

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS under NEGOTIATION, and of which it is proposed to complete purchases.

No.	District.	Name of Block.	Area.	Payments to Date.		Probable amount required to complete.		Total.		Title.	Capability.
			Acre.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1	Manawatu	Manawatu-Kukutaauaki No. 2A	12,808	200	11	9	1,299	8	3	Interlocutory order, N. L. C.	{ Covered with light bush, position partly hilly, part undulating; will be available for grazing purposes when cleared. Easy of access from Palmerston, and Fitzherbert Town, suitable for special settlement. ⁽¹⁾ Level land, part of it swampy, but drainable; adjoins purchased block Manawatu-Kukutaauaki No. 7½; easy of access. ⁽²⁾ Bush hilly land, suitable after clearing for sheep or cattle. ⁽³⁾ Level land of very excellent quality; considerable quantity of bush on it—totara, matai, and rimu; easy of access by proposed line of road <i>vid</i> Waikanae. ⁽⁴⁾ Hilly, of good quality. ⁽⁵⁾ Undulating timber, light, fit for grazing after clearing. ⁽⁶⁾ Hill and bush country, fit only for grazing when cleared. ⁽⁷⁾ Hilly bush, fit only for grazing when cleared. ⁽⁸⁾ Undulating light bush, very good soil. ⁽⁹⁾ Hilly bush. ⁽¹⁰⁾ Good open land, mostly in grass. ⁽¹¹⁾ Heavy flat bush, quality good; contains some swampy land. ⁽¹²⁾ Corresponds with above-named block. ⁽¹³⁾ Flat bush and drainable swamp. ⁽¹⁴⁾ 10,000 acres excellent level land; 20,000 acres hilly; all covered with bush. ⁽¹⁵⁾ Represented as fair bush land. ⁽¹⁶⁾
2	"	" No. 2B	12,808	204	0	0	1,296	0	0		
3	"	" No. 2C	12,808	175	0	0	1,395	0	0		
4	"	" No. 2D	12,808	192	11	9	1,307	8	3		
5	"	" No. 2E	12,183	199	0	0	1,301	0	0		
6	"	" No. 2G	800	67	4	6	100	0	0		
7	"	Ohau No. 2	6,360	39	0	0	800	0	0	Not yet passed N. L. C. Certificate of title, N. L. C.	
8	Otaki	Ngakaroro No. 1A	4,400	848	8	0	120	0	0		
9	"	" No. 1C	300	15	0	0	45	0	0		
10	"	Waihoanga No. 1a	460	25	0	0	90	0	0		
11	"	" No. 1c	1,353	45	0	0	90	0	0		
12	"	" No. 3C	1,446	82	0	0	98	15	0		
13	"	Pukehou No. 4	1,000	83	0	0	167	0	0		
14	"	" No. 5A	5,600	30	12	9	300	0	0		
15	"	Rahui	500	48	3	6	...	...	...		
16	Manawatu	Middle Aorangi	7,256	505	0	0	1,309	0	0		
17	"	Lower Aorangi	5,250	243	8	7	1,069	1	5	Not passed N. L. C.	
18	"	Tuwahakapua	6,231	529	0	0	1,028	0	0		
19	Rangitikei	Mangoira	30,000	1,660	0	0	2,340	0	0		
20	"	Otamakapua	147,000	3,220	0	0	...	...	...		

(1) The negotiations for the purchase of these blocks, known locally as the Kaihuhu Blocks, have not been satisfactory during the year. The majority of the claimants have identified themselves with the Reputation party on the East Coast. Several of the claimants, however, in each block who have signed preliminary deeds of sale are quite willing to complete sale, but the other claimants have thwarted all attempts at settlement by absenting themselves from the several meetings which I have called. It is now, however, agreed that a meeting of all the claimants shall be held on 7th of September next. I propose, when the meeting takes place, to make reserves amounting to 4,000 acres in each block, or 20,000 in the whole; and I estimate, if this proposal be agreed to by the grantees, that the rest of the land within the five blocks can be purchased at an average of about 3s. 6d. an acre, which will give the probable required amount as shown in the tabular form.

(2) Several small reserves have to be made out of this block on bank of Manawatu River, amounting probably to 300 acres in all.

(3) Most of claimants to this block are now living at Waikato; hope to be able to complete purchase in spring after Kaihuhu meeting.

(4) It is proposed to make a reserve out of this block of 1,220 acres for claimants who do not wish to sell. If the non-sellers will sign the deed sanctioning the sale, subject to reserve before mentioned, the whole will be completed in a month or less; if any of them refuse to sign, we shall obtain a subdivision order, which will cause further delay.

(5) This is a favourite place, known by name of Wai-o-tauru, near Otaki River, but difficult of access; there is 1s. an acre difference between self and owners as to price.

(6) Two of claimants at Waikato; shall not be able to complete purchase until I can further communicate with them.

(7) Some of the claimants are living at Waikato; hope to get it through in a short time; it is desirable to get this and other small blocks to connect completed purchases.

(8) There is great difficulty in getting claimants together; they are scattered about all over the country.

(9) This being a portion of a larger block am unable to complete purchase until Subdivision Order has been obtained through Native Land Court.

(10) There is 6d. an acre difference between claimants and self, which I do not feel justified in advancing; the claimants also wish to reserve 2,000 acres.

(11) All necessary steps have been taken towards putting it through Native Land Court.

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(14) This is a desirable block to purchase; it adjoins Fitzherbert Town.

(15) Survey of this land is completed, and it is down for hearing at Native Land Court, Wanganui, 18th July next. Easy of access from Rangitikei settled district; suitable for settlements; adjoins Otamakapua Block.

(16) The late Sir Donald McLean was in treaty, on behalf of the Government, with Renata Kawepo for this land. I am not aware whether an acreage price was fixed.