

FIRST SCHEDULE.

THE UREWERA LANDS CONSOLIDATION SCHEME.

1. THE scheme is based on data supplied by the Native Department, which gave the lists of non-sellers and the valuations of their interests expressed in pence, and a schedule showing the value of the interests acquired by purchase by the Crown; and on the compiled plan 12500 in the Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, of Urewera blocks, giving boundaries, areas, and partitions effected by the Native Land Court.

2. The scheme embraces all blocks within the Urewera District Native Reserve, as defined by the Urewera District Native Reserve Act, 1896, except Ruatoki 1, Ruatoki 2, and Ruatoki 3, and subdivisions thereof; Whaitiripapa; Tapatahi; Manuoha; and Paharakeke.

It includes lands not within the above reserve but which it was found necessary to include—namely, Whareama, Ngaputahi, Kopani, and Hei-o-Tahoka (known as “Urewera Reserves,” Wairoa County); Hereheretau B2 (undivided interests acquired by the Crown); Whirinaki Block (portions required for exchange with the Natives).

3. The non-sellers have been grouped as shown in the Second Schedule to the report. The process of grouping involved the incorporation of successors appointed by the Native Land Court, and of successors proposed as part of the scheme to owners reported to have died prior to the formulation thereof. The names of deceased owners have therefore disappeared from the lists, and those of the successors have been incorporated in the groups to which they rightly belong. The interests of each individual have been aggregated opposite his name, or if he is in more than one group, the same are distributed according to his wishes.

All the steps in the process of grouping successors and distribution of interests are shown in group-books numbered A to G, deposited in the office of the Registrar of the Native Land Court, Rotorua. The results of the process are the group-lists set forth in the Second Schedule, which should be confirmed as a complete statement of the present Native owners and their interests in Urewera lands.

4. The proposals for the location of the interests of the various groups are given in the summaries at the head of the group-lists; one summary giving them in consecutive order of the groups, and the other in the order of the blocks to which the groups are assigned. From the latter summary the approximate awards to Crown or Natives are compiled. In some cases awards are complete and definite enough for immediate execution of surveys, in others further inquiries are necessary involving preliminary topographical surveys and adjudication of disputes between the Crown and Natives, or among Natives only. But in most cases the data is sufficient to determine the proportions which the Crown or Natives, or the Natives *inter se*, are entitled to receive.

5. While adopting the former magnetic surveys and the areas and boundaries thus ascertained for the purposes of the scheme, it is understood that they are useful only for the purpose of calculating the proportions to which the respective parties to the scheme may be entitled—that the boundaries may be disregarded on eventual survey, although the nomination of a group or of the Crown to any locality described by the former block-names and sketch-plans should be respected as far as possible.

6. As between the Crown and Natives no variation in area is to be made on the ground of unequal values, or for reasons of accessibility, or otherwise.

7. The areas of the Native sections are subject to an assessment as a contribution towards the cost of surveying and forming the proposed arterial roads shown on plan 12500 deposited in the Lands and Survey Office, Auckland. The extent of the liability is £20,000 worth of land, and the assessment against each Native section is to be made by whatever tribunal is authorized to carry out this consolidation scheme.

The blocks referred to in clause 2 hereof as not included in the scheme, and also the lands referred to in that clause as being outside the Urewera District Native Reserve, but which have been brought into the scheme, are not affected by the proposed roading contribution.

8. The survey of all Native sections shall be carried out by the Crown, at the cost of those sections, to be paid for in land. The cost of the survey shall be estimated beforehand, and the area of land to defray the same shall be deducted from the area of the Native section to be surveyed and awarded to the Crown. That area need not be cut off contiguous to the Native section, or it may take the form of scenic or water-conservation or forest-conservation areas within the boundaries of the Native section.

9. If any Native cultivations or clearings or other improvements are surrendered by the non-sellers to the Crown in order to facilitate the Crown's settlement scheme, the Crown shall pay compensation for the same. The amount of the compensation and the persons to whom the same shall be payable shall be determined by the tribunal appointed to carry out this scheme.

10. (a.) The Crown shall receive as part of its award the whole of the following blocks: Otairi, Maraetahia, Tawhiuau, Poroporo, Te Tuahu, Paraoanui South, Ohiorangi, Tauwhare, Te Purenga, Tauwharemanuka 1, Tauwharemanuka 4, Tauwharemanuka 6, Tauwharemanuka 7, Tauwharemanuka 8, Tauwharemanuka 9.

(b.) The Native non-sellers shall receive the whole of the following blocks:—Ruatoki South, Wairiko, Waipotiki, Paraeroa B.

(c.) In the other blocks the proportions as between Crown and Natives, the proportions as between Natives and Natives, and the proposed locations, are set forth approximately in the Second Summary to the Second Schedule, and are subject to adjustment by the tribunal appointed to carry out this scheme.

11. The Crown shall receive two of the Urewera reserves—namely Whareama and Ngaputahi—and shall pay the local rates due by the Native owners on those blocks.