1922. NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT ACT, 1920.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PETITION 219/1920, RELATIVE TO INCLUSION OF KUKU HAWETI IN TITLE TO OHOTU 2B AND OTHER BLOCKS.

Presented to Parliament in pursuance of Section 32 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1920.

Native Department, Wellington, 22nd September, 1922.

Petition 219/1920.—Ohotu 2b and other Blocks.

Pursuant to section 32 of the Native Land Amendment and Native Land Claims Adjustment Act, 1920, I forward herewith report of the Native Land Court upon the above matter.

I recommend that legislation be passed empowering the Native Land Court to carry into effect or otherwise, by such order or amendment as may seem most convenient, the arrangements set out in the report of the Native Land Court dated the 18th September, 1922, but so that no such order or amendment shall prejudice, take away, or affect any right or interest acquired in good faith and for value before the making of any such order or amendment.

The Hon. Native Minister, Wellington.

R. N. Jones, Chief Judge.

Office of the Waiariki District Native Land Court, Rotorua, 18th September, 1922. Memorandum for the Chief Judge, Native Land Court, Wellington.

Petition 219 of 1920, of Kuku Haweti, praying for Readjustment of Shares in Ohotu No. 2b and other $\H{Blocks}.$

Your reference to the Court under the provisions of section 32 of the Act of 1920 came before the Court at Te Kaha on the 27th July, 1922.

The petitioner and the children of her brother (Akuhata Reweti) and of her sister (Ani Reweti) were present. The rights of the petitioner were recognized and admitted by her relatives, who desired to provide for her out of the interests held by them in the following blocks, that is to say: In Ohotu No. 2B the children of Akuhata Reweti are to give Kuku 100 shares; the children of Ani Wepu are to give Kuku 50 shares. In Omaio (in addition to her 10 shares) the children of Akuhata Reweti are to give Kuku 15 shares; the children of Ani Wepu are to give Kuku 15 shares. In Iwiroa No. 8 the children of Akuhata Reweti are to give Kuku 24 shares; the children of Ani Wepu are to give Kuku 24 shares. In Te Karaka No. 1, Akuhata Reweti, Mere Akuhata, Reremoana, Moeawa Hurinui, and Mita Harawira each give up 4 shares; Hamiora Anihana gives up 2 shares; and Heni Tuari and Akuhata Wepu each give up 1 share: total number of shares so given up to Kuku, 24 shares.

The Court was asked to recommend that immediate effect be given to the above arrangement by legislation, and the Court, with the full knowledge of the facts and of the parties concerned, has no hesitation in so recommending.

H. CARR, Commissioner.

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