

1891. How many are living at Parihaka out of the forty-five?—They are not living at Parihaka: they are living at Te Puniho.

1892. On a different reserve?—We have been cultivating other lands where crops will grow.

1893. On land that does not belong to you?—That is quite true.

1894. Is this land I speak of—the 803 acres—the best in the reserve?—It is of good quality.

1895. Do you not know that there is far less land in the Parihaka district than in yours?—

That is correct also.

1896. When did your people go to Parihaka?—They went there recently.

1897. Did they not go to Parihaka, most of them, as far back as 1870?—No; they did not go that year.

1898. Were they not there before 1880?—No.

1899. Were they there before 1881 or 1882?—There were only three went in the year 1882.

1900. *Mr. Rennell.*] Do you know the quality of the land that is to let on your own block?—Some portions are very good, some portions are poor.

1901. Is it not true that the whole of the land about Stoney River is poor except the part that you kept for yourselves?—Some portions are good, some portions are inferior.

1902. Is it not all choice land that you got for yourselves?—Yes; on the hills.

1903. And elsewhere?—There are stones there that rolled off the hills and mountains, and some people carried them away to make use of them.

1904. What do you say the unimproved value of the land would be for leasing purposes?—I think it ought to be worth 3s. 6d. an acre.

1905. Do you know that a gentleman who is well acquainted with land has gone round and valued these lands?—I did not see him.

1906. How did you arrive at your estimate of 90 acres. Here are the documents showing the number of acres that each person has: what do you say the acreage is?—I think, about 300 acres.

1907. Is it not 350 acres?—Perhaps I am wrong in saying 90 acres.

1908. You have told the Committee the smallest sums you received for rent: will you now tell the Committee the largest sums you have received?—All the rental I have received at one time was £1 1s.

1909. Have you taken your money for the last two half-years?—No.

1910. Would you be surprised to know that the yearly rent is £4—that is to say, for two half-years?—I believe that is the amount I am to receive.

1911. Suppose your share to be 60 acres, that would be the amount you would have to receive at 1s. 4d. per acre?—Perhaps so.

1912. *Mr. Rennell.*] Were you not one of the Natives who assisted me in making out the list of names to be put in the grant of your reserve?—No.

[List of grantees to reserve put in.]

MONDAY, 28TH JULY, 1890.

Mrs. RIAKIAO KARORO examined.

1913. *Mr. Sinclair.*] Are you married?—Yes.

1914. What is your husband's name?—Ngamini Karoro.

1915. What hapu do you belong to?—Hapotiki.

1916. What is your share according to Mr. Rennell's subdivision?—I have a large interest in the Hapotiki lands, but the subdivision made by Rennell is altogether wrong.

1917. How much has he given you?—I have been informed that my share is 26 acres. Mr. Rennell never informed me so himself, but other persons did.

1918. How many acres do you say your brother has?—My brother's share in the land is 5 acres.

1919. Is your brother a person of any influence in the hapu?—Yes, he is.

1920. Which is the more influential in the hapu, Te Tuke or your brother?—My brother is a person of superior rank and influence to Te Tuke.

1921. Is he of equal rank to Ngaruru?—No; he is not on the same footing as Ngaruru.

1922. Which is superior?—My brother.

1923. Have you heard how much Tuke and Ngaruru got?—I have been informed that they each received 80 acres.

1924. Why was this?—I suppose the reason that so little was given to us was that my brother and myself and my other relatives did not hear that this subdivision was to be made by Rennell. Tuke and Ngaruru were present in the house with Rennell when he made the subdivision—when the subdivision was made.

1925. Had you notice that this subdivision was to be made?—No.

1926. Had any of your relatives?—No.

1927. Did many or few of the people object to the subdivision arrived at by Mr. Rennell?—The whole of my hapu opposed his subdivision.

1928. Do you know of any other hapu that objects to the subdivision?—Yes.

1929. Will you mention it?—Hamua.

1930. Any other?—I have heard that all the hapus object to Mr. Rennell's subdivision.

1931. Do you mean every individual in the hapu except those who have received large shares?—I do not know that even those who have received large shares are satisfied; but I do know that we people who have suffered object to his subdivision.

1932. Would you be satisfied if the Native Land Court ascertained your share?—Yes.

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