

themselves. I also labour under the disadvantage of not having a centre of population, such as Gisborne, to induce grantees to attend and receive their money, which, as pointed out, is generally so small an amount that it would be unreasonable to expect them to travel any distance to obtain it. I can, however, safely say the thirteen blocks shown as in course of completion will be completed within six months. I cannot state any date for the unsurveyed lands, as I am entirely dependent upon the Survey Department and Native Land Court. I shall, however, urge completion of surveys and investigation of titles.

In concluding this report, I may mention that the service has worked smoothly, and I have received valuable assistance from the several departments of Native Land Court, District Officer, and District Surveyor; and further that I have not created any feeling of dissatisfaction among the Natives, nor given grounds for cause of complaint against the working of the policy.

I have, &c.,

T. W. PORTER,

Land Purchase Officer.

The Under Secretary, Native Office, Wellington.

STATEMENT referred to in foregoing.

1. *Purchases Completed.*

Blocks.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Purchase Money.
		s. d.	£ s. d.
Waitahaia	50,067	2 6	6,258 7 6
Aorangi-wai	7,268	2 7	936 14 0
	57,335		£7,195 1 6

2. *Purchases in course of Completion.*

Blocks.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Purchase Money	Payments to date.	Remarks.
		s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Te Papatipu	21,591	2 9	2,968 15 0	3,127 15 5	Known collectively as "Te Ngaere."
Aniwaniwa	3,650	2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	467 13 2		
Te Ngaere	1,046	...	134 0 4		
Ouemahanga	1,375	...	176 3 6		
Opouwhetu	1,678	...	215 0 0		
Whakaironui	2,822	...	361 11 5		
Te Angaanga	1,162	...	148 17 8		
Te Roto	1,137	...	145 13 6		
Korakonui	605	2 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	66 3 6		
Horehore	1,125	2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	144 3 0		
Arawhahati-Hikurangi	3,882	2 6	485 5 0	310 0 0	Payments are incorporated with Aorangi-wai, completed under No. 1 section.
Aorangi-wai No. 1	1,917	2 7	247 12 3		
Taitai	3,370	2 6	421 5 0	310 0 0	
	45,360		£5,982 3 4	£3,437 15 5	

3. *Land unsurveyed, not adjudicated by Native Land Court.*

Blocks.	Estimated Area.	Rate per Acre.	Purchase Money.	Payments to date.	Remarks.
		s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Tututohora	5,000	1 6	375 0 0	200 0 0	Less cost of survey.
Pukeamaru	5,000	1 3	312 10 0	150 0 0	"
Maungawaru	15,000	not	arranged	400 0 0	Lighthouse site.
East Cape Island	...	...	...	...	
	25,000		687 10 0	750 0 0	

Totals—No. 1	...	...	...	...	Acres.
No. 2	...	...	...	...	57,335
No. 3	...	...	...	...	45,360
					25,000

127,695