

1043. Is Macgregor still occupying the land?—Yes.
1044. Did you attend the Arbitration Court?—No.
1045. Did you get notice to appoint an arbitrator?—I received a notice, but I did not understand what the notice contained.
1046. Are you interested in any other lease?—I am interested in other leases in that part of the country.
1047. What are the names of the lessees?—Corrigan; then Caverhill took a lease from Corrigan.
1048. Do you know what improvements have been made by the tenants since they leased the land?—A portion of it was furze, a portion in grass, and a portion bush.
1049. How was it when it was leased to Corrigan?—That was the state of it when we let the lease to Corrigan.
1050. What improvements have been made by Corrigan or Caverhill?—Caverhill has not made any improvements, but Corrigan did burn off and put a portion down in grass.
1051. How long since Caverhill has had it?—I think it is about eight years.
1052. Then, no improvements have been made in these eight years?—No.
1053. No fences?—He did put up a fence.
1054. How long was it?—I think it was about a quarter of a mile long.
1055. When was it put up?—I could not tell you exactly what year it was erected.
1056. About what year?—I believe it was in the year 1880.
1057. You have said Caverhill put it up?—When it was leased to Corrigan was in 1874.
1058. I want to know when this quarter of a mile of fencing was put up?—In 1878, I think; I think Caverhill put up his quarter of a mile of fence in 1880.
1059. Did he have the place twelve years ago?—The land was leased to Caverhill for thirty years; the lease has four years more to run.
1060. Do you mean two years ago (1888), or twelve years ago (1878)?—Probably I am mistaken. I may have forgotten what year it was that he put it up.
1061. *Mr. Sinclair.*] Are you satisfied with Macgregor's rent being four and a half years in arrear?—No; I do not approve of it.
1062. Did you get the Trustee to take any steps to terminate the lease?—No; I did not say anything to the Public Trustee about it.
1063. *Mr. Rennell.*] Did you tell Macgregor not to pay the Public Trustee?—No; I did not tell Macgregor.
1064. Did not the leading people also tell Macgregor not to pay the Public Trustee?—I said my people told Macgregor to pay his rents as in the first instance.
1065. That is, to pay it to them, and not to the Public Trustee?—Yes.
1066. Not to the Public Trustee?—No.
1067. Do you remember this meeting of which we have been speaking?—No.
1068. Were you not at the meeting?—No; I was not at your meeting.
1069. Do you remember coming to me in Patea in 1886?—I have forgotten all about it. I do not think I was present.
1070. When I applied to Macgregor for the rent, do you not know that he produced four orders signed by you and other Natives to pay the money to Foreman where you had run up a big bill?—I do not recollect.
1071. Do you mean to say that four of your people did not give orders on Macgregor to pay the money to Foreman which was due to you for rent?—No; they did give an order on Macgregor to pay money to Foreman. I do not recollect anything about it.
1072. Do you not know that I explained to you the reason why I could not get money from Macgregor was because I refused to recognise these illegal orders?—No; I do not recollect that either.
1073. Do you know that Macgregor has been sued?—I have not heard of that. We have received no information to that effect.
1074. Why did you refuse to take your share of the rent which has accrued?—Because we wish the whole of the money to be dealt with in accordance with the original—in accordance with the arrangements we made.
1075. Do you know Matau?—Yes.
1076. Is he not the head of the hapu? Did you never hear that I sent Matau an explanation of all the rent accrued in April last?—No; I heard nothing about it.
1077. Did you hear that I offered to go and pay them if they wished?—I heard that you did visit them, but the majority of the people did not approve of your going to see them.
1078. Did you not hear that I offered to go up and pay them in January?—I did not hear anything about it.

WAKARUA examined.

1079. *Mr. Levi.*] Where do you live?—Waitotara.
1080. What tribe do you belong to?—Ngarauru.
1081. Did you sign any lease to Europeans?—Yes.
1082. To whom?—To a European named Durie.
1083. When did you first lease?—In 1873.
1084. Is that lease in existence still?—No; nine years afterwards there was an extension of the lease given to Durie.
1085. What year was that?—In 1881.
1086. What was the condition of the land when first leased in 1873?—Some portion had been improved; other portions have not been improved.