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NATIVE LANDS AND NATIVE-LAND TENURE :

INTERIM REPORT OF NATIVE LAND COMMISSION, ON NATIVE LANDS IN THE COUNTIES OF
WAITEMATA, RODNEY, OTAMATEA, AND HOBSON.*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

Native Land Commission, Auckland, 6th April, 1908.

To His Excellency the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We have the honour to submit for your consideration the following report on Native lands in the counties of Waitemata, Rodney, Otamatea, and Hobson. This commences a series of reports dealing with lands in the North of Auckland, comprising the Tokerau Maori Land District, which is coterminous with the Northern Maori Electoral District.

Roughly speaking, the owners of lands in Waitemata, Rodney, and Otamatea Counties and of one-half of the Native lands in Hobson County, belong to the Ngati-Whatua Tribe, once a numerous and a powerful people, but now much reduced in numbers, and living in scattered kaingas. The Maori population of the four counties according to the last census was 1,610, of which probably 1,200 belong to the Ngati-Whatua.

The following is a summary of the lands included in the schedules to this report :—

County.	Leased or under Negotiation for Lease.			Reserved for Maori Occupation.			Available for Settlement.			Not dealt with.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Waitemata	6,652	3	3	2,681	2	9	9,344	2	2	1,118	1	24
Rodney	2,527	0	0	10,346	2	11	2,012	3	28	595	0	0
Otamatea	30,573	2	0	5,034	1	39	412	0	0	420	0	0
Hobson	18,541	2	21	13,484	0	11	27,805	0	0	5,531	3	4
Purchased land—												
Otamatea .. .. .	..	..	..	661	1	0	525	3	0	..	..	..
Hobson .. .. .	..	..	..	525	3	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	58,294	3	24	32,733	2	30	39,574	1	30	7,665	0	28

				TOTALS.					
				A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Waitemata	19,797	0	38
Rodney	15,481	1	39
Otamatea (including purchased land)	37,101	0	39
Hobson	65,888	0	36
							138,268 0 32		

In Otamatea County the area under negotiation for lease is very considerable. We are assured that the owners will reserve a large area from lease for their own occupation. We think that the area of 5,034 acres recommended above is not sufficient, but until the negotiations are completed by the partition of interests as between lessors and non-sellers the further areas to be reserved cannot be ascertained, even approximately.

In the area 7,665 acres of lands "not dealt with," is included an area of papatupu blocks estimated at 3,612 acres. One-half the area shown as available for general settlement consists of land vested in the Maori Land Board under section 8 of "The Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905," viz. :—

	A.	R.	P.
Otakanini (27 subdivisions)	7,516	1	8
Pouto 2E, Nos. 1 and 2	12,726	0	0
	20,242	1	8

The Board has prepared a scheme of settlement in the case of Otakanini, under which 200 acres are reserved for papakaingas, and three sections amounting to about 360 acres are set aside for lease to Maori applicants. About one-fourth of this block consists of sandhills. An owner in this block named Rihari Pungaroa had, prior to the vesting of the land in the Board, agreed to give a lease of 80 acres to a European named Macdonald, who got possession of the land, paid rent, and improved it. No title has, however, been issued to him. Rihari is anxious that his arrangement should be made valid. There is a question whether the Board can validate it. If not, it is a case, in our opinion, in which the Legislature should intervene, and empower the Board to issue a valid lease. The Board has not yet cut up the Pouto Block. The Native owners are anxious to reserve an area of 1,830 acres for farms and papakaingas. We have forwarded their representations for the consideration of the Board.

Under the Act of 1905 the Board can only lease the lands vested in it. It has no power of sale. The area dealt with by the Commission and recommended for general settlement is 19,332 acres and 22 perches, of which the owners desire 16,120 acres and 22 perches to be sold, and 3,212 acres to be leased. The area for sale consists chiefly of a subdivision of Pouto Block (E. No. 10) containing 14,889 acres, reported to be mostly sandhills. We are of opinion that these should be acquired by the Crown, which may be able to cope with the sand-drift by planting suitable grasses, or, as has been done in parts of France on the shores of the Bay of Biscay, by planting pine-trees.

Signs are not wanting that in portions of the Kaipara district the Natives are realising the necessity of utilising their lands in a proper manner. They have not been an idle people, but their energy, such as it was, has been expended in other directions, gum-digging, bush-felling, and other employment in connection with the timber industry of the district. The period from 1873 to 1899 or thereabout was marked by great activity in the kauri-gum and kauri-timber industry. At the same time the Maoris of the four counties under review derived large sums of money from the sale of lands. We estimate the area sold between 1873 and 1900 at 380,000 acres, and the amount disbursed among the vendors at £40,000. About ten years ago the kauri-gum began to give out, while the available supply of kauri timber rapidly dwindled. Meanwhile the industry had attracted Natives from other districts to northern Kaipara. These either received grants of land from the resident Natives or purchased land from Europeans or the Crown. In Hobson County there are many Natives with very little land, who may be termed almost landless. It is alleged that since 1900 the Natives have turned their attention more to farming. A few Natives in each county are dairying and sheep-farming; one Native near Helensville is dairying on a large scale, and is anxious to secure more land for his cows and calves. The time seems opportune in the Kaipara district for fostering and directing these attempts to lead a more industrial life; there is need for the proper adjustment of titles to secure to the more industrious the fruit of their efforts, and to the State, or other lending body, a sufficient guarantee of title; above all, there is need for proper instruction and direction, that the energy hitherto used productively under European management and the spur of an assured wage may be diverted to the more difficult task of cultivating land with the incentive of a hard-won and long-deferred prosperity.

Our recommendations in respect of the lands in these counties are as follows :—

- (1.) That the lands shown under subheading B of each schedule be reserved for Maori occupation under Part II of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907."
- (2.) That the lands shown under subheading C of each schedule as available for general settlement, except where already vested in the

Board, be dealt with under Part I of the said Act. It is to be noted that there is a great preponderance of area for sale over area for lease. But the area for sale is made up largely of sandhills, which we think should be acquired by the Crown.

- (3.) That it is necessary to appoint an instructor in agriculture, particularly in dairying, for the Maoris of these counties.

We have the honour to be
Your Excellency's obedient servants,
ROBERT STOUT,
A. T. NGATA,
Commissioners.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE 1.

WAIITEMATĀ COUNTY.

A. Lands under Lease or Negotiation for Lease.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Aotearoa	129	1,830	0	0	Under lease; also negotiations for sale.
Te Kawau 1A	24	25	0	0	
„ 1B	50	85	0	0	
„ 2	22	296	3	8	
Ongarahū (part) .. .. .	..	350	0	0
Paparōa 2A	6	400	0	0	
„ 2B	10	460	0	0	
„ 2C	21	1,457	0	0	
„ 2D	55	20	1	0	
Pukeatua A	1	93	0	0	
Pahunuhunu 1B	2	53	0	30	All but 100 acres leased; ten years to run.
Rarapuka 2A	5	79	1	22	
Tuatetua .. .. .	..	60	1	23
Whenuanui 1 and 6	2	222	2	0	
„ 2 and 5	2	178	0	0	
„ 3 and 7	6	400	2	0	
„ 4	10	458	0	0	
Omokoiti	12	183	3	0	
Total	6,652	3	3	

B. Lands recommended to be reserved for Maori Occupation under Part II of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907."

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Aotea Native Reserve	20	2	26	Burial-ground.
Helensville Native Reserve .. .. .	..	1	0	0
Kopironui B2	9	878	0	0	
Ongarahū A	3	58	1	13	
„ B	36	15	0	0	
„ C	1	50	0	0	
„ D	1	16	2	17	
„ E	1	33	1	13	
Pukemokimoki	2	58	2	0	
Paekawau	1	73	3	23	
Parekura	1	56	1	11	Portion leased to Maori dairy-farmer.
Pukeatua .. .. .	..	..	..	..
„ E	3	10	0	0	
Rangiahua	6	66	3	19	
Waikōkōu 1 (part)	2	56	0	0	
Tuparekura 1 .. .. .	..	289	2	7
Uhurua .. .. .	..	891	2	0
Te Keeti .. .. .	..	106	0	0
Total .. .. .	..	2,681	2	9

C. *Lands available for General Settlement.*

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Otakanini (27 subdivisions) ..	..	7,516	1	8	Vested in Tokerau Maori Land Board under section 8 of "The Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905." Under the Board's scheme 200 acres are reserved for papakaingas, 358 acres to be leased to Maoris.
Puketapu	17	1,600	0	0	Owners desire this to be leased only. It is recommended to be vested in the Board.
Maroroa	4	28	0	34	For sale.
Waikoukou 1 (part) ..	2	200	0	0	For lease.
Total .. ..	..	9,344	2	2	

D. *Lands not dealt with.*

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Waitakerei 1B 2	9	642	1	24	
„ 2	14	476	0	0	
Total .. ..	..	1,118	1	24	

SCHEDULE 2.

RODNEY COUNTY.

A. *Lands under Lease or Negotiations for Lease.*

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Araparera	20	2,527	0	0	All but 92 acres leased; this balance was reserved for the occupation of owners.

B. *Lands recommended to be reserved for Maori Occupation under Part II of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907."*

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Goat Island .. ..	..	23	0	0	
Opahi No. 1	6	23	0	0	
„ No. 2	6	100	0	0	
Omaha (Village of Leigh) ..	7	155	2	11	
Pakiri No. 1	1	6,611	0	0	Owner with large family farming this land. Children and grandchildren living on land.
Section 48, Block XI, part of Omaha	..	70	0	0	
Omaha Native Reserve Block XI	..	60	0	0	
Mangatawhiri	3	214	0	0	
Otioro and Topuni	141	3,090	0	0	To be incorporated under section 61.
Total .. ..	..	10,346	2	11	

C. Lands available for General Settlement.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
Kakaraea	22	A.	R.	P.	For lease only.
Tuhirangi A2	27	1,000	0	0	For sale only.
		1,012	3	28	
Total .. ..	..	2,012	3	28	

D. Lands not dealt with.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
Puatahi	30	A.	R.	P.	Title not properly ascertained.
		595	0	0	

SCHEDULE 3.

OTAMATEA COUNTY.

A. Lands under Lease or Negotiation for Lease.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
Opekaepka A	1	A.	R.	P.	
" B	3	970	0	0	Pending.
" C	4	300	0	0	"
" D	1	50	0	0	"
" E	3	200	0	0	"
" F	3	250	0	0	"
" G	11	120	0	0	"
"	6	110	0	0	"
Otioro No. 1	44	648	0	0	
" No. 2	32	396	0	0	
" No. 3	15	176	0	0	
Nukuroa No. 1A	2	802	3	25	Portion under negotaton (sale).
" No. 1B No. 1	1	299	3	3	Under negotiation (sale).
" No. 1B No. 2	1	494	0	14	
" No. 1C	4	534	1	0	
" No. 1D	1	534	1	0	
" No. 1E	1	534	1	0	
" No. 1F	4	2,179	0	32	
" No. 1G	9	544	3	8	
" No. 2A	1	857	0	0	
" No. 2	10	612	2	0	
Kaitara 2A, Section 1	1	1,000	0	0	
" 2A, " 2	11	650	0	0	
" 2B	5	1,050	0	0	
" 2C	8	229	0	35	
" 2D	1	500	0	0	
" 2E	2	944	1	30	
" 2F	1	500	0	0	
" 2G	7	833	1	13	
Te Komiti 1A, Section 1	13	279	1	0	
" 1A, " 2	74	1,806	3	0	
" 1B	72	1,909	0	0	
" 2A No. 1	14	366	0	0	
" 2A No. 2	2	137	0	0	
" 2A No. 3	23	833	0	0	
" 2B	94	3,657	0	0	
Hukateru B1	1	967	2	0	
" B2	8	1,935	0	0	
" B3	1	967	2	0	
Te Purupuru	1	1,395	0	0	
Total .. ..	..	30,573	2	0*	

*A portion of this area, we understand, will be reserved by the Maori lessors, but until the leases now under negotiation are finally approved by the Board the area cannot be ascertained.

B. *Lands recommended to be reserved for Maori Occupation under Part II of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907."*

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Raekau No. 1	6	2	0	0	
" No. 2	4	62	0	0	
" No. 3	2	31	0	0	
Oruawhoro A	28	1,923	0	0	
" B	3	80	0	0	
" C	2	70	0	0	
" D	3	150	0	0	
Otara No. 1	28	214	0	0	Subject to copper-prospecting lease.
" No. 2	11	200	0	0	
" No. 3	11	200	0	0	
" No. 4	22	200	0	0	
Kaitara No. 3A	6	60	0	0	
" No. 3B	16	176	0	0	
" No. 3C	11	195	0	0	
" No. 3D	10	115	0	0	
Otamatea	109	620	0	0	Subject to copper-prospecting lease.
" No. 1	3	40	0	0	
" No. 2	6	40	0	0	
Hanerau	124	640	0	0	
Paiti	6	4	1	39	
Te Kōwhiri No. 3	4	5	0	0	Cemetery reserve.
" No. 4	4	2	0	0	"
" No. 5	4	5	0	0	"
Total .. ..	..	5,034	1	39	

In addition to this area the following "purchased lands" are in Maori occupation :—

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Lot 2, part Tokatoka	11	150	0	0	
" 3	11	148	1	0	
" 257, part Matakōhe .. ..	..	81	0	0	
" 259A	1	26	0	0	
" 259B	1	10	0	0	
" 54 N.E., Section 1	1	39	1	20	
" 54 N.E., Section 2	4	15	3	0	
" 64 N.E., Section 3	3	70	3	20	
" 54 S.W.	5	120	0	0	
Total .. ..	..	661	1	0	

C. *Lands recommended for General Settlement.*

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Ohauroa A	5	164	3	8	Owners desire that these should be leased.
" B	8	82	1	24	
" C	3	164	3	8	
Total .. ..	..	412	0	0	

D. Papatupu Lands.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Waihaua	300	0	0	Approximate; and adjoining Hukaterere B7
Tarawa Mango	120	0	0	
Total	420	0	0	

SCHEDULE 4.

HOBSON COUNTY.

A. Lands under Lease or Negotiation for Lease.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Te Hoanga 2A	4	90	0	0	Portions under negotiation for sale, and portions reserved by lessors for their own use.
2B	1	36	0	9	
2C	4	54	2	5	
Kaihau 2A (part)	1	7	2	0	Portions under negotiation for sale, and portions reserved by lessors for their own use.
" 2B 2	1	1,491	3	35	
" 2B 3	1	1,491	3	35	
Mareikura A2A 1	1	26	1	0	Under negotiation for sale.
" A2A 2	5	183	3	0	
" A2B	1	210	0	0	
" A2C	3	520	1	27	
" A2D	1	104	1	2	
Opanake 1A 1	65	275	2	5	Mill-site.
" 1A 2	133	275	2	5	
" 1A 3	52	275	2	5	
" 1A 4	37	275	2	5	
" 1C South, No. 1	14	5	0	0	
" 1D (part)	2	20	0	0	
" 2H (part)	2	170	0	0	
" 2M 2	1	652	0	19	
" 2M 4	1	100	0	0	
Okapakapa (part) No. 1	1,900	0	0	Under negotiation for sale.
Oturei (part) No. 1 .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Omuwhao 1A 1	1	169	0	0	
" 1A 2	1	50	0	0	
" 1A 3	1	25	0	0	
" 1A 4	1	100	0	0	
" 1A 5	1	50	0	0	
" 1A 6	1	1,240	3	0	
" 1B	9	1,634	3	0	
Pouto 2E 3A	1	318	1	0	
" 2E 4A	3	616	0	0	
" 2E 5B	1	470	0	0	
" 2E 6A (part)	1	130	0	0	
" 2E 6B	14	258	0	0	
" 2E 7A	2	294	0	0	
" 2E 7B	5	258	0	0	
" 2E 8	1	192	0	0	
" 2E 9	3	173	0	0	
Piritaha (part)	700	0	0	Eight years to run.
Waima (part) .. .. .	..	423	2	29
Waimata 1A	2	1,250	0	0	
" 1B	6	1,726	1	0	
" part 2	1	160	0	0	
Lot 44, Parish of Kopuru	4	137	0	0	
Total .. .. .	..	18,541	2	21

B. Lands recommended to be reserved for Maori Occupation under Part II of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907."

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Aotahi	14	126	0	0	
Aoroa No 4	1	171	3	13	Occupied; a large kainga there.
Te Kohekohe	2	10	0	0	
Kaihu 1A 1	2	3	1	8	Church and cemetery site.
" 1A 2	60	528	3	26	There are kaingas and cultivations on this block.
Manginahae No. 1A	4	64	0	0	Occupied.
" No. 1c	5	64	2	13	Occupied; fenced and cultivated.
" No. 2	1	21	0	0	"
Oue No. 1	1	100	0	0	Owners occupying.
" No. 2B 1	5	147	0	0	"
" No. 2B 2	8	147	0	0	"
" No. 2B 3	1	76	2	20	"
Opanake 1B	25	350	0	0	
" 1c North	12	2,312	3	0	To be incorporated under section 61.
" 1c South, Nos. 3-10 .. ..	..	2,103	0	0	Subdivided amongst members of one family.
" 1d (part)	2	173	0	0	
" 1e	23	350	0	0	
" 2g	1	104	0	0	
" 2h (part)	2	30	0	0	Balance not leased.
" 2k 1	1	8	0	38	Kainga.
" 2k 2	33	184	2	16	"
" 2l	1	152	1	0	Occupied by owner.
Oturei No. 1 (part)	1	200	0	0	Approximate. Balance not leased.
Manuwhetai Native Reserve .. ..	..	110	3	0	Reserved from sale to Crown as <i>wahi tapu</i> .
Pouto No. 1 .. ..	..	14	3	18	
" church-site	75	3	0	0	
" 2c	4	5	0	0	
" 2e 3B	6	890	3	0	Owners one family.
" 2e 4B	3	255	0	0	"
" 2e 4C	5	245	0	0	
" 2e 4D	8	224	0	0	Occupied and farmed.
" 2e 5A	1	470	0	0	"
" 2e 6A (part)	1	76	0	0	Balance not leased.
Taharoa .. ..	..	260	0	0	Occupied.
Waimata 2 (part)	1	2,440	0	0	"
Whangaiariki Native Reserve .. ..	..	22	1	23	
Piritaha 2 (part)	6	361	1	20	
" No. 1	2	0	2	20	Cemetery.
Mareikura E	1	20	0	0	
" G2	17	652	0	36	
Total .. ..	..	13,484	0	11	

In addition, the following sections of "purchased land" are in occupation of the Natives :—

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Section 1, Block 1, Kaihu Survey District	7	103	3	0	Occupied; all fenced.
Lot 1, Parish Tatarariki	10	75	0	0	Kainga called Ripia.
" 10, Parish Arapohue (middle portion)	11	60	0	0	Occupied.
Lot 11, Parish Arapohue (S.E.)	7	87	0	0	"
" 125, .. ..	..	93	0	0	All in grass, and occupied.
" 126, .. ..	..	90	0	0	"
" 127, .. (N.W.) .. ..	..	17	0	0	"
Total .. ..	..	525	3	0	

C. Lands available for General Settlement.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
Poua No. 2E No. 1 ..	9	A.	R.	P.	Vested in Tokerau Maori Land Board under section 8 of "The Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905," and available for lease to general public, subject to reserves for Maori occupation.
.. No. 1A (Rangi-ahua)	2	1,600	0	0	
.. No. 1B ..	15	1,690	0	0	
.. No. 1C ..	15	1,650	0	0	
.. No. 1D (Te Karaka)	10	1,503	0	0	
.. No. 1E ..	16	1,680	0	0	
.. No. 2 ..	5	3,373	0	0	
.. No. 10 ..	30	12,726	0	0	To be sold. Mostly sandhills. Should be acquired by the Crown.
		14,889	0	0	
Poua No. 3	110	0	0	Ditto.
Part Lot 103, Parish Arapohue	13	80	0	0	To be sold (purchased land).
Total	27,805	0	0	

D. Lands not dealt with.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
Papatupu lands	A.	R.	P.	Approximately.
Other lands (for inquiry at other centres)	..	2,597	0	0	
		2,934	3	4	..
Total	5,531	3	4	

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