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EAST COAST NATIVE TRUST LANDS

(REPORT, BALANCE-SHEET, AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS IN RESPECT OF).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly in pursuance of Section 13 of "The East Coast Native Trust Lands Act, 1902.

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REPORT BY THE EAST COAST COMMISSIONER.

SIR.-

Gisborne, N.Z., 11th September, 1908. I have the honour to submit the following report of the transactions of the Trust, together with the balance-sheet and statement of receipts and expenditure to the 31st March last, and particulars of lands owned and leased at that date.

Purchase-moneys.—During the past year the balances outstanding on purchases on the Trust lands sold have all been received, with the exception of one amount of £196 12s.

Mortgages.—A further sum of £5,000 has been paid off the mortgages raised by the Board. and the total amount now owing by the Trust on mortgage has been reduced to £21,000.

Rents.-The rents received during the year amount to £5,115 10s. 3d., of which a considerable portion has been applied in payment of the liabilities of the blocks from which the rents were derived, and £540 10s. has been paid over to the beneficiaries. The position of most of the rentproducing blocks is so greatly improved that it is now practicable to pay over to the beneficiaries a very much larger portion of the rents than heretofore.

Farms.—Acting under the provisions of the amending Act of last session, I have cleared practically the whole of the bush and scrub on Paremata No. 3, and have begun to farm the block. The farming operations for the period under review, which were necessarily of limited extent, resulted in a profit of £196 17s. 6d. The block, which is situated close to Tolaga Bay, consists of rolling hills with a large proportion of alluvial flat. The clearing, fencing, and other improvements have almost entirely been done by Natives. In the Tahora Block I have begun to fall bush on five farms. I expect to have about 2,000 acres in all cleared in Tahora by November next. The largest farm in the block will be at Papuni, at the junction of the Ruakituri River and the Makokomuka Stream. The contracts let for this year for bushfelling on Papuni are for 900 acres. The four other Tahora farms are situated about the centre of the block, on or near the Stock Track. On these rather more than 1,000 acres are being cleared. Here also the bushfelling and other improvements are, as far as possible, being effected by the Native owners.

Since the 31st March last two other blocks --viz., Maraetaha No. 1D (commonly known as Te Kopua), 2,303 acres, and Whaitiri No. 2, 412 acres 2 roods 33 perches, have been vested in me at the request of the beneficiaries. A portion of the Kopua had been cleared by the Native Committee and was being farmed by them when I took over the block. I have increased the number of the live-stock on the farm, and am now clearing a further area of 700 acres of bush.

In other blocks, and especially in Mangapoike No. 2B, 3,024 acres, the beneficiaries have asked me to undertake the farming of their lands, but for financial reasons I have not, up to the present, seen my way to comply with their wishes. I however intend to clear and farm a portion of Mangapoike No. 2B during next year. Part of the block has already been cleared and farmed by some of the beneficiaries, who, however, in common with nearly all other Natives, labour under the disability of being unable to arrange satisfactory finance.

During the past year I visited a number of the blocks, and inspected the leaseholds on them. In each instance I found that the improvements effected were considerably in excess of what was required under the conditions of the leases.

I have, &c., T. A. Coleman,

The Hon. the Minister for Native Affairs, Wellington.

East Coast Commissioner.

		•		Under Lease.				
Nt		Area.	Capital Value.	Area.	Present Annual Rental.			
					Acres.	£	Acres.	£
Mangaheia No. 2D	•••	•••			5,965	35,400	5,965	1,760
Mangaokura No. 1					2,027	2,000		•••
Mangapoike No. 2		•••			37,721	37,000	28,178	1,225
Mangatu No. 5				·	20,075	15,000		•••
" No. 6					20,075	15,000		
Maraetaha No. 2, Se	ction 3				2,050	4,000		
" No. 2,	" 6				2,608	6,500		•••
Maungawaru No. 2					14,802	5,500	•••	
" No. 3					18,720	7,000		
Pakowhai					374	1,600	374	- 60
Paremata					2,507	7,800	2.392	386
" No. 3					1,224	10,898	_,	
" No. 4					-,	2,700		•••
Tahora No. 2					51,104	65,740	17,591	546
Tangatote No. 1					51,101	75	11,001	010
" No 2		· · •			75	1,125		•••
m 17"		•••		••••	400	6,000	•••	1. 1 . 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
Tawapata South No.		· · ·			4,376	12,000	4.376	600
		•••	•••		4,370 980		980	60
Whangawehi No. 1A		•••				2,500		60
" No. 1B	· · · ·	•••	•••	•••	1,201	3,000	1,201	00
Whataupoko G, Sect	ion 32	•••	•••		10	500	•••	•••
					186,392	241,338	61,061	4,697

Schedule of Lands vested in the East Coast Commissioner as at 31st March, 1908.

NOTE.—One of the Mangapoike leases and several of those in Tahora provide for increase of rental every seven years. These increases bring the mean annual rental of the total area leased to £5,216 13s. 4d. as at 31st March, 1908.

Gisborne, N.Z., 11th September, 1908.

T. A. COLEMAN, East Coast Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND	d Paymen	for the Year ending 31st March, 1908.				
Receipts.	£s.	d .	Payments. £ s. d.			
Balance, 31st March, 1907-Cash in Bank			Mortgage paid off 5,000 0 0			
of New Zealand	3,464 18	9	Surveys, roading, sale, and valuation ex-			
Purchase-moneys-Payments by purchasers	-,	-	penses,—			
on account of sales of freehold as per			Mangapoike No. 2 105 5 0			
former accounts	6,007 8	0	Mangatu 5, 6 163 9 8			
Rents,—	-,		Tahora No. 2 1,978 10 7			
Mangaheia No. 2D	2,108 15	6	Farm improvements, clearing, fencing, and			
Mangapoike No. 2	1,169 5	2	sowing,-			
Pakowhai, Section No. 2	45 0	0 (Mangapoike No. 2			
Paremata	560 3	9	Pakowhai 79 0 0			
Tahora No. 2	572 - 4	10	Paremata 35 0 0			
Tawapata South No. 1	600 0	0	" No. 3 863 13 10			
Whangawehi 1A, 1B, 1C		0	Tahora No. 2 691 16 5			
Interest on purchase moneys	$55 \ 19$	3 -				
Tahora settlers—Repayment of advances on			Rates and taxes 182 10 7			
account of road contract		-	Interest 1,438 9 11			
Contractors' deposits	10 0	0	Law-costs			
Paremata Farm,—		_	Salaries,-			
Wool and skins sold		7	Commissioner 333 6 8			
Sheep sold	544 18	9	Secretary 66 13 4			
			Travelling-expenses			
			Audit and office expenses 90 11 1			
		1	Accident and indemnity insurance 5 15 0			
			Advances to Tahora settlers on account of			
			road contract			
· ·			Advance to Natives on account of improve-			
			ments 200 Paremata Farm.—			
			Sheen howshit 1 1700 19 0			
			Sheep and wool expenses			
			Balance, 31st March, 1908 13,891 10 1			
			Cash in Bank of New Zealand 2,489 5 6			
-	E16,320 15	7	£16,320 15 7			
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•			T. A. COLEMAN.			

Gisborne, 31st July, 1908.

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Examined and found correct.-J. SANDTMANN, F.I.I.A.N.Z.

BALANCE-SHEET AT 31ST MARCH, 1908.

Liabilities.		£	8,	đ.	Assets.	£	8.	đ.
Mortgages secured on freeholds	••	21,000				241,338	0	0
Accrued interest on freeholds		200	15	10	Unpaid purchase moneys on sale of free-			
Sundry creditors on open account		1,188	19	8	hold properties	196	12	0
					Advances on account of roads, and sundries	77	19	10
		22,389	15	6		880	19	3
					Live-stock on Paremata Farm	1,346	5	0
Surplus	••	223,939	6	1	Cash in Bank of New Zealand	2,489	5	6
	4	246,329	1	7	£	3246,329	1	7
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