

48. You are aware that there are four lines spoken of in connection with this railway?—Yes.

49. Do I understand that on the plan which is being prepared you will mark out the Native lands in respect of each of these lines?—Yes; the Government lands.

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Mr. R. J. GILL, Under-Secretary, Native Land Purchase Department, further examined.

50. *The Chairman.*] You have furnished a map [produced] to the Committee, and when you were examined before you asked to be called later on, with a view of explaining the tenure of the various tracts of land coloured on the map?—I have prepared schedules of the lands, which may be put in evidence.

51. Does the schedule refer to this map as submitted?—As far as my judgment goes of what land would be affected by the different routes. I also produce another map containing a little more information than the one submitted to the Committee. It shows more clearly what lands have been purchased, as well as those which are under negotiation for purchase. But still the map is not perfect, and I would ask to be allowed to take it back to the office to complete it. On the Napier-Waikato line are shown the blocks of land contiguous to the line which the Government have purchased, and the area of the land that has been purchased. I may be wrong in fixing some of the blocks of land that might be affected by the railway; I have put them in the schedule as far as my own knowledge of what lands I believe would be affected enables me to do. [Schedule produced, *vide* Appendix.]

52. Have you got a similar one in reference to the Marton line?—I have. [Schedule produced, *vide* Appendix.]

53. And one in reference to the Stratford line?—Yes. That schedule shows that 192,950 acres have been purchased by the Government, and that there are still 82,400 acres under negotiation for purchase. I have also shown the money that has been expended on the blocks, and I would like to draw your attention to the fact, that in fixing the value of any particular block, I have only given my own opinion. [Schedule produced, *vide* Appendix.]

54. *Mr. Larnach.*] You do not give any value of the lands?—No; only what they cost.

55. And the acreage?—Yes; and the money they have cost the Government.

56. *The Chairman.*] Now, with regard to the schedule of the Marton line that has been produced?—That shows 325,375 acres purchased, and 129,148 acres under lease.

57. *Mr. Larnach.*] Is that the Murimotu Block?—Yes.

58. Mr. Bryce spoke of it as being 140,000 acres?—We acquired it through the Land Court as 129,148 acres.

59. That is Native land that may be acquired by the Crown?—Yes.

60. *The Chairman.*] How does the Act of last year, which prohibits dealings with Native lands before the titles are ascertained in Court, operate in these cases? Are Government transactions excepted?—Yes.

MARTON-WAIKATO ROUTE.

INCOMPLETE TRANSACTIONS.—Blocks of Land still under Purchase.

Name of Block.		Estimated Area.	Payments to Date.
		Acres.	£ s. d.
84	Ngarakauwhakaraha ... ..	4,995	70 5 6
85	Kauautahi ... ..	9,000	438 2 2
86	Maketu ... ..	5,000	77 13 4
88	Otaira No. 5 ... ..	59,000	925 0 0
90	Otaira No. 6 ... ..	50,000	2,530 0 0
92	Maungakaretu ... ..	63,000	3,730 11 10
98	Tunapara ... ..	5,000	39 19 2
99	Te Wharau ... ..	3,000	1,300 0 0
103	Mangaetoroa ... ..	12,000	1,137 0 0
104	Tataramoa ... ..	5,000	800 0 0
105	Ngatukumarū ... ..	2,000	170 0 0
106	Taipohatu ... ..	2,000	71 0 0
107	Tuawhatea ... ..	2,000	400 0 0
108	Apamatua ... ..	4,000	306 13 4
109	Kupurangi ... ..	2,000	26 13 4
110	Paipaiaka ... ..	5,000	1,006 2 6
111	Okehu ... ..	6,928	2,307 11 8
112	Otaranoho ... ..	1,361	729 16 9
113	Papahawa ... ..	3,000	105 0 0
114	Pukeariki ... ..	3,000	75 0 0
115	Raikohua ... ..	3,000	44 0 0
116	Hautawa ... ..	2,000	58 6 0
117	Omata ... ..	4,000	145 1 7
118	Whataroa ... ..	492	161 10 10
120	Parekawou ... ..	2,000	783 10 10
126	Wairau ... ..	1,000	25 0 0
Total ... ..		259,776	17,463 18 10