

1907.
NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LANDS

(SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Wellington, 5th August, 1907.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We have the honour to present the following report, which is supplementary to the interim reports already presented.

1. NUHAKA 2F2.

The area of this block is 854 acres 2 roods 15 perches. The owners have arranged that it shall be reserved for their occupation and use, and have agreed to—

- (1.) Lease the north-west end to Hotene te Arihi, except portion next referred to;
- (2.) Lease portion lying between above and the main Nuhaka-Wairoa Road to Kiore Huka, Tame Materoa, and Wairoa Huka.
The boundary between these two portions to be arranged by proposed lessees.
- (3.) Balance lying to seaward of road to be leased to Hohepa Karauria, Wairoa Huka, Tame Materoa, and Kiore Huka.

Our specific recommendations that the Tairāwhiti Māori Land Board shall be empowered to give effect to proposals *re* Nuhaka and other blocks will apply to this block.

2. ROHE POTAE, OR KING-COUNTRY.

We are now in a position to make a further report on some of the blocks shown as not dealt with in our report on the Rohe-Potae lands (G.—1B, 1907).

(1.) *Rangitoto-Tuhua No. 55 (Aurupu).*—The area of this block is 1,548 acres. We find that a large number of the owners signed a deed purporting to transfer this block to the Maniapoto-Tuwharetoa Māori Land Board in trust to lease the same on behalf of the owners. This deed has not been registered. The Crown has not purchased any interests.

We recommend the block for leasing through the Board, to be dealt with in the manner proposed for blocks in column 2 (for lease) of Schedule 4 of our report on Rohe-Potae lands.

(2.) *Rangitoto-Tuhua No. 71 (Te Tawai).*—The area of this block is 1,513 acres. It is good land, valued at £1 2s. 6d. per acre. It is in the same position as Rangitoto-Tuhua No. 55, as a deed of transfer to the Board has been signed by some of the owners, but has not been registered.

We make the same recommendation as in the case of No. 55.

(3.) *Wharepukunga.*—The area of this block was originally 131,266 acres or thereabouts. The Crown has purchased in all 54,311 acres (after deducting a reserve of nearly four thousand acres made out of purchased land for settlers), and the Native owners now hold 76,955 acres. The latter area includes a