

STATEMENT OF LIVE-STOCK DEPASTURED ON STATIONS AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1933.

	Sheep.			Cattle.			Horses.			Totals.		
	Number.	Value.		Number.	Value.		Number.	Value.		Number.	Value.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Iwinui	2,725	2,039	7 0	379	1,304	10 0	7	140	0 0	3,111	3,483	17 0
Kopua	4,443	3,002	4 0	414	1,468	10 0	7	35	0 0	4,864	4,505	14 0
Lindsay's	1,260	945	0 0	127	571	10 0	2	10	0 0	1,389	1,526	10 0
Mahurangi	3,755	2,547	14 0	617	2,178	0 0	10	110	0 0	4,382	4,835	14 0
Mangaotane	7,593	5,304	5 0	793	3,507	0 0	14	90	0 0	8,400	8,901	5 0
Onenui	5,361	3,619	18 0	550	1,913	10 0	14	100	0 0	5,925	5,633	8 0
Patemaru	3,419	2,311	6 0	479	1,707	0 0	7	50	0 0	3,905	4,068	6 0
Papuni	3,852	2,545	5 0	335	1,131	10 0	4	20	0 0	4,191	3,696	15 0
Pakowhai	822	558	15 0	53	180	0 0	..	..	..	875	738	15 0
Pohaturoa	4,184	2,809	11 0	339	1,193	0 0	14	100	0 0	4,537	4,102	11 0
Paroa	4,217	2,994	5 0	383	1,368	10 0	14	235	0 0	4,614	4,597	15 0
Waimaha	5,167	3,433	3 0	369	1,636	10 0	9	105	0 0	5,545	5,174	13 0
Willows	148	91	13 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	148	91	13 0
Totals	46,946	32,202	6 0	4,838	18,159	10 0	102	995	0 0	51,886	51,356	16 0

SIR,—

102 Featherston Street, Wellington, New Zealand, 19th September, 1933.

We have to report that we have completed the audit of the accounts of the East Coast Native Trust Lands for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1933, and have the following comments to make thereon:—

Freehold Property.—We have not verified the titles of the various properties.

Stock Accounts.—We have accepted without reservation the figures for the live-stock on the various stations at 30th June, 1933, as certified to by the Farm Managers and Mr. H. Syme, the Farm Superintendent.

Wool.—The wool unsold has been brought into the accounts at £6 per bale. There is still a quantity unsold belonging to previous seasons, and adjustments in the valuations will be made when the wool is finally disposed of.

Farm Accounts.—The farm shown in the accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1932, under the heading of "Mangatu 5 and 6," is shown in the present year's accounts under the heading of "Mangaotane."

The balance in the Te Huia Farm Account has now been transferred to Waimaha Farm Account, and the whole of the entries in connection with the Te Huia Farm and the Waimaha Farm are incorporated in the latter farm account.

Rent.—Adjustments for rent, in accordance with the National Expenditure Act, have now been provided for with one or two exceptions. The accounts not yet adjusted are being dealt with during the current year.

Distributions.—Moneys distributed to Natives during the year were merely balances of distributions authorized in the previous year, but in some further instances payments have been made in special cases of necessity.

We have seen receipts from the Native Land Board for moneys paid to them, but have not checked the individual receipts of the Natives.

The same procedure has been adopted in previous years—*i.e.*, individual payments are checked by the Government Auditor in the course of the audit of the Tairāwhiti District Maori Land Board.

Interest.—In the audit report on the accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1930, the following comments were made:—

"I notice that in various block accounts, amounts of interest which have been allowed on credit balances in past years have been written back in the present year's accounts.

Authority for these entries is necessary, and is being obtained from the Native Land Court."

The position at present still remains the same, and the authority for the writing-back of the interest has not yet been obtained. In the current year's accounts interest has again been allowed on credit balances.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, we certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the accounts signed by us are correct.

We have, &c.,
CLARKE, MENZIES, GRIFFIN, AND ROSS,
Public Accountants, Auditors.

The Hon. the Minister of Native Affairs, Wellington.

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