

1904.
NEW ZEALAND.

ISLAND OF KAPITI

(RETURN SHOWING PARTICULARS IN RESPECT OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 26th August, 1904.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing, in respect to the Island of Kapiti—(1) The date and purpose for which it was acquired, the extent to which that purpose has been carried out, the percentage of deaths among the deer and other fauna placed upon the island, and the terms and conditions under which, since acquirement, it has been or is now occupied, and by whom; (2) the names of the tenants in occupation when the island was acquired, with the acreage, rental, and unexpired term of their several holdings, and the amount paid to each of them by way of compensation, with the date of such payment; (3) particulars of the expenses paid incidental to the extinguishment of the rights of these several tenants, with the names of each of the assessors, and the term they were engaged and the amount they severally received; (4) the amount paid to extinguish the Native title, with a summary of the total cost of the island to date, and any further amount for which claim has been made; and (5) the Departments to which the above various disbursements have been charged."—(Mr. DUTHIE.)

[To expedite the completion of this return the particulars have been arranged in the order in which they have from time to time been recorded.]

KAPITI ISLAND.

UNDER the provisions of section 3 of "The Kapiti Island Public Reserve Act, 1897," the undermentioned portions of the island became vested in the Crown in freehold on the passing of the Act.

Block.	Area.	Names of Proprietors.	Amount of Compensation paid.
Brown's grant ...	617 0 0	Andrew Brown (heirs of)	{ £2,071 12s. 10d., including £484 paid to Collins and McKenzie for interest under an agreement to purchase.
Kapiti, No. 1 ...	34 1 9	Wiremu Parata* ...	Nil. No claim lodged.
" No. 4A, No. 1 ...	12 2 0	Wm. Hughes Field* ...	Nil. Claim for £675 not yet adjudicated upon.
" No. 4A, No. 3 ...	12 2 0	Malcolm McLean* ...	Included in payment of £1,125 below.
" No. 5, Sec. 1 (interest in)	50 0 0	Hohaia te Kotuku* ...	£62 10s.†

* By transfer from original owner in each case.

The freehold of the other portions of the island were found to be still vested in the original Native owners or their heirs, subject to encumbrances, as follows :—

Block.	Area.	Leased for Twenty-one Years commencing	Annual Rental.	Name of Lessee.	Amount of Compensation paid.	Remarks.
No. 2 ..	A. B. P. 757 0 0	21 July, 1896	£ s. d. 45 0 0	Maclean Bros. ..	£	No encumbrance.
No. 3A ..	365 0 0	1 " "	15 12 6	" ..	1,125	
No. 3B ..	10 0 0	1 " "	" " "	" ..	"	
No. 4 ..	1,502 0 0	1 Jan., "	50 0 0	" ..	"	
No. 4A, No. 2	12 2 0	1 July, "	2 10 0	" ..	"	
No. 4A, No. 4	12 2 0	" ..	" ..	" ..	"	
No. 4B ..	10 0 0	" ..	" ..	" ..	"	Exclusive of £62 10s. to Hohaia te Kotuku for a freehold interest as above,† and £168 12s. to Isabel Jane Field in redemption of mortgage.
No. 5, Sec. 1	1,234 0 0	10 Feb., 1897	74 10 0	Charles E. Lowe..	925	
No. 5A ..	4 0 0	1 April, 1897	2 0 0	" ..	"	No claim lodged.
No. 5, Sec. 2	355 0 0	16 Sept., 1896	30 7 6	C. B. Morrison ..	Nil ..	
No. 5B ..	50 0 0	16 " "	" ..	" ..	"	
No. 5C ..	2 0 0	" ..	" ..	" ..	"	

The present state of the titles is as follows :—

HELD BY THE CROWN IN FREEHOLD UNDER UNENCUMBERED LAND TRANSFER TITLES.

	A.	R.	P.
Brown's Grant	617	0	0
Kapiti No. 1	34	1	9
Kapiti No. 2A	261	1	15
Kapiti No. 3A	365	0	0
Kapiti No. 3B	10	0	0
Kapiti No. 4, Section 1	821	3	10
Kapiti No. 4, Section 2	304	0	0
Kapiti No. 4, Section 3	6	0	0
Kapiti No. 4A, No. 1	12	2	0
Kapiti No. 4A, No. 2	12	2	0
Kapiti No. 4A, No. 3	12	2	0
Kapiti No. 4A, No. 4	12	2	0
Kapiti No. 5, Section 1A	194	1	20
Kapiti No. 5, Section 2A	285	0	0
Kapiti No. 5B	50	0	0
	<u>2,998</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>

HELD BY THE CROWN UNDER LEASE FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1902.

	A.	R.	P.
Kapiti No. 4, Section 4	370	0	30

This section is owned by a number of quarter-caste girls who have been educated and brought up as Europeans. They are not all of full age, and have asked that purchase may in the meantime be deferred.

NATIVE TITLE NOT YET EXTINGUISHED.

	A.	R.	P.
Kapiti No. 2B	495	2	25
Kapiti No. 4B	10	0	0*
Kapiti No. 5, Section 2B	70	0	0
Kapiti No. 5, Section 1B	1,039	2	20†
Kapiti No. 5A	4	0	0
Kapiti No. 5C	2	0	0
	<u>1,621</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

* Undivided interests equal to 6 acres acquired by the Crown.

† Undivided interests equal to 31 acres

The Compensation Court to determine interests of European claims consisted of His Honour the Chief Judge (Sir Robert Stout), Messrs. J. C. McKerrow, Assessor appointed for the Department, and Messrs. Deane, F. Brady, and James Ames appointed by the claimants.

The total amount paid to Mr. J. C. McKerrow in respect of his services as Assessor was £42.

The valuers on behalf of the Crown, and the amounts paid to each respectively, were :—

	£	s.	d.
Frank Bennett	51	4	8
Walter Best	52	15	4
Arthur Drake	35	1	9
H. F. Davidson	24	0	0
Donald Fraser	54	10	0
W. L. Luxford	36	1	6
H. J. Richards	54	12	9
A. L. Wilson	35	14	0
Valuation Department	31	8	4
Hire of s.s. "Duco"	50	0	0
	<u>£425</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

The awards of the Compensation Court were :—

	£	s.	d.
Brown family	1,587	12	10
Collins and McKenzie	484	0	0
Charles E. Lowe	925	0	0
McLean Bros.	1,125	0	0
Hohaia te Kotuku	62	10	0
	<u>£4,184</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>

The sum of £168 12s. was also paid to Isabel Jane Field on transfer of a mortgage on one of the Native interests to the Government, making total payments by way of compensation amounting to £4,352 14s. 10d. The whole of these payments were made prior to or during the financial year 1900-1.

The following is a summary of the total cost of the island to date :—

	£	s.	d.
Advertising notice of Act	36	16	0
Valuations	425	8	4
Assessor	42	0	0
Rents paid to Natives on European leases determined ...	294	0	2
Compensation Court awards, &c.	4,352	14	10
Legal expenses—			
Findlay, Dalziell, and Co.	£612	0	0
P. E. Baldwin	248	6	8
		860	6 8
Expenses of Natives		13	0 0
Interpreters		5	13 6
Paid Natives for freehold		2,888	14 10
" leasehold		46	0 11
		<u>£8,964</u>	<u>15 3</u>

The whole of these amounts were paid out of appropriations for the purchase of Native lands.

OTHER PARTICULARS.

Two red deer and two axis deer were liberated by the Acclimatisation Society on the island. The dead body of one of the red deer (the stag) was found entangled in a fisherman's net on the beach; the other three have not been seen lately, no search has apparently been made for them. There is no reliable information as to the percentage of deaths amongst the other fauna on the island.

Quail, native pigeons, tuis, mokimoki, kakariki, native robins, and mutton-birds are found to be numerous and prolific.

The island is occupied by Mr. Malcolm McLean, as caretaker, on a yearly tenure, for which, in addition to his services as caretaker, he pays an annual rental of £70 per annum.

The island is being acquired under the provisions and for the purposes of "The Kapiti Island Public Reserve Act, 1897." The map attached shows the present state of the title.

Native Land Purchase Office,
Wellington, 8th September, 1904.

P. SHERIDAN,
Chief Native Land Purchase Officer.

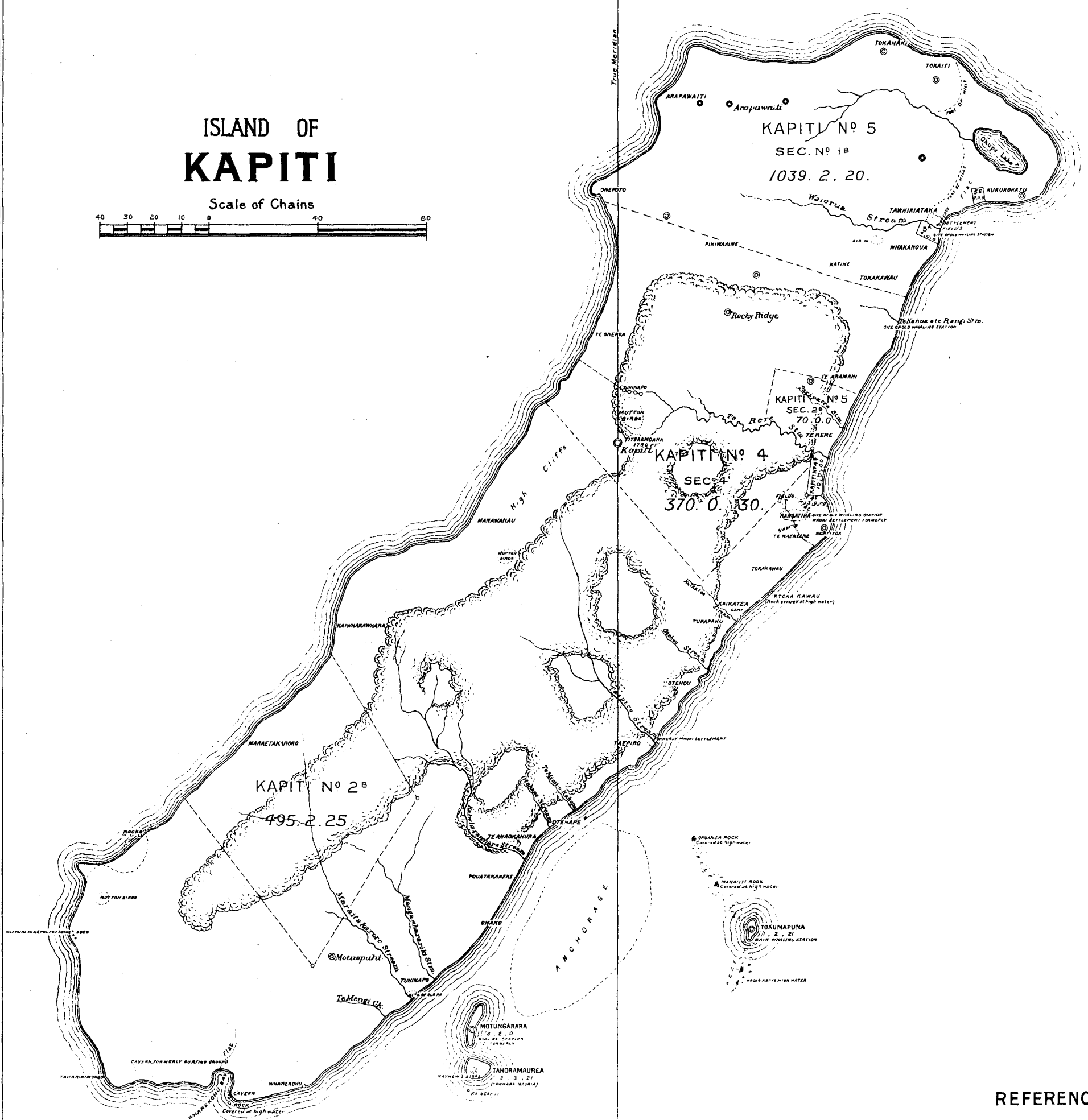
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REFERENCE

Crown freehold	☐
" leasehold	☐
Native title not extinguished	☐

