

BLOCKS under NEGOTIATION.

MANGONUI O WAI, of about 15,000 acres, now under survey by request of owners. This I believe to be the best block of land in the Hokianga District.

Whangape, 21,000 acres, surveyed and through the Court. Much of the land on the rivers and creeks is open country and open bush land of very good quality; about 7,000 acres splendid kauri bush.

Pakiri. The balance of this block, 12,000 acres, I hope to conclude almost immediately. 20,000 acres purchased in March last.

Tihitibi Block, north of Whangarei. Mostly volcanic mixed bush land, estimated at 11,000 acres.

Auckland, 30th December, 1874.

E. T. BRISSENDEN.

No. 78.

Lieut.-Colonel McDONNELL to Major GREEN.

SIR,—

Auckland, 13th January, 1875.

Having been requested by the Hon. Sir Donald McLean to send in an account of the different blocks of land North that I have been dealing for, I have the honor to forward the enclosed list of lands, with the advances that have been made upon them, which, I think, will be found to be correct.

With respect to the disputes about Otangaroa and the Patoa Blocks, I have the honor to state the following:—

On my arrival at Whangaroa, Mr. Clark, the surveyor, informed me he had been cautioned by Mr. Kelly not to survey Otangaroa and Patoa, as the Natives had told him that any one surveying these lands would be shot; but Mr. Clark told me that such could not be the case, as Mr. Kelly was negotiating the same lands for private parties. Before I left Whangaroa, a Mr. Simpson called upon me to say he had been sent by Mr. Kelly to survey these lands, and he showed me letters that he said were from Mr. Kelly to the Natives. I feel myself convinced that no opposition would have been offered to the survey unless the Natives had thought, or had been led to suppose, they would get a better price than that offered by the Government.

I requested Mr. Simpson to return, and not attempt to survey the lands in question; and I left Whangaroa under the impression that the surveys for the Government would not be interfered with.

There are other blocks of land besides those mentioned by me that are being negotiated for by Mr. Brissenden and Mr. Charles Nelson, concerning a few of which I have had something to do, but I have on this paper confined myself to those blocks in which I was directly concerned.

I have, &c.,

THOS. McDONNELL,
Land Purchase Officer.

Major Green, General Government Agent.

For remarks, see paper attached to this list of lands marked A.

Names of Blocks in Treaty for.	Acres.	Advances.	Price per Acre.
		£	
Pekapekarau	5,025	375	2s. 6d. and 1s. 3d.
Wharekabakaha	2,520	70	2s. 6d. and 1s. 3d.
Opouteke, about	12,000	100	2s. 6d. and 1s. 3d.
One (Baker's claim in two blocks)	5,968	160	...
Tatamoe and Kairara include about	40,000	235	1s. 3d.
Totarapoka and Tai Matue	...	...	...
Waoku	17,650	390	1s. 5d.
Waoku	Not surveyed	5	1s. 5d.
Kahumaku	" "	50	1s. 5d.
Waimatami	" "	25	1s. 3d.
Waihoanga	1,380	20	1s.
Waitaroto	7,590	250	1s. 9d.
Mataki	Not surveyed	50	1s.
Wharoro	830	15	1s. 6d.
Ararua	3,100	15	1s. 6d.
Okaka	Not surveyed	25	1s. 6d.
Mangataraire	1,690	25?	1s. 6d.?
Waihoanga	Not surveyed	15	1s.
Puwkata	} Surveyed, but area not known	125	2s. 4d.
Te Uwhiroa		195	2s. 4d.
Taketure		490	2s. 4d.
Te Tauroa	Not surveyed	50	4d.
Orowhana	" "	66	3s.
Te Huia	4,000	10	} Not finally arranged.
Ureuhia	6,000	20	
Opuhiti	2,000	10	
Waitapu	150	10	
Mokau	1,500	20	2s. 6d.
Te Patoa	Not known	...	...
Otangaroa	" "	...	...