi te Wahiku, and Paore Hopakau—went to Mr. Williams's house. I saw them go. Mr. Williams afterwards told me that they had been to him, asking him for money for the use of the land, as there was no school there. He explained to me and others that he could give no money for the use of the land, as the land had been given for the school to the Bishop and others connected with the Government, and he was only in charge of it. Mr. Williams did at one time say that if the Government would give him money he would build a school. There was, some time last year, a stir made among the Natives by Renata te Pukututu and others, to obtain an inquiry by the Government into the position of the property, with a view to its return to the Natives, there being no school kept in respect of it. Some are in favour of the land being returned to the Natives; some are in favour of the income being applied in support of a school in the district, in some more convenient situation than the estate. My opinion is that the land should be given back, or that there should be a rent paid for it.

Mr. Locke produces a letter from Renata te Pukututu, who was unable to attend, which letter he (being first duly sworn) translates as follows, and he says: I received the letter marked A. now in my hand from Renata te Pukututu, who personally delivered it to me. The contents are as follows:—

“TO THE GOVERNOR. SIR,—

“Te Aute, 20th April, 1869.

“Salutations to you. Mr. Locke has been here, asking for some man to give evidence of the reason why we gave the land for the school at Te Aute. I will tell you all about it. The reason why we gave that land was because the Governor and Bishop Selwyn asked for it in the year 1850, or some time after, as a place for teaching for our children and a place for our children to be fed

at. That is the reason why we gave it, at the request of the Governor and the Bishop. It was done. But no school has been on the land at Te Aute up to the present time. This is what I have to say is, that the land given belonged to myself and Hoani Waikato. What we are very desirous is, that a school should be built on the land forthwith, as we have a great many children growing up ignorant and foolish, and untaught in the good work of the school. That is all. From
"RENATA TE PUKUTUTU."

TUESDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1869.

Wellington.

Present:—Mr. Hart.

The Venerable Archdeacon *Hadfield*, being duly sworn, states: I am one of the Trustees of the Te Aute College or School estate, in the Province of Hawke's Bay. I produce certain accounts received by the Trustees in Wellington from the Rev. Samuel Williams, of Te Aute. They are respectively marked A., B., C., and D., and are accompanied by a letter of explanation marked E. These are the only accounts I can find relating to the estate referred to. They were in the hands of the Bishop of Wellington until his departure, since which they have been in my custody. I wish to have the accounts produced returned to me when the purpose for which they are required shall have been served.

A.—Te Aute School Sheep Account.

1855	Dr.	£	s.	d.
To moneys paid for 250 ewes from Mr. P. Russell, at 37s. 6d.	...	468	15	0
8 rams, at 30s.	...	12	0	0
Driving sheep from Waipukurau	...	1	10	0
Sheep-shears and crooks, Dixon	...	1	3	1
Palings for pens	...	6	0	0
Washing- and shearing-expenses	...	6	0	6
Wool-sacks	...	4	2	0
Carriage to port	...	4	2	6
Shipping wool, Newton and Co.	...	1	5	0
Strychnine	...	1	2	6
Newton and Co., pitch	...	0	18	9
Hohipuka, salary	...	7	9	0
Pineaha	...	0	6	0
Man building hut for shepherd	...	2	10	0
Curb-chain for dog	...	0	2	6
Timber for wool-press	...	0	15	0
Sheep-tax	...	0	10	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Fowling-piece, Austin	...	10	0	0
Balance	...	12	1	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
		£540	13	10
1855	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By moneys from the Bishop of New Zealand, less 1 per cent. remittance	...	495	0	0
Wool sold in Wellington	...	45	13	10
		£540	13	10
1856	Dr.	£	s.	d.
To shearing expenses	...	6	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Carriage of wool	...	5	10	0
Freight to Auckland	...	6	8	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landing charges	...	0	3	0
		18	9	11
Fitzgerald, tar and pitch	...	0	9	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hohipuka, shepherd	...	10	0	0
Wool-packs	...	2	5	0
Sheep-tax	...	0	18	9
Sheep-shears	...	0	17	6
Dog-chains	...	0	5	3
Driving rams	...	0	11	0
Ferry rams	...	0	5	0
Sheep-pen	...	4	6	7
		9	9	1
Balance	...	53	5	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
		£91	14	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
1856	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By balance, 1855	...	12	1	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wool sold in Auckland	...	79	12	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
		£91	14	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

1857	Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To the Otaki School, for rams	...	100	0	0			
Balance	...	191	7	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	291	7	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
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1857	Cr.	£	s.	d.			
By wool sold by J. N. Williams	...				118	12	6
Ewes sold...	...				62	10	0
Mutton sold	...				57	0	1
Balance, 1856	...				53	5	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
					£291	7	11 $\frac{3}{4}$

1858	Dr.						£	s.	d.
To shearing expenses, including bales, as per account, J.N.W.							21	6	0
Fred. Wheeler, shepherding							9	0	0
Hobipuka, shepherding							40	0	0
Mr. Harding, for ewes							56	5	0
Smith, pitch and tar							0	6	11
Mr. Bishop, strychnine							1	1	0
Sheep-tax							0	16	11
Balance							252	9	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
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							£380	19	7 $\frac{1}{4}$

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1859	Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To shearers	...	11	3	4			
Bales	...	3	3	0			
Sheep-tax	...	0	18	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
F. Wheeler, shepherding	...				25	0	0
Hohipuka	...				40	0	0
Peter McHardy	...				2	0	0
Ted Hunter	...				3	12	0
Sheep from Mr. Gollon	...				10	0	0
Sheep from Mr. Pharazyn for Mr. Wheeler, bought for school	...				11	0	0
Rifle from Mr. Poudrill	...				6	0	0
Eight pairs sheep-shears, Maltby and Co.	...	1	16	0			
Herrings for dogs, Maltby and Co.	...	0	3	0	1	19	0
Tea-kettle, &c., from Mr. Smith (for shepherd)	...	1	8	7			
Hohipuka, for 10 sheep	...	10	0	0			
10 Otaki rams	...	30	0	0	41	8	0
Transferred to current expenditure	...				103	10	11
Balance transferred to building account	...				231	2	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
					£490	17	8 $\frac{3}{4}$

1859		Cr.					£	s.	d.
	By balance, 1858	...	...	...	...	...	252	9	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Wool at 10d. per lb., paid 1860	174	10	8
	Mutton sold	63	5	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Balance over advance on wool	12	0	0
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							£490	17	8 $\frac{3}{4}$

1860		Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	To shearing expenses and bales, including half sheep on terms		13	8	2			
	Sheep-tax		0	19	2			
						14	7	4
	Tom Tait, shepherding		56	10	0			
	Fred. Wheeler, shepherding		3	10	0			
	Hunter, shepherding		1	19	6			
						61	19	6
	James Thorpe, for fowling-piece					8	0	0
	Edmonds, gunsmith, repairs					1	4	0
	Newton, strychnine, 21s.; herrings, 7s.					1	8	0
	Matiu and Renata, killing dogs					1	0	0
	Ammunition, Maltby and Co.					1	11	0
	Thorpe					0	14	0
	Mr. Bourke, herrings					0	4	0
	Otaki rams, 18 at £3					54	0	0
	Balance carried to current expenses, school, &c., 1861					267	4	0
						£411	11	10
1860		Cr.				£	s.	d.
	By wool					171	19	9½
	Half Coleman grass					64	2	0
	Mutton sold...					169	0	0½
	Use of rams for church endowment sheep					6	10	0
						£411	11	10
1861		Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
May.	To sheep from Mr. Buckland, Auckland		15	3	0			
	Expenses on ditto, Mr. Smith, freight		2	13	0			
	" Mr. Marshall		0	10	0			
	" Mr. Arthur Heyland		0	9	0			
						18	15	0
April 20.	Sheep from Mr. Tanner		1	10	0			
	Mr. Danvers, wethers and rams		35	5	0			
Dec.	William Edwards, for two days' docking		0	14	0			
	William Edwards, for three ewes and increase		5	5	0			
	Sheep-tax		1	10	0			
						44	4	0
	Tom Tate, shepherding		38	7	6			
	McKenzie		22	10	0			
	Chepnell		16	16	0			
	Falkner		1	7	0			
						79	0	6
Nov. 28.	Mr. Buckland, for rams					23	18	10
	Shearing expenses—							
	Mr. S. Begg, 4 lb. best sewing twine					0	9	0
	Messrs. Stewart and Kinross, 12 wool bales, at 5s. 6d.		3	6	0			
	Twine		0	5	0			
	5 gallons tar, 4s. 6d.		1	2	6			
						4	13	6
	Mr. S. Edmonds, 23 wool bales, including freight, storage, and draying		7	9	6			
	Shearers, cook, &c.		34	16	0			
	for drafting		1	8	6			
						43	13	0
	Mr. Janisch, freight of rams from Auckland		1	0	0			
	Bray, hay and driver's expenses		0	12	0			
June.	Mr. Coleman's expenses at Havelock		0	5	6			
	" " "		0	6	0			
						2	3	6
						£216	17	4
1861		Cr.				£	s.	d.
	By Mr. Hunter, for rams, £54—less remittance order to Wellington, 10s. 10d.					53	4	8
	Mutton sold, to 31st December					33	3	1
	Balance					130	5	1
						£216	17	4

1862		Dr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	To balance	...	...	...	...	...	130	5	1
	Rent paid to Natives	£200, less by rent received for school	...	...	...	...	137	0	0
	land, £63	...	...	...	...	...
	Heslop, shepherding	...	...	...	...	23 14 8			
	Smith	...	...	...	...	4 12 6			
	A. Heyland	...	...	...	...	18 0 0			
	McDonald	...	...	...	...	27 16 8			
	Shearers	...	...	...	...	25 11 0			
	Bales and twine	...	...	...	...	8 6 0			
	Sheep-tax	...	...	...	...	1 9 2			
	Interest	...	...	...	...	5 19 0			
	Balance	...	...	...	...	29 9 2			
							144	18	2
							£412	3	3
1862		Cr.					£	s.	d.
	By wool of 1861, sold January, 1862	...	...	...	...	...	368	8	4
	Shearing charges for sheep on terms	...	...	...	...	...	20	14	2
	19 old rams sold	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
	Use of ram, from Church Endowment Fund	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	0
	Mutton sold	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	9
							£412	3	3
1863		Dr.					£	s.	d.
April 23.	To Arthur Heyland, shepherding	...	...	...	...	...	16	0	0
	H. Easter	...	...	...	...	...	26	0	0
Dec. 24.	Heslop	...	...	...	...	...	26	0	0
	Sutton	...	...	...	...	...	20	10	0
Feb. 26.	Edwards, shepherding rams	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
June 30.	Use of English rams from Coleman and J. N. Williams—	...	...	...	...	...
	ten rams at £10	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Dec. 31.	J. N. Williams for English sheep	...	...	...	...	...	240	0	0
	Sheep-tax	...	...	...	...	...	1	19	5
	Shearing 3,490 sheep and rams	...	...	...	...	...	36	10	0
	Wool-bales and twine	...	...	...	...	...	13	11	0
							£481	10	5
1863		Cr.					£	s.	d.
	By balance from last account	...	...	...	...	...	29	9	2
April 31.	Wool of 1862 sold in 1863	...	...	...	...	...	325	8	11
Dec. 31.	Mutton sold, year ending December, 1863	...	...	...	...	...	5	13	3
Mar. 9.	Rams sold	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
	Shearing expenses, sheep on terms	...	...	...	...	...	8	13	4
Oct. 8.	On exchange of rams...	...	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
	Balance carried forward to next year	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9
							£481	10	5
1864		Dr.					£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	To balance from last year	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9
April 2.	Tiffen for five pure-bred sheep	...	...	...	...	...	75	0	0
June 28.	Tiffen for three French rams	...	...	...	...	...	157	18	6
Feb. 2.	Coleman's travelling expenses :—	...	...	...	...	...
	Selecting rams	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
	Ear mark for sheep	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	6
April 4.	Shepherd's expenses driving sheep	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
	D. Meddins, shepherd	...	...	...	...	...	6	16	0
	O'Callaghan, Dennis...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
	Shearing 4,468 sheep	...	...	...	...	...	44	13	6
	Extra for rams	...	...	...	...	...	3	11	3
	Bales and twine	...	...	...	...	...	15	12	6
	Sheep-tax on 2,900 sheep	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	3
	H. Easter, shepherd, E.R.	...	...	...	...	...	22	5	0
	Hoani Waikato, for nine young rams	...	...	...	...	...	13	15	0
	Balance carried to general account	...	...	...	...	...	1,287	14	8
							£1,667	11	11

1864		CR.				£	s.	d.
	By rams sold during the year	...	...	...	...	671	5	0
	Hire of rams during 1863	...	...	...	...	33	15	0
	Shearing expenses, sheep on terms	...	...	...	...	12	0	0
	Mutton sold, to December 31st, 1864	...	...	...	...	10	18	6
	Wethers sold	...	...	...	...	301	10	0
March 3.	Wool money	...	...	...	...	546	1	9
	" long wool	...	...	...	...	56	16	3
	Balance ...	...	...	...	...	35	5	5
						<u>£1,667 11 11</u>		

1865		DR.				£	s.	d.
April 7.	To Herbert, for half-bred ewe	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
	Sheep-tax on 3,224 sheep	...	...	...	...	3	7	2
Jan. 2.	Shearing-expenses, 3,121 sheep	...	...	...	...	31	4	2
	Extra shearing, rams	...	...	...	...	1	11	7
	Bales and twine	...	...	...	...	7	3	9
	Balance ...	...	...	...	...	1,007	7	4
						<u>£1,152 4 0</u>		

1865		CR.				£	s.	d.
May 1.	By net proceeds of wool	...	...	...	...	708	19	0
Oct. 31.	Wethers sold	...	...	...	...	67	10	0
	Rams sold during the year	...	...	...	...	332	0	0
	Mutton sold	...	...	...	...	2	5	0
	10 wethers sold	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
	10 wethers omitted last year	...	...	...	...	7	10	0
	Use of rams from English Church Endowment Fund	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
						<u>£1,152 4 0</u>		

1866		DR.				£	s.	d.
	To John Heslop for 3 wethers	...	...	...	...	2	8	8
	Sheep-tax	...	...	...	...	4	9	11
	Shearing-expenses,—							
	Shearers	...	...	...	...	41	14	2
	Bales, twine, &c.	...	...	...	...	15	2	3
						<u>56 16 5</u>		
	Balance ...	...	...	...	...	2,076	14	2
						<u>£2,140 8 6</u>		

1866		CR.				£	s.	d.
Sept. 10.	By net proceeds of wool	...	...	...	...	810	15	5
	Wethers sold	...	...	...	...	85	4	10
	Use of rams	...	...	...	...	18	15	0
	"	...	...	...	...	48	10	0
	Sale of rams	...	...	...	...	978	10	0
	Mutton sold	...	...	...	...	8	13	3
	Ewes sold	...	...	...	...	190	0	0
						<u>£2,140 8 6</u>		

B.—Te Aute School Property.

1866		DR.				£	s.	d.
	To balance from 1865	...	...	...	...	2,869	5	0
	Current expenses, 1866	...	...	...	...	710	12	0
	Interest of money	...	...	...	...	256	5	6
						<u>£3,836 2 6</u>		

1866		CR.				£	s.	d.
	By balance sheep and wool account	...	...	...	...	2,076	14	2
	R. Stokes, Esq., for boundary-fence	...	...	...	...	90	6	11
	Balance ...	...	...	...	...	1,669	1	5
						<u>£3,836 2 6</u>		

C.—Te Aute School Property.

1867	Dr.	£	s.	d.
To balance from 1866	...	1,669	1	5
Current expenses	...	665	9	10
Interest of money	...	143	17	9
		<u>£2,478</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>
1867	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Kinross and Co., hides and skins	...	5	13	9
Fellmongers' skins	...	5	13	0
Balance sheep and wool account	...	956	9	1
Carting	...	10	0	9
Rent, Tatham	...	30	0	0
Mr. H. Tiffen, share of fence	...	19	18	8
Balance	...	<u>1,450</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>
		<u>£2,478</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

D.—Current Expenses, Te Aute School Property.

1866	Wages :—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Far	...	25	0	0			
W. Hopper	...	52	0	0			
R. Spinnor	...	50	0	0			
J. Mayhill...	...	59	0	0			
Bowser	...	40	10	0			
G. Sullivan	...	3	6	8			
Peacham	...	2	5	0			
J. Hadfield	...	11	7	7			
Campbell	...	5	0	0			
A. Abbott	...	3	0	0			
T. Sullivan	...	14	10	0			
T. Carmichael	...	5	0	0			
W. McLean	...	2	0	0			
Nott, mowing	...	0	18	0			
W. Edwards, fencing, hanging gates, &c.	...	7	14	6			
" cutting grass-seed	...	2	0	0			
Anderson, making gates	...	1	5	0			
J. Morgan...	...	0	6	8			
Carmichael, one week and a half	...	1	10	0			
					286	13	5
Provisions :—							
Flour	...	46	16	0			
Sugar	...	24	0	0			
Tea	...	19	10	5			
Potatoes	...	10	9	7			
Salt	...	2	3	4			
Rice	...	1	11	9			
					104	11	1
Paints, oils, brushes, &c., from London	...				21	12	6
Steel (blacksmith) :—							
Two pairs large gate-hinges, -catches, &c.	...	4	17	0			
Shoeing horses	...	1	15	0			
Repairing threshing-machine	...	0	2	6			
Fencing-tools, and repairing ditto	...	1	8	0			
One set gate-hinges	...	2	12	0			
Repairing bullock-gear and -dray	...	4	16	6			
Wedges for scythes	...	0	3	6			
					15	14	6
Frank Flide :—							
July 14. Splitting timber, and erecting 2,850 links wire fencing at Patangata	...	17	0	0			
Fencing on hill through bush, 2,200 links	...	11	0	0			
" 4,928 links, 8s. 9d.	...	21	11	0			
Fencing in paddocks, 1,789 links, 10s.	...	8	19	0			
" by road, 2,975 links	...	12	13	9			
Four gateways	...	2	0	0			
Two "	...	2	0	0			
Splitting timber	...	2	8	4			
					77	12	1
Carried forward	...				£506	3	7

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	...	...	...	506	3	7
	Hambury :—							
Mar. 21.	Clearing bush for fence and carrying timber	...	6	0	0			
July 5.	Two weeks' two days' general station-work	...	2	6	8			
Sept. 27.	818 links post-and-rail fence	...	8	3	6			
	Three gateways	...	1	10	0			
	Splitting 638 small posts	...	7	19	0			
	Carrying posts up hill...	...	0	5	0			
						26	4	2
	Floyd :—							
	173 totara posts	...	...	...	...	5	3	9
	T. Felham :—							
	Splitting 671 totara posts	...	8	8	9			
	" 17 streamers	...	1	14	0			
	" 13 slabs	...	0	6	6			
	Cutting bush road	...	0	10	0			
	Carting fencing timber	...	3	10	0			
	Two bullock-yokes and -chains	...	3	10	0			
						17	9	3
	Renata Pukututu :—							
	Timber for rails	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
	J. N. Williams :—							
Mar. 5.	One Californian pump	...	11	10	0			
	Grass-seed	...	49	14	0			
	Thirteen sacks	...	0	19	6			
	242 lb. clover-seed	...	12	2	0			
						74	5	6
	Hoani Waikato :—							
	Feed for young rams	...	...	...	...	7	0	0
	Messrs. Kinross and Co. :—							
Feb. 9.	One tin 3 in. nails	...	2	5	0			
	One tin 2 in. nails	...	2	10	0			
Mar. 20.	8 cwt. fencing-wire, No. 6	...	7	12	0			
" 26.	10 cwt. " "	...	9	10	0			
April 4.	One tin teapot (station hands)	...	0	9	6			
	One saucepan	...	0	7	6			
	One tin can	...	0	8	6			
	One pie-dish	...	0	3	0			
May 7.	188 screw bolts (fences)	...	7	6	8			
Sept. 17.	Two drums boiled oil	...	3	15	0			
	One drum tar	...	1	2	0			
	Three bags oats	...	3	10	2			
	6 lb. ruddle	...	0	6	0			
	One hair broom	...	0	5	6			
	One dozen iron spoons	...	0	6	0			
	One pair snuffers	...	0	3	6			
	2 lb. bluestone	...	0	3	0			
Sept. 30.	One cart from Sydney	...	23	17	11			
Nov. 21.	Three scythe-handles, &c.,	...	1	19	0			
	Six scythe-stones	...	0	6	0			
Dec. 17.	Three paint-brushes	...	0	7	6			
	One tarpaulin	...	5	0	0			
	Lamp-black	...	0	12	0			
						72	5	9
						£710	12	0

Current Expenses, Te Aute School Account.

Wages :—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
L. Roper	...	13	17	0			
Tom Bishop	...	52	13	5			
Joe Brunker	...	36	0	0			
R. Spinner	...	50	0	0			
Jas. Melville	...	12	13	4			
John Samson	...	6	4	0			
John Armstrong	...	5	0	0			
John Barns	...	18	0	0			
William Hopper	...	10	0	0			
Charles Mohr	...	6	0	0			
Carried forward	...	£210	7	9			

					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	...	...	210	7	9			
	Jas. Halival	...	...	...	5	8	4			
	Tom Ellingham	...	...	...	2	8	0			
	McKenzie	...	...	...	2	8	0			
	Onslow	...	...	...	1	10	0			
	Fitzgerald	...	...	...	1	4	0			
	Joseph James	...	...	...	1	1	0			
	William Edwards	...	...	...	13	17	6			
	George Brewer	...	...	...	1	11	6			
								239	16	1
	Expenses, "Te Pohonga" Block	...	...	...				28	17	11
	Provisions :—									
	Flour	...	...	...	21	19	5			
	Sugar	...	...	...	21	5	8			
	Tea	...	...	...	11	2	9			
	Potatoes	...	...	...	10	17	1			
	Salt	...	...	...	0	19	6			
	Raisins	...	...	...	1	3	4			
	Rice	...	...	...	0	6	8			
								67	14	5
	Messrs. Kinross and Co. :—									
Jan. 8.	2 scythes	...	...	...	0	13	0			
	3 cwt. wire	...	...	...	3	6	0			
Mar. 25.	1 drum oil	...	...	...	1	15	0			
April 15.	6 lb. ruddle	...	...	...	0	6	0			
	1 keg 2-in. Ewbanks	...	...	...	1	16	6			
	1 keg 3-in. "	...	...	...	1	13	0			
	4-in. spikes	...	...	...	0	6	8			
Nov. 4.	1 bullock-chain	...	...	...	0	8	6			
								10	4	8
	William Ellingham :—									
	1 cask	...	...	...				0	6	0
	F. Firth :—									
Feb. 2.	1 tin can	...	...	...	0	3	0			
	1 axe-handle	...	...	...	0	2	3			
Mar. 2.	1 adze	...	...	...	0	8	0			
	1 spade	...	...	...	0	7	0			
Mar. 29.	Nails	...	...	...	0	3	6			
April 17.	Screws	...	...	...	0	3	6			
May 16.	Axe-handles	...	...	...	0	4	6			
June 9.	1 tin can	...	...	...	0	2	6			
Aug. 19.	Axe-handles	...	...	...	0	2	0			
Nov. 17.	1 tin can	...	...	...	0	5	0			
Nov. 28.	Axe-handles	...	...	...	0	2	3			
Dec.	Frying-pan	...	...	...	0	4	6			
	Axe and handles	...	...	...	0	16	9			
								3	4	9
	William Rathbone :—									
Mar. 23.	1 adze-handle	...	...	...	0	2	0			
	2 files	...	...	...	0	1	8			
June 2.	Tomahawk	...	...	...	0	5	6			
								0	9	2
								£350	13	0

Sheep and Wool Account, Te Aute School Estate.

1868		Dr.			£	s.	d.
	To sheep-tax	...	...	...	5	4	7
	Shearers	...	...	...	47	6	0
	Bales and twine	...	...	...	17	10	7
	Balance	...	...	...	1,153	6	11
					£1,223	8	1
1868		Cr.			£	s.	d.
	By sales of sheep-skins	...	...	...	12	7	3
	Sales of wethers	...	...	...	149	3	0
	Net proceeds of wool	...	...	...	952	16	6
	Sale of rams	...	...	...	8	0	0
	Hire of rams	...	...	...	21	14	0
	Sale of mutton	...	...	...	79	7	4
					£1,223	8	1

Balance-sheet.

	DR.		£	s.	d.
To balance, 1867	...	...	1,450	13	9
Current expenses	...	...	350	13	0
Interest of money	...	...	131	3	3
			<hr/> £1,932 12 0		
	CR.				
By balance, sheep and wool account	...	...	1,153	6	11
T. Tatham (rent)	...	...	10	0	0
Kinross and Co., return cans	...	...	1	16	0
Balance	...	...	767	9	1
			<hr/> £1,932 12 0		

Report of the Te Aute School Property.

July, 1868.

In giving the present report, I cannot do so without some degree of disappointment, inasmuch as I had hoped by this time very nearly, if not altogether, to have relieved the property from debt; but in consequence of the low price obtained for the wool last year, the great fall in the value of stock, and the very small demand for rams, I have not been able to reduce the debt by more than £219 7s. 8d., after paying the current expenses and the cost of further improvement of the property, together with the interest of borrowed money, and an outlay for sawn timber which was cut in anticipation of the Bishop of Waiapu being provided with the necessary funds for the erection of the school-buildings. It should, however, be borne in mind that the property had been very partially improved, with but a very moderate number of sheep belonging to it; and that, whilst trying to reduce the debt, the improvement and grassing of the property has been steadily continued, as well as the increase of the flock of sheep.

All the land, with the exception of the detached block of 1,748 acres, has been enclosed with a substantial fence of posts of the heart of totara and the best galvanized fencing-wire, which has cost more money than was at first contemplated, in consequence of the very broken nature of the land, together with the dense forest on part of the line.

Seven hundred acres have been well laid down in English grass and clover, and subdivided into nine paddocks of various sizes, besides which a fence has been erected to cut off about 500 acres of what was by far the roughest part of the run, including about 100 acres of forest, the open portion of which is now getting nicely covered with English grass and clover. A large quantity of English grass seeds have also been sown on various parts of the run.

The detached block of 1,748 acres has been managed as a section of a neighbouring run with sheep to the extent of its grazing capabilities, thereby securing a better return with less expense in every respect than otherwise could have been obtained. The number of the flock of sheep was as follows at last shearing: Ewes, 3,300; wethers, 1,029; rams, 201; lambs, 1,803; total, 6,338. The wool-shed, which was rather small for the purpose, has been enlarged, and fitted up with a screw-press, at a cost of nearly £200, for the better management of the wool. A cart-shed, with a loose-box for a stable—26 ft. x 14 ft. in all—has been erected during last year.

The dwelling-house which I inhabit, having been in a very unfinished state, has had a further sum of £172 14s. 9d. expended upon it, making in all £340 12s. 8d. in excess of amounts received for that purpose.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

Miscellaneous Grants.

TUESDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1869.

Present:—Mr. Hart.

Various Lots—Educational Purposes.

Captain Carter, being duly sworn, states: My name is John Chilton Lambton Carter. I reside at Maraetara, western side of the harbour, Napier. I am Commissioner of Crown Lands and Provincial Treasurer. The lands referred to in the returns marked A and B in the book produced show the different sections of land in the Province of Hawke's Bay reserved for school and educational purposes. Of these, in page No. 1 of the return, the section with the words "not granted" against it, has not yet been granted; and the sections beginning with the section in Havelock and continuing to the end of the return are not granted. All the reserved sections in the Town of Napier mentioned in that return, except section No. 523, are affected by the Act of Session 3, No. 1, of the Provincial Council of Hawke's Bay. Under the powers created by the Act, section No. 142 has been let, subdivided in two lots, one of which is leased for twenty-one years, commencing 27th August, 1863, at a rent of £66 a year; the other portion is let from the 28th April, 1868, at a rental of £37 2s. 6d., for twenty-one years. Section 201 is let for twenty-one years at rents, for the first seven years of £8 5s.; the second seven years, £16 10s.; and the third seven years, £24 15s. Section 407 is let for twenty-one years from the 1st October, 1862, at rents, for the first seven years of £2 10s.; the second seven years at £5; and the third seven years at £7 10s. Section 421 is let for twenty-one years from 1st October, 1862, at a rental of £1 15s. for the first seven years; for the second seven years, £3 10s.; and for the third seven years, £4 15s. Section 469 is let for twenty-one years from the 28th April, 1868, at a rental of £2 4s. Suburban section 34 is divided into two lots, 34A and 34B. 34A is let from 1st October, 1862, for twenty-one years, at a rental of £6 5s. for the first seven years; at £12 10s. for the second seven years; and £18 15s. for

the third seven years. 34B is let from 1st October, 1862, for twenty-one years, at a rental of £3 for the first seven years; at £6 for the second seven years; and £9 for the third seven years. Suburban section No. 90 is divided into four parts. Section No. 90^a and section 90^b are let for a period of twenty-one years from the 15th April, 1862, at a rental of £6 14s. 6d. Section 90^c is let for a period of twenty-one years from the 15th April, 1862, at a rental of £4 15s. Section 90^d is let for a period of twenty-one years from the 15th April, 1862, at a rental of £14 19s. Suburban section No. 35, on the western side of the harbour, is let for a period of twenty-one years from the 30th July, 1866, at a rental of £4 8s. Town sections Nos. 30 and 31, and 147, Hampden, are let for a period of twenty-one years from the 5th July, 1865, at a rental of £3 for the first seven years; £6 for the second seven years; and £9 for the third seven years. Suburban sections Nos. 76 and 83, Hampden, are let for a period of twenty-one years, at a rental of £12 9s. Some of the other lands mentioned in the schedule have been let, but the leases have fallen through by default of the tenants. None of the other lands mentioned in the return are at present let. Section No. 100, Hampden, is appropriated as a site for a common schoolhouse, under Act, Session 8, No. 11, of the Provincial Council, and there is a building on it used as a common school. On section No. 107, Town of Clive, there is a school-building for the purpose of a common school. On section No. 75, Havelock, there is a school-building for a common school; and on section No. 7, Petane, there is a common school for boys and girls: the master lives on the ground, in a part of the house used as a schoolhouse. In the township of Clyde, Wairoa, sections Nos. 467 to 473 inclusive, 637 to 643 inclusive, 651 to 657 inclusive, and 815 to 821 inclusive, were reserved, at the time of the purchase from the Natives, as an endowment for a school for Natives and Europeans. There is a schoolhouse, partly on section 471 and partly on section 639. The rents are appropriated by the Educational Reserves Act, Session 3, No. 1. The rents of the sections let, when received for the current financial year, will be added to the amount produced by the educational rate. There is a school at Waipukurau on land given by Mr. Henry Russell, and another at Waipawa on land given by Mr. Abbott. There is a reserve in Napier of land known as the public cemetery, containing 2 acres 2 roods 3 perches. By an Act of the Provincial Council, Session 12, No. 4, power is given to deal with this reserve for the purposes for which it was made. The town sections Nos. 164, 165, 166, 190, and 191, Clive, containing 1 acre 1 rood 18 perches, are set apart as a burial reserve; also rural section, Petane, unnumbered, containing 5 acres—a portion is used as a burial reserve, and is fenced in. Suburban section, Havelock, No. 49, is also set apart as a burial reserve. Suburban section, No. 54, Clyde, Wairoa, containing 9 acres 32 perches, is also set apart for a burial reserve. The town section in Napier, known as the hospital reserve, containing 1 acre 3 roods, is occupied as a hospital. There is a reserve at Papakura, which an Act of the Provincial Council, Session 11, No. 4, authorises the Superintendent, by the advice of the Executive Council, to demise and lease to Trustees there named, for a term, with certain powers, and authorizing the Trustees to apply the rents arising therefrom towards the purpose of any botanical garden or park within the Province. This reserve contains 39 acres 2 roods, being section No. 19 and a portion of No. 20, Meanee South. The land comprised in the last-mentioned Act of the Provincial Council was exempted from the operation of "The Hawke's Bay Land Regulation Act, 1866," by "The Hawke's Bay Land Regulation Extension Act Amendment Act, 1868," of the General Assembly. The reserve of 14 acres next the burial reserve, granted by grant No. 960, under "The Public Reserves Act, 1854," to the Superintendent of the Province of Hawke's Bay and his successors, for the purpose of public utility, is at present unoccupied.

Captain *Carter* re-examined—(Wednesday, 14th April, 1869)—states: I produce the Record copy of Grant No. 598 under the land regulations of the Province of Wellington.

TUESDAY, 13TH APRIL 1869.

Present:—Mr. Hart.

Cemetery—Napier.

Mr. *Tiffen* examined: My name is Henry Stokes Tiffen. I reside at Napier, and am a sheep-farmer. I know the land set apart as a cemetery in the town of Napier. It is divided into five portions; one portion appropriated to the Roman Catholics, one to members of the United Church of England and Ireland, one to Wesleyan Methodists, and one to the Presbyterians: the remaining portion, which had been used in common before the division, is left to be used in common. The ground is entirely fenced in, and the portion appropriated to the Roman Catholics is separately fenced. The outer fence does not follow the actual boundary of the reserve. The change in the form of the ground was made by arrangement with the Superintendent, for convenience of access and for convenience in fencing. A fee of 10s. is charged for each burial. The fees produced were employed in payment of a sexton until they became insufficient for the purpose. The small excess in the charge over the expense of digging each grave, is at present applied towards the payment of a small debt owing to the Trustees. With the reserve next the cemetery, originally marked as Botanical Reserve, nothing has been done beyond a few huts built by the military, and the Provincial powder magazine and a military well. The reserve at Papakura, entitled Public Park and Botanical Garden, mentioned in Act, Session 11, No. 4, was let to a good tenant, at a rent proportioned to its value, until the lands comprised therein were covered with sand by a flood, and rendered valueless for the purposes of occupation. In the same manner the land referred to in the Hawke's Bay Agricultural Society Act, Session 10, No. 3, of the Provincial Council, was let, until by similar means it was rendered valueless for occupation. It was in May, 1867, the 26th and 27th. No rent was ever received. The leases were never completed. The piece of land used as a school at Meanee, containing half an acre, was bought of me with the amount of my subscription to the school. A site for a school and church in one building, at Kaikoura, was given by Mr. Edward Watts.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1869.

Present:—Mr. Hart.

2 roods, J. Curling, &c., Napier—School.

Mr. Catchpool, being duly sworn, states: My name is Edward Catchpool. I reside at Napier, and am a retired Officer of Customs. I am one of the Trustees named in the grant referred to, comprising sections numbered 136 and 137 on the plan of the Town of Napier: the Trustees named therein are still the Trustees of the land. Subsequent to the date of grant there was a schoolroom erected on the land, which was burnt down in the fire which consumed Ferrers' Hotel and other buildings in the neighbourhood. On the 4th day of November, 1863, a meeting was held of the subscribers to the Napier school, pursuant to advertisement in the *Hawke's Bay Herald*, at which his Honour the Superintendent presided, and at which it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That it was the opinion of the meeting that the sections held in trust for the Napier school should be leased, and that, in order to obtain the full market value of the land, the same should be put up to public auction in suitable blocks; and it was further resolved that the Trustees be requested to take measures for carrying out the foregoing resolution, and to prepare such conditions of lease as may be necessary to prevent the land from being used for unsuitable purposes or from being sub-let without consent of the Trustees, and also to fix suitable reserve rates as the minimum rate of each allotment; and the said Trustees be requested to hold such rents as may accrue therefrom for such educational purposes as may be resolved upon at a future meeting of subscribers." The paper writing I produced marked A is signed by Donald McLean, the chairman of that meeting. There was a subsequent meeting of subscribers convened by advertisement, at which certain resolutions were passed for the establishment of a school in Napier, and the application for one year of a part of the funds accruing from the estate. The Trustees thereupon took the advice of a solicitor, acting upon which they have taken no steps towards the establishment of a school. At an adjourned meeting of the subscribers, an arrangement was entered into for leaving the papers in the hands of the Judge of the Supreme Court (Mr. Justice Johnston), to devise a scheme consistent with the powers of the Trustees for the establishment of a school or schools in Napier. Copies of all papers connected with the trust, or such original papers, were forwarded to his Honour Mr. Justice Johnston about a year and a half ago, but no decision has been communicated to the Trustees. Pursuant to the resolution of the meeting first referred to, every part of the property was offered for leasing to public competition, and 42 feet fronting Hastings Street and next Tennyson Street, was leased to Thomas Kennedy Newton and James Irvine for a term of twenty-one years, at a rental of £90 6s. per annum, such term commencing on 2nd January, 1864: 30 feet next adjoining was also leased to the same parties for a term of twenty-one years, commencing 12th February, 1864, at a rental of £34 10s. per annum. After several further attempts at letting by the same means, the 60 feet of frontage to Hastings Street remaining was let to Andrew H. Blake for a term of twenty-one years, commencing 14th December, 1866, at a rental of £78 per annum; and at the same time thirty-three feet fronting Tennyson Street was let to Messrs Newton and Irvine for a term of twenty-one years at £33 per annum. The total rental is £235 16s. I receive the rents. No appropriation has been made of the funds to the support of any school; they have been permitted to accumulate. On account of the accumulations there is invested on mortgage, at an interest of 10 per cent. per annum, sums amounting to £410, and there is a balance in the Bank of New Zealand amounting to £447 1s. The greater part of the money had been previously deposited in the Savings Bank, but, pending the decision of his Honour the Judge as to the appropriation of the funds, the Trustees considered they could employ the moneys more profitably. No charges have been made for the collection. I will send a memorandum of the expenses that have been incurred by the Trustees since the resolution referred to. The building originally on the land was for a time insured at the expense of Mr. Newton, but the school funds proving insufficient to bear the expense of the insurance, it was discontinued previous to the fire. The Trustees have since, out of the rents, repaid Mr. Newton his outlay for insurance. In consequence of a communication from Mr. Justice Johnston to Mr. James Anderson, through whom the papers were forwarded to his Honour, and of circulars addressed by Mr. Anderson to the subscribers of the school fund, a great majority of the subscribers forwarded letters expressing their opinions with respect to the mode of appropriating the funds arising from the property. Those letters, with a synoptical schedule of them, were handed to Mr. Justice Johnston at the time the other papers were delivered.

Total amount expended by Trustees of Napier School Trust, up to the present date, from the Rents received by them from the several Lessees on Allotments of Town Sections Nos. 136 and 137 of the Town of Napier:—

1864.		Vouchers.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 2.	To V. Janisch, auctioneer, for commission and charges on allotments offered for lease by public auction, including printing conditions of sale and costs of advertising ...	No. 1.	...	...	...	10	2	9
Feb. 12.	To V. Janisch ditto. ditto. Also for amount paid by him to Mr. Fitzgerald, surveyor, for marking out boundaries of allotments on town sections as above ...	...	5	9	6			
		No. 2.	4	12	6			
1865.						10	2	0
May 13.	To Jas. Wood for stationery, and for advertising sundry meetings of subscribers and trustees ...	No. 3.	...	...	...	3	12	9
May 31.	To V. Janisch, commission and charges on allotments offered for lease, including advertisements in newspapers. No sales effected. (See memo.) ...	No. 4.	...	...	...	7	10	6

1866.		Vouchers.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 31.	To T. K. Newton, being refund of an advance made by him for insurance of school-building in 1860	No. 5.	...	...	...	3	19	0
Dec. 14.	To Routledge, Kennedy & Co., auctioneers, for commission and charges on allotments offered for lease, and for advertising	No. 6.	...	...	...	8	0	6
						<u>£43</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

NOTE.—All allotments now leased.

EDWARD CATCHPOOL,
Acting Trustee.

Napier, 14th April, 1869.

MEMO.—By special arrangement the auctioneers were to be allowed 10s. 6d. for each allotment put up by them in cases where no sales were effected.—E.C.

SATURDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1869.

Present:—Mr. Hart.

Napier Hospital Reserve.

Dr. *Hitchings* examined: My name is Thomas Hitchings. I reside at Napier, and am a surgeon. I am surgeon to the Napier Hospital. It is built on what is known as the Napier Hospital reserve. It is a weatherboard building, shingle roof; contains seven rooms, affording accommodation for sixteen or seventeen patients, but on emergencies we have accommodated forty to fifty wounded Natives. A portion of the reserve may have been devoted to the purposes of a road for the general accommodation of the neighbourhood. There is an outbuilding used as a wash-house. I believe the enclosure and buildings used for meteorological purposes are a portion of the reserve. A portion of the ground is used as a grass plot for the recreation of the convalescent. A small garden is cultivated by the master, and another portion is used as a yard for the ordinary purposes of the institution. The institution is supported by the Province, assisted by a small charge, to such patients as can afford to pay it, of 2s. per diem.

TUESDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1869.

Present:—Mr. Hart.

Lots of Town of Clyde—School.

In reference to sections Nos. 467 to 473, 637 to 643, 651 to 657, 815 to 821, consecutively and inclusively, in the town of Clyde, Mr. *Sturm* tenders the following information: My name is Frederick William Christian Sturm. I reside at Napier, and am a nurseryman and seedsman. From 1839 to 1866, on and off, I lived at Mohaka, twenty miles north of the Wairoa. In the beginning of 1856 there were a number of Half-caste children, the Wairoa being the residence of whalers in the summer time. In the year in which Hawke's Bay was separated from Wellington, the Natives having in 1856, about February, agreed to give the land for a school, I applied to Dr. Featherston for assistance, which he promised. This was never fulfilled by reason of the separation. The whaling having fallen off, we could not raise the funds for the building until the Hawke's Bay Province contributed a moiety of the cost. About 1860 we fenced in the land. Mr. Joseph Carroll, who lives at the Wairoa, kept the accounts, paid the moneys for the school building, and has the deed, I believe, unless he has given it up to Mr. McLean. The Natives gave the land that it should be for the benefit of Native children as well as of Half-castes or European children, so long as they came clean and neat, the parents paying the usual school fee, it being understood that they would be taught the English language. The trustees were at first Messrs. Joseph Carroll, John Mitchell, and William Morris; the next were Carroll, Morris, and myself. Morris and I have ceased to be trustees, and I do not know if any others have been appointed in our places. Some of the settlers objected to Maori children being admitted, but I remonstrated, and it was settled that, if clean and neat, they had a right to be admitted. There have been as many pupils at one time as twenty-nine, at least. These were all Half-castes. I only know of two Maori children being there at any one time. Mr. Joseph Carroll has resided there continuously, and can give full information.

Donald McLean, Superintendent of Hawke's Bay, tenders the following information: I acted for the Province of Hawke's Bay on the purchase from the Maoris of the district known as the township of Clyde at the Wairoa. This took place in or about the year 1864. Previous to this, namely, about the year 1860, the Maoris had given a piece of land to trustees for a school. This land was not in terms excepted from the land ceded by the Maoris by their deed of the 2nd November, 1864, but it was my intention that the object for which the land was set apart should be continued. The Government had assisted from 1860 or thereabouts, and the school had been under Government inspection, and was provided with the usual appliances in use in Provincial schools. There was no express stipulation made at the time of the purchase, but the land was partly fenced in and the school was built.

Samuel Locke, being duly sworn, states: I am a surveyor, and reside at Napier. In 1864 and 1865, I was in charge of the Wairoa District, as a Government Agent for the carrying out of the land purchases, then in progress, from the Natives, and watch the progress of the Natives. From the Maori chiefs, and from Messrs. Carroll, Sturm and Morris, who acted as Trustees of the land in the township of Clyde in that district, I learned that the land the possession of which was, before the sale to the Government of the district delivered to those gentlemen as Trustees for school purposes,

was so delivered upon the trust and understanding that the teacher appointed should be competent to instruct Maoris as well as Europeans. I have heard that there was a deed of trust at the time, but I have never seen it. When I first went there, there were two acres of the land fenced in, a decent weather-boarded schoolhouse and dwellings. After I went there the school was re-opened, but I am not aware that any Maori children have been taught there of late.

Roman Catholic Church.

FRIDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1869.

Present :—

St. Joseph Providence Institution.

The following information is supplied by Father *Reignier*: My name is Euloge Reignier. I reside at Meanee, and am a Roman Catholic priest, having charge of the Province except the Town of Napier. I was connected with the St. Joseph Providence Institution in Napier. The sum of £100 was contributed to the buildings by the Government. It has been open six months. It has sixteen boarders, but there is accommodation for nearly thirty. I have been trying to increase the number. The disturbed state of the country and depression of the times, added to the expenses of building, and finishing and furnishing thereof, have prevented further progress for the present. There are, besides the Saint Joseph Providence Institution, three other Catholic schools open to children of persons of all denominations. A ladies' school, having thirty scholars, some being boarders and some day-scholars, under an English lady teacher; a middle-class girls' school, having upon an average sixty scholars, with two English lady teachers. There is in connection with the ladies' school what we call an *ouvroir*, an apartment in which dressmaking and fancy work are taught. There is a boys' school also, attended by about fifty boys, open to all denominations. In our institutions, when we desire religious instruction to the children of Catholics, the other children are dismissed. Including the whole of these institutions, the average attendance is 150.

APPENDIX TO EVIDENCE TAKEN AT NAPIER.

No. 1.

Grant of 593 acres, Poverty Bay—Church of England Native and Half-caste School.

(No. 128 of Reg. No. 4A.)

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen :
To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

KNOW YE that for good considerations us thereunto moving, we for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant *unto the Right Reverend Father in God, William, Bishop of Waiapu, and his successors*, all that piece or parcel of land in the Province of Auckland, in our Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement *five hundred and ninety-three acres three roods, more or less*, bounded by a line commencing at its northwesternmost angle at Hurikihawai, and running thence N. 79° E. eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-one links to Otarewa, and four hundred and fifty links to the Makakahi stream, thence up that stream S. 146° 30' E. three hundred links in a straight line to Umuinanga, thence S. 236° 30' W. four thousand three hundred and thirty links, thence S. 223° W. three thousand and sixty-four links to Tarewapatuiwi, thence S. 221° W. two thousand and thirty-one links, thence N. 278° W. one thousand and ninety-two links to a kahikatea tree to Motumana-wawai, thence N. 294° W. three thousand four hundred and seventy-seven links to Mataaniho, thence N. 4° 30' E. five thousand four hundred and ninety-nine links to Hurikihawai aforesaid, as the same is delineated on the plan drawn in the margin hereof, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, *to hold unto the said Right Reverend Father in God, William, Bishop of Waiapu, and his successors for ever upon trust for a site and endowment for a school for Natives and Half-castes, in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland, and upon further trust to convey the same to such Trustees as may be nominated in that behalf by or by authority of the General Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland in New Zealand, to be by them held upon the trust and for the purposes aforesaid: Provided always that some of the said Trustees be of the aboriginal tribe called Te Whanau o Taupara.*

In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our said Colony of New Zealand.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Gore Browne, C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, at Auckland, this seventh day of May, in the twenty-third year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE.

Entered on record this third day of September, 1860.

W. GISBORNE,

For the Colonial Secretary and Registrar.

With the advice and Consent of the Executive Council.

Fredk. Whitaker

Henry John Tancred.

No. 2.

FOUR GRANTS for TE AUTE SCHOOL.

(No. 4 of Reg. No. 14.)

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen :

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

KNOW YE that for good considerations us thereunto moving, we for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant unto *the Right Reverend George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors*, all that parcel of land in our Province of Wellington, in our Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement *one thousand seven hundred and forty-five acres (more or less)*, situate in the *District of Ahuriri*, and whereof the boundary begins at Te Roto Akiwa and runs in the Wai o Pakini stream to Te Roto Atara, and follows the edge of the swamp till it reaches Ohinemauwhiri, and goes along the hill till it reaches Whatupungapunga, thence to Waipapa, thence to Te Horo, thence to Oreke, thence to Te Kohai, where it breaks off and runs to Te Raroa and follows the gully down to Te Roto Okiwa, as the same is delineated on the plan drawn in the margin hereof, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, *to hold unto the said George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors for ever upon trust as an endowment for a school to be maintained at Te Aute, in the District of Ahuriri aforesaid, for the benefit of the Aboriginal inhabitants of New Zealand.*

In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our Colony of New Zealand.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Gore Browne, C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, at Auckland, this 10th day of June, in the twentieth year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE.

Entered on record this 10th day of June, 1857.

E. W. STAFFORD,
Colonial Secretary and Registrar.

With the advice and consent of the Executive Council.

R. H. Wynyard.
E. W. Stafford.
Fredk. Whitaker.
C. W. Richmond.

(No. 5 of Reg. No. 14.)

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen :

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

KNOW YE that for good considerations us thereunto moving, we for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant unto *the Right Reverend George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors*, all that parcel of land in our Province of Wellington, in our Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement *one thousand four hundred and eight acres (more or less)*, situate in the *district of Ahuriri*, and whereof the boundary begins at Te Arawhata o Makomako and runs to Korakonui, thence to Tarewatanga o te Ruatiti, thence to Te Tringa a Kura, thence to Matatuawhiro, thence to Takanga-otamakura, thence to Ngapunaamaniairangi, thence to Te Korora, thence to Te Pakehiuroanitu, crossing the Mangaoti, and thence to Maramatitaha, thence to Ruakaka, thence to Te Ahitara o te Koukura, where it turns and runs on to the boundary of the land sold to the Queen, and follows the said boundary back to the commencement at Te Arawhataomakomako, as the same is delineated on the plan drawn on the margin hereof, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, *to hold unto the said George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors for ever upon trust as an endowment for a school to be maintained at Te Aute, in the District of Ahuriri aforesaid, for the benefit of the Aboriginal inhabitants of New Zealand.*

In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our Colony of New Zealand.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Gore Browne, C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, at Auckland, this tenth day of June, in the twentieth year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE.

Entered on record this tenth day of June, 1857.

E. W. STAFFORD,
Colonial Secretary and Registrar.

With the advice and consent of the Executive Council.

R. H. Wynyard.
E. W. Stafford.
Fredk. Whitaker.
C. W. Richmond.

(No. 12 of Reg. No. 14.)

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen :

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

KNOW YE that for good considerations us thereunto moving, we for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant unto *the Right Reverend George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand*, all that

parcel of land in our Province of Wellington, in our Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement *four thousand two hundred and forty-four acres (more or less)*, situated in the District of Ahuriri, and bounded on the north by land granted to the Bishop of New Zealand upon trust as an endowment for a school one hundred and thirty-seven chains, on the east by the Roto Atara swamp and by a line bearing 183° twenty-nine chains, on the south by a line bearing 282° two hundred and thirty-nine chains, on the west by a line bearing $17^{\circ} 30'$ twenty-one chains, thence by a line bearing $28^{\circ} 20'$ ninety-two chains, thence by a line bearing $23^{\circ} 50'$ forty-seven chains fifty links, thence by a line bearing $16^{\circ} 15'$ sixty-seven chains to its intersection with the southern boundary of the land granted to the Bishop of New Zealand as aforesaid, excepting so much of the hereinbefore described land as may be necessary for the making of a road not exceeding sixty-six feet in width in through or over the said parcel of land, and which said parcel of land hereby granted is delineated on the plan drawn in the margin hereof, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, to hold unto the said *George Augustus, Lord Bishop of New Zealand, and his successors for ever, upon trust as an endowment for a school, to be maintained in the District of Ahuriri aforesaid, for the education of children of our subjects of both races in New Zealand.*

In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our Colony of New Zealand.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Gore Browne, C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, at Auckland, this seventh day of July, in the twenty-first year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE.

Entered on record this sixteenth day of July, 1857.

E. W. STAFFORD,
Colonial Secretary and Registrar.

(No. 169 of Reg. H7.)

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen :

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

KNOW YE that for good considerations us thereunto moving, we for us, our heirs and successors, do hereby grant unto the *Right Reverend Charles John, Bishop of Wellington ; the Venerable Octavius Hadfield, Archdeacon of Kapiti ; William McLeod Bannatyne, George Hunter, and Robert Stokes, all of Wellington, Esquires, Trustees appointed by the General Synod of the branch of the United Church of England and Ireland in New Zealand*, all that parcel of land in our Province of Hawke's Bay, in our Colony of New Zealand, containing by admeasurement *three hundred and eighty-two acres (more or less)*, being section numbered nineteen R, situated at Te Aute, bounded towards the north by land granted to the Bishop of New Zealand "upon trust as an endowment for a school," twenty-three thousand nine hundred links, towards the east by Native land, consisting of an irregular line of a swamp and a line bearing 54° one thousand two hundred links, towards the south by a line bearing 282° a distance of twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-eight links, and towards the west partly by a line bearing $17^{\circ} 30'$ a distance of one thousand four hundred and ninety-two links, and partly by a line bearing 183° a distance of two thousand two hundred and forty links, as the same is delineated on the plan drawn in the margin hereof, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging, to hold unto the said *Charles John, Bishop of Wellington ; Archdeacon Octavius Hadfield, William McLeod Bannatyne, George Hunter, and Robert Stokes, for ever, upon trust as an endowment for a school, to be maintained in the District of Ahuriri, for the education of children of our subjects of both races in New Zealand.*

In testimony whereof we have caused this our grant to be sealed with the seal of our Colony of New Zealand.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir George Grey, K.C.B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New Zealand, at Wellington, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the thirtieth year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

G. GREY.

Entered on record this twenty-ninth day of November, 1866.

A. DOMETT,
Secretary for Crown Lands.

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