

which is unoccupied or unproductive. In the course of the discussion Mr. Macdonald said it was hopeless to expect anything from the Maori Land Councils. The whole policy of the Maori race was to wait, and to expect that these councils were going to depart from ancient traditions was to expect an impossibility. Referring to what was termed the earth hunger in the colony, he said that with an extra five or six million acres available, the whole position should be changed. He asked whether it was right that the taxpayers should have to pay the heavy yearly interest on the cost of railways and roads through these native lands, and then to have later on to pay the cost of purchasing these lands at the enhanced price which was due to such expenditure. The Attorney-General said that the Government had a clear and distinct policy regarding native lands. A Bill, he said, had already been introduced in the House of Representatives, but owing to the lateness of the session, and the extent of the Order Paper, there was little probability of the measure passing into law this session.

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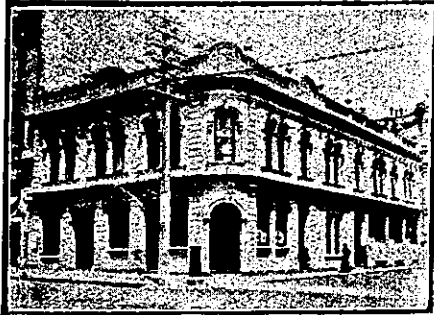
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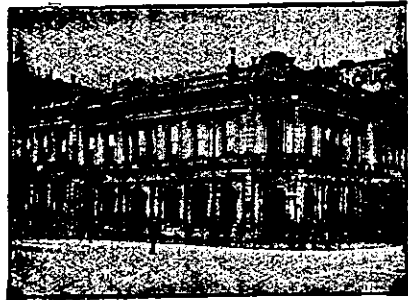
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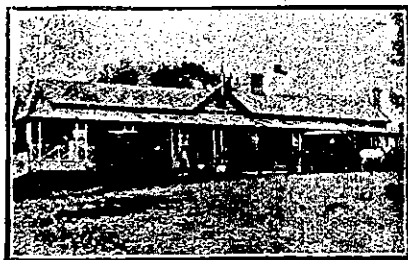
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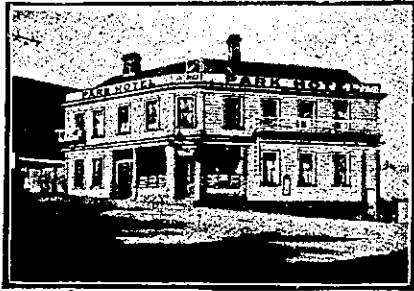
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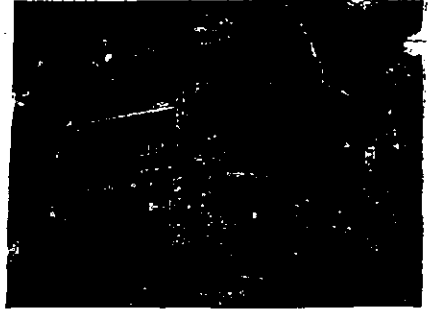
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