

SCHEDULE A.

Mileage.	Name of Block.	Area in Acres.	Tenure.	Remarks.
1 to 9	Rangitikei ..	10,000	European freehold	Mostly open country, agricultural land, settled upon.
	Paraekaretu ..	25,000	Ditto ..	Mostly hilly forest, part cleared, fair pastoral land, generally settled upon.
9 to 20	Tarakitihi ..	3,075	Maori (partly leased to Europeans)	Forest and open, hilly and flat, good land.
	Rangatira ..	19,500	European freehold	Forest, hilly and flat, good land; part being subdivided for sale.
	Otairi Nos. 1A and 2A	18,800	Crown lands ..	Mostly high, hilly forest country, good and fair; partly opened up by horse-road.
	" Nos. 1B and 2B	16,500	European freehold	Mostly high, hilly forest country, good and fair, partly cleared and stocked.
20 to 27	" No. 3 ..	3,772	Ditto ..	Hilly and flat forest, good land, partly cleared and stocked.
	" Nos. 4 and 1c	1,370	Maori ..	Hilly and flat forest, good and fair land, partly cleared and stocked.
	" No. 1d ..	9,367	Ditto ..	Hilly and flat forest, good and fair land, with clearings on Rangitikei.
	" No. 1e ..	9,175	European freehold	Mostly high, hilly forest, fair land.
27 to 45	Otamakapua ..	60,000	Crown lands ..	Mostly hilly forest, good and fair land.
	Mangamoko ..	6,498	Maori (leased to Europeans)	Hilly and flat, forest and open, good land, stocked.
	Takapurau ..	2,454	Ditto ..	Hilly, forest and open, good land, stocked.
	Hautapu, S.W., Upper Mangapapa, and Turakina	160,000	Maori ..	High, hilly forest and scrub, with flats and open country; good and fair land.
45 to 86	Te Ruanui ..	11,370	Maori (leased to Europeans)	Mostly hilly, open land, good soil, stocked.
	Hautapu, N.E. ..	100,000	Maori ..	Mostly hilly, forest and open, good and fair soil.
	Rangipo-Waiu ..	98,000	Maori, partly leased to Crown and occupied by Europeans	Hilly and flat, nearly all open; good and fair pastoral land towards Moawhango, but very inferior stony and pumice land to the west and northward along the Wangaehu River.
	Murimotu ..	46,400		
		601,281		
	The more remote blocks are,—			
	Middle Turakina, Mangapapa, and parts of Ohaumoko-Maungakareta	26,000	Maori ..	Mostly hilly forest country, good and fair land.
	Mangoira and Upper Oroua	55,000	Crown lands ..	Ditto.
	Orouamatua ..	115,000	Maori (leased to Europeans)	Mostly open country, stocked.
	Owhaoko ..	163,000	Ditto ..	Ditto.
	Total ..	960,281		

SUMMARY.

	Acres.
Crown lands	133,800
European lands	83,947
Native lands	298,237
Leased (Native land)	444,297
Total	960,281

Mr. A. DUNDAS to Mr. J. W. A. MARCHANT.

Sir,—

Palmerston North, 15th September, 1884.

In reply to your telegram of the 13th instant, I have the honour to forward the following description of the country and timber on each side of the Rangitikei and Hautapu Rivers:—

West Side.—About two-thirds of the Rangatira Block is agricultural land suitable for small farms, the remainder being good pastoral country; thence to the north there is a good width of agricultural land, partly open, intersected by the gullies of the Makohina and its branches, and running out at about four miles above Ohingaiti Clearing; from this point to the junction of the Hautapu and Rangitikei (4 miles) the steep spurs of the Otairi Range come down to the Rangitikei; from the junction, along the west bank of the Hautapu to the open country below Turangarere, I understand there is a belt of level country between the river and the foot of the spurs; thence past Turangarere towards the Murimotu, undulating and ridgy country, with flat valleys, mostly open.

East Side.—From south-west boundary of the Otamakapua Block for four miles there are high cliffs, with ridgy and undulating country behind; thence to Pakihikura Stream (5 miles) there is level country for three-quarters of a mile to foot of spurs; thence to Mangamoko Stream, high cliffs, with ridgy and undulating country at back; thence to opposite Ohingaiti Clearing, flat and undulating country; and from there to the Mangawarariki the country is rather broken: all this country (on east side) being cut up by deep gullies. From Mangawarariki, across the Kawatau, extending several miles up the Rangitikei River, there is a flat one-half to three-quarters of a mile wide, cut up by deep ravines. From the junction of the Hautapu with the Rangitikei, for some miles up the latter,