

seen Sir Donald McLean—he was the first—and I expressed to him my respect and praise, because he had done a great deal for this country. On the occasion of Sir Donald addressing us, he desired that the Maori and European races should become united as one people, and I cheered his sentiment on that occasion. Afterwards people came stealthily amongst us saying I was betraying the Government, then trouble arose. After this the representative of the Government again came amongst us, and the trouble was dispersed. Now you have come amongst us. I have trouble on hand, recent trouble. I interfered with the survey. Some of my people are not present, they are not able to go about, because the word of the law is still upon them, they are not free. I am greatly pleased to hear you say that all troubles can be removed, because they are upon those here who are liable to be arrested at any moment. The warrants are still out on account of the trouble for which they became liable to the law. Therefore it is that I appeal to you, Sir, as head of the Government, to wipe away the difficulty that overshadows them, and see the trouble removed. I am delighted we have met you, and that you have found pleasure in meeting us. I am one who is an adherent of the law. Welcome, oh, welcome!

Te Hiko said,—I am come in the path laid down by our parents, the Government. Welcome here on the occasion of your visit to the Tuhoe Tribe. My excellent elder cousin (Mr Carroll), who is now performing this journey, it is well for you to see the people and enlighten them, bring salvation with you. I am standing here in darkness, but still with a fervent hope of seeing the light. That is all I have to say to you. To you, O Premier, I address my words and welcome you here. Welcome, you who bring those advantages which will be of benefit to us. I listened attentively to your words, and I am pleased at your bringing the good tidings to the Tuhoe people. Your visit is indeed an excellent one. I will now sing a song of welcome. [Song.]

Paora Kingi said,—In accordance with Native custom, I welcome you, Mr Carroll, to this place, which you visited on a former occasion. It is well. I will now address myself to the Premier. Welcome, O Minister! who is administering the affairs of both the European and the Maori races. I offer you my greetings on account of the expression of opinion you have given to this meeting. It has been said by Europeans and Natives that the object of your visit here was to do injury unto us. I have held steadfastly to peace since the days of Sir Donald McLean, and up to the present day I continue to be a loyal subject to the Queen. After having heard what you have said to us who are assembled here, our hearts greatly rejoice. What I am about to do now is in accordance with Maori custom. I am about to address you in song. [Song.] To you, the Premier, I appeal to-day to unloosen the bond on those who are to be arrested, to free them. The law overshadows them, and they want it removed. This place belongs to those against whom warrants have been issued. It was in connection with this block the arrests were made. That is my request to you—that you will give this matter your consideration.

Tipihau said,—I offer you my congratulations, Mr Carroll. I am new to you, having only just seen you. I express my respect and regard to you. It is an important thing that we should see one another. Welcome, whether it be for evil or good, or whether it be to destroy. Lay down what you have to say with regard to Ruatoki. Welcome, O my loving friend, the Premier! Great is my pleasure and joy at your coming here. Your people are dwelling on my land. This is the permanent canoe of Tuhoe. The faith and love of Tuhoe will not cease and should trouble and misfortune arise among any of the tribes in any part of New Zealand, they will be no party to those troubles or difficulties. I again welcome you, and shall be pleased to hear you speak of the troubles that are besetting these people.

Hetaraka Whakanua said,—I stand up here to welcome Mr Carroll, and the Premier, and the friends who have come here to visit us. I wish to express my pleasure to both of you, and your friends, for coming here to see Tuhoe this day. I am very pleased to hear what the Premier has said in addressing the people here, and trust that the good advice he has given will be followed, and that prosperity may accrue to the men, women, and children. I am intensely gratified to hear the remarks that have fallen from the Premier. I was delighted to hear those words when he urged the people here to lay bare before him the thoughts that are within them. That is, indeed, an excellent proposition—namely, advising the Natives here to lay clearly before him what their grievances are, and what their thoughts are. Well, one matter that is troubling the hearts of the people here has already been explained to the Premier, and it relates to those people who are liable to be arrested. That is one point. There is another matter and it is with reference to what Tipihau, the last speaker, said. I quite agree with him that should any trouble or difficulty arise among the Natives in any part of the colony we (Tuhoe) will in no way participate in those troubles. If any tribe should arise hostile to the European race I will side with the European, and wipe out my debt. I am the friend of the Europeans from henceforth. Now, with regard to what the Premier said about laying before him any matters the Natives had to complain of, I will touch upon a matter in which the Tuhoe tribe are particularly interested. It is a matter that is creating some difficulty in the boundary of Tuhoe. I will explain what this matter is that is creating the trouble amongst the Tuhoe, and causing dissension amongst ourselves. It is about a school. I desire a school should be established in our district, and there are others against it. That is all I have to say at present. Long life and prosperity to you all!

Hon. Mr Carroll said,—Salutations to you, the Tuhoe people! This is a visit in accordance with the same questions about which I visited you formerly. We meet in the open, and there is no reason why any words should be held back. Salutations to you my elder cousins, and younger relatives! No matter what reports or remarks you may have heard, I am here, and you will be able to hear the statements of those in authority, who have come to meet you face to face. Many of the old people have passed away, but the words of Sir Donald McLean still live over the land of the Tuhoe people. It was yourselves who branched off from the path that in former times was laid down for you to follow, it was yourselves who adopted and followed out the wrong course, and in these past actions you stumbled on the way. My efforts have been that you should be all gathered together and act in a united manner, that everything should be done in the open, and in