

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS under NEGOTIATION—continued.

No.	District.	Name of Block.	Area.	Payments to Date.	Probable amount required to complete.	Total.	Title.	Capability.
21	Waitotara	Kai Iwi-Waitotara ...	Acres. 8,500	£ s. d. 60 15 0	£ s. d. 2,064 5 0	£ s. d. 2,625 0 0	Surveyed but not passed N. L. C.; down for hearing July 18, 1877	Hilly bush country; soil good.
22	Wanganui	Maungaporau ...	16,000	300 0 0	1,700 0 0	2,000 0 0	Survey not passed N. L. C.; down for hearing July 18, 1877	Hilly light bush; fit for grazing purposes when cleared.
23	"	Kauautahi ...	Survey not compld.	127 14 2	...	...	...	This land is in the Tuhua country; it adjoins the Retaruke and Kirikau Blocks; it is mostly open country, with light soil.

Murimotu Lease: Estimated area, 300,000 acres; not surveyed. Meetings re survey of a portion of this block have been held during the year at Turangarewa and other places in the Murimotu District. An application for survey of about 100,000 acres was sent to the Survey Department by Topia Iruoa and other residents on the block, with the object of obtaining a title through the Native Land Court. The survey has, however, been stopped by a few Natives, representing three hapas, Ngatirangi, Ngatiwhiti, and Ngaitiana. Ngatirangi were instigated to their course of action by Melia Keepa, Mete Kingi, and other Wanganui Natives. Topia intends to be at Wanganui for the Native Land Court, on the 18th July next, and then possibly some arrangement may be come to.

BLOCKS of LAND on which ADVANCES have been made, but difficulties exist in the way of completing the Purchases.

No.	District.	Name of Block.	Area.	Payment to date.	Title.	General Remarks.
1	Manawatu...	Manawatu-Kukutauaki No. 7F	Acres. 83	£ s. d. 19 0 0	Interlocutory Order, N. L. C.	A small isolated block on left bank Manawatu River; ten claimants; majority absent at Tauranga and Waikato.
2	"	" No. 4F	260	37 2 0	"	Claimants to this block are half-castes by name of Ransfield; they are anxious to refund the amount of advance, as they are leasing an adjoining block for sheep run.
3	"	Whirokino ...	5,410	97 4 0	"	This is not a very good block; includes sand-hills near mouth of Manawatu River; at present under lease by Naives to Mr. J. Davis. I do not think there will be any difficulty in obtaining a refund through the lessee.
4	Otaki	Paruaaku No. 1 ...	200	20 0 0	"	I propose to accept refund in this case. Block being under cultivation and a kainga, a higher price is expected than Government would be inclined to give.
5	"	Wahia o te Marangai ...	1,113	143 2 0	"	This was a totara bush, but Native owners have been cutting the timber extensively, and the supply now is almost exhausted. I propose therefore to accept a refund of advances made.
6	"	Pukelhou No. 5L ...	4,356	55 0 0	"	Some of claimants are anxious to retain this block; if, therefore, they will promise to make a refund of money advanced within a reasonable time, I would propose to accept, but at same time stipulate for right of road through it.
7	Manawatu...	Olinekakeao or Porokaiaea ...	3,880	138 10 0	Crown Grant, subject to old N.Z. land claims.	I propose to accept a refund from the present lessee, Mr. John Davis.