

1440. Has any land been ploughed during the last six years?—No.
1441. Do you know of any other improvements besides those I have mentioned made within the last six years?—I do not know of any other improvements. My answers have been all referring to Hapotiki.
1442. Do you know of the improvements which have been made on Mokoia?—I do know of improvements that have been made there.
1443. What fencing has been done there within the last six years?—I am not aware of any new fencing. The only fences I know of there are old ones.
1444. That is, put up before 1884?—Yes.
1445. Do you know of any improvements which have been made within the last six years at Mokoia?—Yes, I do.
1446. Will you tell me what they are?—The land has been ploughed and laid down in wheat and oats.
1447. How much of it?—Perhaps 200 acres.
1448. When was that done?—Every year wheat, oats, or turnips were put in on this land.
1449. When was it first ploughed? How many years ago—more than six or less than six?—More than six years ago.
1450. Are there any buildings at Mokoia?—Yes; Mr. Lysaght himself lives there.
1451. Do you know of any buildings which have been put up within the last six years?—Mr. Lysaght has many buildings—it is a homestead—but I do not know of any of them that have been erected during the last six years.
1452. Do you know of any grass being sown at Mokoia during the last six years?—Land has been laid down with grass within the last six years.
1453. How much of it?—Probably 200 acres.
1454. And when was that laid down in grass—what year?—Some several years ago, and some last year. Part of the land I have already mentioned was laid down in oats and wheat.
1455. Some of the land was already ploughed and sown in grass?—Yes.
1456. How much of it was sown last year?—A considerable area.
1457. One hundred acres—less or more?—Perhaps more than one hundred acres.
1458. But the rest was sown some time before, you say?—Yes.
1459. When would that be about?—Some of it was laid down in 1883 and 1884.
1460. Has any bush been cleared at Mokoia during the last six years?—No.
1461. Do you know of any drains that have been made during the last six years?—No.
1462. *Mr. Rennell.*] You stated yesterday to the Committee that you did not know your interest on Ngatitaniwha?—I subdivided the interest for the purpose of paying the rent.
1463. That is, his interest of the rent?—Yes.
1464. You say that Te Awakari, the head man of the hapu, told you what happened at the meeting: did he also tell you what your share was?—He was not satisfied with your administration, and he did not tell me what my share was.
1465. Do you not know that I sent Te Awakari a list of each man's acreage as soon as I made it out?—I do not know.
1466. Do you not know that within the last six months I sent Te Whareaitu, the son of Te Awakari, a copy?—I do not.
1467. Did you sign the lease for the land that let on the Ngatitaniwha Block?—Do you mean the old lease?
1468. Yes?—I did not.
1469. Then, I presume you do not know the rent. Did the Natives who signed the lease never inform you what the rent was?—No; I do not know the tribe who gave the lease, nor do I know the terms of the lease.
1470. You say you are dissatisfied with your interest: why do you not get the Native Land Court to fix your interest?—I respect the wish of the tribe, which is, that no subdivision of the land should be made.
1471. Hamua: is he dissatisfied, as far as he is himself concerned, by what I did in Hamua for his own share?—I am dissatisfied.
1472. Are you aware your share and twenty others have been cut out since in the Native Land Court, and that they followed my acreage exactly?—I have heard that a subdivision has been made, but we have received no orders of the Court.
1473. Have they paid for the cost of the survey yet?—No.
1474. Do you expect to get those orders without paying for them?—We do not know what steps it is necessary to take before we can get our orders.
1475. You remember a Court case on the Hamua Block?—A great many cases have been heard in the Native Land Court.
1476. This was in 1887, before Judge Wilson?—I heard of the case you mention.
1477. Did not a solicitor appear before Judge Wilson on behalf of Patohe and his friend?—He did.
1478. Do you not know that Judge Wilson said those shares had been fairly apportioned?—I did not hear him say so.
1479. Did every one of the shares follow my acreage exactly?—I was not in the Court, and do not know what took place.

THOMAS WILLIAM FISHER examined.

1480. *Mr. Levi.*] What is your name?—Thomas William Fisher.
1481. Where do you live?—At Waitotara.
1482. What are you?—I am a Native Land Court agent.