

MEMORANDUM by the Surveyor-General of the Areas included within the Rating District, New Plymouth Harbour Works.

				Acres.	Acres.
Total area rating district	...	...	...	...	1,330,000
Area sold and reserved*	...	...	...	244,000	
Area for sale in district	...	...	...	541,000	
Area of Native lands	...	...	...	545,000	
				<u> </u>	1,330,000

* Of the area 244,000 acres, an area of 50,074 acres has been sold since 1st April, 1880, as follows :—

For cash,—	25,539 acres, realizing	...	...	...	£119,321
On deferred payments,—	24,535 acres, realizing	...	...	...	76,873
		(the payment extending over ten years)			
Totals	50,074 acres	...	...	...	£196,194

NOTE.—In his evidence before the Select Committee the Property-tax Commissioner stated the capital value and annual value of land as assessed under “The Property Assessment Act, 1879,” included in the area defined in the second schedule of “The New Plymouth Harbour Board Ordinance 1875 Amendment Act, 1877,” thus :—Capital value, £1,046,276 ; annual value, £70,279. The area assessed, however, was only 166,133 acres. Since the assessment was made, an area of 50,074 acres has been sold.

MEMORANDUM re NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD INQUIRY and my ESTIMATES.

Hon. Major Atkinson. Public Works Office, 9th September, 1881.
I SEND you with this a minute showing dates on which telegrams were sent to Chairman of Harbour Board, requesting him to send full information as to plant and material and work done, so that I might estimate thereon.
You will observe that there was an interval from 5th to 19th August during which I was waiting for this information ; and on the latter date I made and presented my estimate.
When before the Committee I declined to give an estimate without having full information before me. It was proposed to let me have Mr. Rees’s statement as a guide, but this was negatived by the Committee.

JOHN BLACKETT.

NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD INQUIRY.

ON 5th August I applied for certain information to be obtained from the Harbour Board.
On 6th August the Secretary, Marine Department, telegraphed (the Minister having approved) to the Harbour Board for the information.
On 9th August the Secretary to the Board wired that information would be sent, when compiled ; this information not having been received, the Secretary, Marine Department, wired on 15th August asking if it had been forwarded.
On 15th or 16th August the Board replied that, as the Committee of the House had reported, it was believed that this information was no longer required, but that it would be sent.
On 19th August the information was received ; and on the same day report and estimate were made, and forwarded to Mr. E. G. Wright and Hon. Major Atkinson.
9th September, 1881.

JOHN BLACKETT.

NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR INQUIRY.

Memorandum re Cost of Completing the Work on Breakwater to the Point YY on Plans.

Estimate of Cost of Concrete, exclusive of Plant.							£	s.	d.
Breaking, mixing, hauling, and setting (Rees’s estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	0
Sand and gravel per cubic yard of concrete	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	5
Mining, blasting, and loading	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	3	0
Haulage of stone to breakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	6
Four cubic feet of cement, at £5 1s. per ton on ground	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	16	1
							<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Add 20 per cent., contingencies	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Total cost of concrete in place (1 in 7) per cubic yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>£1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
Estimate.							£		
Total concrete in work, 97,000 cubic yards, at £1 10s.	...	...	...	...	...	...	145	500	
Pitching, laying permanent way, &c., in root	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	360	
” ” ” and fenders, beyond root	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	996	
Work to complete erection of plant, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	000	
							<u>151</u>	<u>856</u>	
Cement in store, deduct	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	000	
Total to complete to YY	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	856	
Amount available, say	...	...	...	...	...	...	113	000	
Deficiency	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>£37</u>	<u>856</u>	

JOHN BLACKETT.
19th August, 1881.

E. G. Wright, Esq., M.H.R., Chairman, New Plymouth Harbour Inquiry.