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976. Did you see him give Mr. Sheehan any portion of it?—No.

977. What character does Adam Clark bear for intelligence?—He is a very shrewd man, and very secretive. He is very close, and is not at all a truthful man. I know Adam Clark very well. I have known him for the last twenty years. What I say, of course, I can substantiate.

978. What character does he bear upon the point of honesty and truthfulness?—So far as honesty I would not say. But Adam Clark assumes to be a strict Good Templar; nevertheless, some fourteen years ago, when I had a hotel, Adam Clark bought more case-brandy than any other Native in the Kaipara from that hotel. At that time he was giving Good Templar lectures.

979. Did he at that time say he was a Good Templar?—Yes; he told the Natives. He used to make speeches, telling them to give up drink.

980. Was Good-Templarism, as such, then known in New Zealand?—Well, it was then called teetotalism.

981. But at that time he pretended to be a teetotaler?—He did. Again, at the last Court at Helensville, about one month ago, or five weeks, when the subdivision of the Pakiri Block came on he denied having made application for this subdivision, and said he knew nothing about it. I was there on behalf of the Government, and when I heard this I called Mr. Clendon, the Resident Magistrate, as a witness, and, of course, Adam Clark then admitted having signed this application in Mr. Clendon's office, witnessed by Mr. Clendon.

982. *Mr. Sheehan.*] Is Mr. Clendon a Maori speaker?—He is one of the best Maori speakers I have met in the North. Then Mr. Rogan said, "Well, Adam Clark, what do you say now?" He said, "Well, I agree to the subdivision."

983. *Mr. Tomoana.*] When Adam Clark and the others appeared at your house did you give them any money?—I gave them £100 on the Saturday night, £50 to Adam Clark, and £50 to Hori te More; and I may tell you that out of that £50 given to them each one gave Te Hemara £10, making him a present of that. About fifteen minutes after they got the money they went away. They came out in a cab.

984. Where did they go to?—They went back to Auckland; but Hori te More stayed with my wife on account of his grandchild, who was ill.

985. How many days after that was it that you gave the money for the land?—It was on the Tuesday, I think. On Monday it rained. [Referring to memorandum-book] Yes, it was on the Tuesday.

986. Were all those present who were interested to receive the money?—Yes; there was Adam Clark, Hori te More, Mr. Brissenden, Mr. Sheehan, and I.

987. Who was it that gave the money into Adam Clark's hands, that he and Hori te More had to receive?—Mr. Brissenden. I was simply the interpreter.

988. When Hori te More received his share, and Adam Clark his, did they go away together?—Hori and Arama did.

989. And Te Hemara? Did they all go out together?—I believe we did, but I am not certain, because it is six years ago.

990. And Mr. Sheehan?—Yes, I believe so; I am not quite certain.

991. In going out, who was Adam Clark's companion in taking the money to the bank?—I was, I think; but that was on the following day. The money was left with Mr. Sheehan, I suppose. I do not know where the £300 was left that day.

992. When Arama Karaka went into the bank, who was the person that placed the money in the hands of the bank teller?—I think it was Adam Clark. I think he had received this money from Mr. Sheehan. I cannot say. I certainly had not the money when it was paid in.

993. It was Adam Clark who handed the money over to the bank?—I think so.

994. When Adam Clark paid that money over to the man in the bank, did you explain to him what forms he had to go through—whether he had to receive any paper or ask for it?—Even up to yesterday I was not quite sure that I paid in that until I saw the bank slip written in my handwriting. Of course I would get a receipt for the money. To the best of my recollection Adam Clark had the money—received from Mr. Sheehan or Mr. Brissenden, I do not know which. If I had the money in my hands I certainly would have taken a note of it.

995. Seeing that your handwriting appears on the bank slip, can you not remember whether it was you that handed the money over the counter or Adam Clark?—No. When there is evidence that the money was handed in, it is useless to ask me that. It does not matter who handed it in. I do not remember whether I or Adam Clark handed in the money, but I certainly never received the money from Mr. Sheehan or Mr. Brissenden.

996. If Mr. Sheehan had given the money to the bank would it not be that Mr. Sheehan's name would appear to the paper?—Most likely it would. But my name does not appear in the bank slip. Adam Clark could not read English, and I simply put in that it was lodged by him and Mr. Sheehan in trust for Wi Apo and Panapa. All I wrote was simply the purpose for which the money was lodged.

997. Was this bank slip the only paper that was received from the bank?—That was the slip in handing the money in, I assume. I do not remember whether a receipt was got or not. Sometimes a receipt is taken and sometimes not.

998. *Major Te Wheoro.*] Who went and got Adam Clark from his place when he came to Auckland?—A letter from Mr. De Thierry brought him to Makarau, in Kaipara, about twenty miles below Awaroa. He came there to receive some money for a piece of land which Te Uriohau and other Natives were selling. The block of land is called Mangatawhiri.

999. Where did Arama Karaka come across you?—Adam Clark left Makarau and went to Te Kurunga, a place over the hills.

1000. Where did you first see Arama Karaka?—At Helensville. I wrote a letter to Adam Clark from Makarau to come up and meet me at Helensville (Awaroa).

1001. And he went to Awaroa?—He and Te Hemara came up there. Hori te More remained