

“The above foods being two main foods of our ancestors and our forefathers, and are to-day with us, and will be handed down to our children after us.”

It is submitted that these are all products of the *sea* and not *fresh water* products and this fact shows that the Lagoon was salt water and tidal and always connected with the open sea by some channel.

(e) The next incident in connection with the channel was in the time of Taraia I. Attached hereto is the Whakapapa of two of the Petitioners Hori Tupaea and Te Roera Tareha going right back to Awanui-a-rangi, a grandson of Toi. This Whakapapa is taken from the records given in the Omaha case in 1889.

