

1290. It is not true that the Native Land Court has partitioned the land and given each one his share?—No; I was not aware of it.

1291. Are you not aware that the arbitration took place on Caverhill's lease?—No.

1292. You say you are not satisfied with the definition of shares made by me: will you tell us how many acres you have in Ngatitaniwha?—I could not tell you.

1293. Do you mean to say that I never told you?—You did not tell me how many acres he had in the portion leased, and how many there were in the portion not leased.

1294. That is not an answer to my question: what I asked you was, how many acres have you in the whole of the Ngatitaniwha Block?—I could not tell you how many acres.

1295. Had you never the curiosity to inquire from me?—You never told me how many acres I had, but you paid me such-and-such money on account of the shares I hold.

1296. You say you do not know the acreage: why, then, do you complain that you have got too little?—On account of the small amount you paid me for rent.

1297. Are you aware that only one-tenth part of the Ngatitaniwha Block is let?—I do not know.

1298. How many leases are there on it?—One.

1299. What is the total acreage?—I could not tell you how many acres have been let; I believe it is only a small portion.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1890.

TUMAHUKI recalled and examined.

1300. *Mr. Rennell.*] Did not you incite Macgregor not to pay any rent to the Public Trustee?—No.

1301. Did you or any of the others receive any money from Macgregor in the year 1886, or since?—No.

1302. Since I commenced to collect the rents?—No.

1303. Then, if your name is to a receipt for £109 5s., it is a forgery?—Yes; I did receive that money.

1304. Do you know at what period that was?—It was in the year 1885.

1305. The receipt says up to the year 1887—the 19th September, 1887?—I received rent up to 1885.

1306. Do you mean to say you have never received any money since I commenced to collect the rents?—No.

1307. If there is a receipt dated November, 1886, and your name is to it, that would be a forgery?—As far as I can recollect, we did not receive any more rent than that in 1885—as far as I can remember.

1308. Do you remember me consulting you about Macgregor's rent?—No; I do not recollect you interviewing me on the subject.

1309. When the Public Trustee sued and got the land back, did you not ask that the land should not be relet?—

TE KARERE OMAHURU examined.

1310. *Mr. Sinclair.*] What hapus do you belong to?—I belong to the Ngaruahine.

1311. What hapus?—To the Inuawai.

1312. What hapu grants are you in?—Te Inuawai o Kanihi.

1313. Did you give a lease of these reserves to any one?—The first lease I signed was to Caverhill—that is, the original lease.

1314. Did you let these lands to Mr. Caverhill?—Yes; I signed the lease to Mr. Caverhill.

1315. Was it a large or a small rental?—I think it was a large rent.

1316. What was the state of land leased by him?—There were old cultivations of our own on the ground.

1317. What was the state of these cultivations?—Both pieces of land were all cultivated by us.

1318. What did you do with the rent before you leased to Caverhill?—We were cultivating the land ourselves, for it was our main residence, where our cemeteries were established.

1319. Did you sow any cocksfoot?—Yes; the whole of it was down in grass.

1320. You used to reap grass-seed from the land?—Yes.

1321. What amount used you yourself derive from grass-seed?—We worked it between us, the whole of us. We used to get four or five bags of seed from some parts, from some parts more, and so on.

1322. From some as much as ten and twenty bags?—Yes; some had as much as ten, and some twenty, sacks of seed got from them.

1323. How much cocksfoot would the whole tribe get each year from the land?—About three thousand pounds.

1324. Do you mean three thousand pounds' weight or three thousand pounds in money?—Three thousand pounds in money.

1325. *Mr. Bell.*] You must mean from the whole of the Waimate Plains?—It was not only from these two places that we got that amount; we reaped it off the whole of the lands belonging to my tribe.

1326. *Mr. Sinclair.*] When was this—before the land was confiscated?—No; it was since it was confiscated.

1327. Had you any expectations as to the improvements that were to be made on this land?—I thought there would be improvements made from the conversation I had with Caverhill about the property.