

EAST COAST NATIVE TRUST LANDS—continued

STATEMENT OF LIVE-STOCK DEPASTURED ON STATIONS AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1944

Station.	Sheep.		Cattle.		Horses.		Total.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Iwinui	3,404	2,523 13 0	560	1,788 10 0	13	140 0 0	3,977	4,452 3 0
Kopua	3,994	2,823 7 0	543	1,786 10 0	26	160 0 0	4,563	4,769 17 0
Mahurangi	7,380	5,169 10 0	805	2,948 10 0	53	357 0 0	8,238	8,475 0 0
Mangaotane	5,186	3,522 8 0	648	3,235 10 0	27	180 0 0	5,861	6,937 18 0
Onenui	7,378	5,053 2 0	768	2,630 10 0	41	565 0 0	8,187	8,248 12 0
Patemaru	3,786	2,560 0 0	592	2,130 10 0	13	65 0 0	4,391	4,755 10 0
Papuni	7,788	5,316 15 0	1,267	4,240 10 0	76	469 0 0	9,131	10,026 5 0
Pakowhai	580	453 5 0	44	159 0 0	2	25 0 0	626	637 5 0
Pohaturoa	6,114	4,221 18 0	582	2,099 0 0	22	110 0 0	6,718	6,430 18 0
Paroa—								
Flock	6,664	4,665 13 0	649	2,428 10 0	15	195 0 0	7,328	7,289 3 0
Stud	133	149 15 0	133	1,045 0 0	..	..	266	1,194 15 0
Tapere	83	41 10 0	22	110 0 0	3	45 0 0	108	196 10 0
Waimaha	5,570	4,006 10 0	728	2,619 10 0	34	545 0 0	6,332	7,171 0 0
Whaitiri	..	..	10	30 0 0	..	..	10	30 0 0
	58,060	40,507 6 0	7,351	27,251 10 0	325	2,856 0 0	65,736	70,614 16 0

The Hon. the Minister for Native Affairs,
Wellington C. I.

SIR,—

We report that we have completed the audit of the accounts of the East Coast Native Trust Lands for the year ended 30th June, 1944, and attach a set of the accounts. We have the following comments to make :—

Freehold Property.—We have not inspected the title deeds relative to the properties of the Trust, but have accepted certificates from the mortgagees—namely, the District Public Trustee and the State Advances Corporation—that they are holding certain documents as security for advances. The solicitors to the Trust have certified that they are holding on behalf of the East Coast Commissioner the documents relating to the properties of the Trust which are not subject to mortgage.

Live-stock.—We have accepted the numbers and values of live-stock on stations as at 30th June, 1944, as certified by the Farm-managers and Mr. H. Syme, the Farm Supervisor.

Distributions.—We have verified all payments in connection with the following distributions made to beneficiaries during the year ended 30th June, 1944 :—

	£	s.	d.
Pakowhai Station	374	0	0
Maractaha 2, Section 3 and 6	2,349	0	0
Maractaha 1d : Kopua Station	2,303	0	0
Tawapata South No. 1 : Onenui Station	1,626	7	6
Mangapoike A	2,604	5	2
Mangapoike 2d	452	5	2
Mangapoike 2e	230	0	0
Mangapoike 2b, 2d, and 2a 3 : Mahurangi Station	1,200	0	0
Tahora 2c 1, Section 3	1,222	1	2
Tahora 2f 2	1,400	3	3
Tahora 2c 2, Section 2	453	18	8
Paremata 64, No. 2 Account	793	6	8
Paremata 48	30	11	4
Paremata 3 and 1f : Iwinui Station	306	0	0
Mangaheia 2d	742	15	3
Whaitiri No. 2	213	0	0
	£16,303	14	2

In addition to the amounts distributed to beneficiaries as set out above, and absorbing a total of £16,303 14s. 2d., a further sum of £2,603 17s. 3d. has been paid and charged against the various blocks concerned. The following is a summary of these amounts :—

	£	s.	d.
Donations and improvements : Marae	1,627	6	7
Committee fees and expenses	850	5	8
Committee of inquiry	126	5	0
	£2,603	17	3

Special Reserve Account (£2,396 19s. 7d.).—The sum of £3,000 was transferred during the year from Bad Debts Reserve to the credit of Mangaotane Station, which comprises Mangatu Nos. 5 and 6 Blocks. This amount of £3,000 was originally credited to Bad Debts Reserve, when Mangatu Nos. 5 and 6 reverted to the East Coast Commissioner under special circumstances some years ago. It is unnecessary here to recapitulate those circumstances.

At the 30th June, 1944, the balance at the credit of the Mangaotane Station, after allowing for the inclusion in the accounts of the £3,000 mentioned above, was £2,926 4s. 4d. This latter amount has been transferred to an account called “ Special Reserve Account.” There has been charged against this special reserve the sum of £529 4s. 9d. which represents the cost of and expenses in connection with the operation of a launch at Onenui Station (Mahia Peninsula). This launch, we believe, had been used by the local Maoris for the collection of agar and for obtaining fish, *inter alia*, for shipment to the Maori Battalion overseas. The launch was wrecked in September, 1943, and a total loss sustained.