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NATIVE LANDS AND NATIVE-LAND TENURE.

FURTHER REPORT OF NATIVE LAND COMMISSION, SUMMARISING PREVIOUS REPORTS.

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

Native Land Commission, Auckland, 12th August, 1908.

To His Excellency the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We have the honour to submit the following report, which contains a summary of the reports on Native lands in various districts presented by us since the last session of Parliament.

We have up to the present forwarded for presentation to Your Excellency the following reports, which are arranged in the order of their respective dates. The corresponding number of the parliamentary paper of this session is shown against each report for purposes of reference.

SCHEDULE OF REPORTS.

Subject.	Date.	No. of Paper.
1. <i>Re</i> Tauwhareparae, for Order in Council under section 10, Act 1907 (Waipau County)	1907. Dec. 20 (telegraphed)	G.-i.
2. Waipau County	1908. Jan. 18	G.-i.
3. Waimarama, defining area for lease to Miss Meinertzhagen (Hawke's Bay)	Feb. 8	G.-ii.
4. Cook County	" 18	G.-iii.
5. Waimarama Estate, further (Hawke's Bay)	Mar. 3	G.-1.
6. Rotorua County (first)	" 10	G.-1B.
7. On the operation of section 11, "Native Land Settlement Act, 1907"	" 11	G.-1F.
8. Wanganui, Waimarino, Rangitikei, and Waitotara Counties ...	" 12	G.-1B.
9. Urewera Native District Reserve	" 13	G.-1A.
10. Whakatane County	" 23	G.-1C.
11. Tauranga County (interim)	" 28	G.-1D.
12. Waitemata, Rodney, Otamatea, and Hobson Counties ...	April 6	G.-1G.
13. Rotorua County (further)	" 16	G.-1H.
14. Recommending Order in Council under section 10, Act 1907, for lands in Hokianga and Bay of Islands	May 11	(?)
15. Similar recommendation for lands in Hokianga and Mangonui	" 15	G.-1I.
16. Whangarei, Hokianga, Bay of Islands, Whangaroa, and Mangonui Counties	June 10	G.-1J.
17. Tauranga County (further)	" 11	G.-1K.
18. Pakowhai Reserve (Hawke's Bay)	" 11	G.-1L.
19. Opotiki County	" 17	G.-1M.
20. Rotorua County (further)	" 18	G.-1N.
21. Rohe-Potae (King-country), comprising Waitomo, Awakino, Kawhia, and West Taupo Counties	" 19	G.-1O.
22. Orakei Native Reserve	July 30	G.-1P.

After the adjournment of Parliament last session the Commission held its first sitting at Gisborne on the 30th day of November, 1907, and since then has held sittings at the following places: Tolaga Bay, Tokomaru, Waipiro Bay, Waiomatatini, and Te Araroa, in the Poverty Bay district; Raukokore, Omaio, Torere, Opotiki, Whakatane, Ruatoki, and Rotorua, in the Bay of Plenty; Napier; Wanganui; Te Kuiti and Otorohanga, in the King-country; Auckland; Helensville; Dargaville; Whangarei; Russell, Kawakawa, and Kaikohe, in the Bay of Islands; Waima, Kohukohu, Opononi, Pakanae, and Ngarongotea, in Hokianga; Ahipara; Whangaroa; and Mangonui.

At each of these places, but more particularly in the district north of Auckland, the Maori owners of the various blocks attended in large numbers, and were given by the Commission an opportunity of stating their wishes with