

Summary of Series.

Series.	Number of Owners.	Area.		Valuation.			Rates due under Compromise.	Survey Charges.				
				Capital Value.	Unimproved Value.	Improvements.		Principal.		Interest.		
		A.	R. P.	£	£	£	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Waitomo ..	15,409	270,422	0 16-35	754,639	{ Owner 394,634 Lessee 13,408	228,939 117,658	} 8,828 10 0	7,980 16 3	} 3,829 17 3			
Otorohanga ..	6,871	91,600	0 14-6	469,746	{ Owner 273,476 Lessee 14,085	120,028 62,157				} 1,984 7 6	2,487 2 4	} 1,195 7 5
Kawhia ..	3,314	33,313	0 19-1	98,624	{ Owner 51,735 Lessee 89	39,163 7,637	} 1,897 0 0	1,781 14 0	} 1,170 4 6			
Hauaroa ..	986	11,789	1 8-56	156,615	{ Owner 74,973 Lessee 3,971	38,751 38,920				} 1,525 0 0	604 17 11	} 243 18 7
Totals ..	26,580	407,124	2 18-61	1,479,624	{ Owner 794,818 Lessee 31,553	426,881 226,372	} 14,234 17 6	12,854 10 6	} 6,439 7 9			

Total owners' interest, £1,221,699; total lessees' interest, £257,925.

N.B.—There are many blocks comprising the above totals on which no survey charges are owing.

SURVEY LIENS ON NATIVE LANDS.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE DEALING WITH LANDS IN THE TAIRAWHITI DISTRICT.

(Subcommittee comprising Messrs. Shaw and Primrose (Lands Department), and Judge Carr, Messrs. Harvey, S. E. Swift (Native Department).

1. (a) *Mohaka-Waipapa*.—This scheme affects poor-quality land, where the drop in values and the proved necessity of developing the lands and the settlement of the owners at a favourable figure will offer a fair opportunity of making good. It is recommended that all interest and at least two-thirds of the principal be remitted. (Note.—This land is already subject to an order of the Court reducing the liability to £510.)

(b) *Mohaka-Putere-Tutaekuri, &c.* (balance, Mohaka Scheme).—This comprises a number of useless and uneconomic partitions—small areas, bad shape, want of access in some cases. A remission of all interest and two-thirds principal will afford necessary assistance towards the desire of the owners to develop and work the land.

2. *Northern Waipapa*.—To a large extent the land comprised in this scheme has failed to attract European or Maori settlers, otherwise liens would have been paid on alienation or on the land being farmed. The proposed remission of five-eighths of the total of principal and interest is in the best interests of the settlement of the land at a fair value.

3. *Waipapa*.—All old liens and interest to be written off. The new liens amounting to 3s. per acre plus interest remain on the area. The old liens cover the balance remaining of a much greater sum, and represent surveys which are no longer of any use.

4. *Tuparoa*.—There is 2s. 6d. per acre to remain on the land. This is considered the maximum amount the land can be fairly asked to pay.

5. *Tuparoa* (blocks not yet consolidated).—This area is comprised of blocks not yet dealt with under consolidation, being held in reserve for adjustment purposes in connection with the main consolidation scheme. The remission represent the interest due on the old liens.

6. *Waipiro*.—The remission in the case of the lands in this scheme represents a third of the interest and principal, and comprises small areas such as papakaingas, reserves, and other blocks incapable of bearing the burden of the charges.

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