

ments of the loyal clans of the Arawa and Ngatiporos, who have scoured, in search of him, the almost inaccessible mountains and forests of the East Coast.

5. The Maori chiefs who sit in the Colonial Parliament as representatives of their countrymen, take an active and intelligent part in the proceedings whenever they affect, directly or indirectly, the interests of the Native race. The substance of their speeches will be found in the New Zealand *Hansard*. A Government Interpreter is present to translate their remarks sentence by sentence; and they are always received with applause and listened to with attention whenever they rise to address the House.

6. It is probable that the present Session of the Colonial Parliament will last for about five or six weeks more. At its conclusion, I will forward a full report on the public business transacted and on the Acts passed.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

Enclosure 3 in No. 13.

MEMORANDUM by Mr. McLEAN, C.M.G.

IN Native affairs, considerable improvement has manifested itself.

Two large meetings have been held by the Hauhaus, to which Europeans and friendly Natives were invited; the one took place at Parihaka, on the West Coast; and the other at Te Kuiti, the Native King's place of residence.

At both of these the tone of the speeches indicated a marked change for the better; and although opposition was still shown to road and telegraph works being carried on in some parts of the country, yet the discussions on these subjects proved the existence of a wish to come to terms.

At the Kuiti meeting, an influential loyal chief, Wiremu Te Wheoro, offered his services as a mediator, and they were accepted by Rewi Manga, the leader of the Ngatimaniapoto Tribe.

The passage of the mail from the Thames to Tauranga, which has met with so much obstruction, is now likely to be permitted permanently; the chief opponent, Te Hira, having withdrawn his objections to its transit over his lands.

The powerful Northern tribe the Ngapuhi, who have lately lost their aged and celebrated chief Tamati Waka Nene, have sent a demand to the Waikatos for the surrender of the slayers of Mr. Todd, the surveyor murdered in Waikato in November, 1870.

The Ngatiporou under Major Ropata, and a detachment of Arawas under European officers, have scoured with success the mountainous country which has for so long afforded an asylum to Te Kooti and his followers.

The Native Members in the present House of Representatives evince a great desire to take part in the measures brought forward, and are quite alive to the interests of their race.

Considerable progress in cultivation and other industrial pursuits has been made in Native districts where very lately avocations of this character met with much neglect.

Wellington, 29th September, 1871.

DONALD McLEAN.

No. 14.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 94.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 1st October, 1871.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the Statement made by the Minister for Public Works in the House of Representatives on the 27th ultimo. *Vide Appendix to Journals of H. of R., D. No. 4.*

2. This official document and the papers appended to it explain the large scheme of Public Works and Immigration proposed by the present Ministry.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 15.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G., to the Right Hon. the Earl of KIMBERLEY.

(No. 95.)

Government House, Wellington,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 17th October, 1871.

In continuation of my Despatch No. 10, of the 31st January ultimo, and of other documents already transmitted on the same subject, I have now the honor to forward herewith, copies of the "Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the preparation of the fibre of the *Phormium tenax*, or New Zealand Flax." *Vide Appendix to Journals of H. of R., G. No. 4.*