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NATIVE LANDS AND NATIVE-LAND TENURE:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NATIVE LAND COMMISSION, ON NATIVE LANDS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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

Native Land Commission, Wellington, 21st December, 1908.

To His Excellency the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We have the honour to submit for your consideration a supplementary report on Native lands in various districts. This report is intended to deal with miscellaneous matters that have been brought before us at different places, and range over many districts.

1. HOBSON COUNTY.

At the request of the owner of Kaihu 2B No. 3 Block, we recommend that the same be sold by public auction. The land is suitable for building-allotments. There is a mortgage on it of £460, payable on the 1st day of May, 1909.

2. WAIMARINO COUNTY.

With regard to Ngapakihi or Raetihi No. 1, containing 2,480 acres, in our report on lands in the Wanganui district (G.—1A, 1907, pages 19 and 20) we scheduled this block as being vested in the Aotea District Maori Land Board. It has since been found that the Board's title cannot be registered owing to some irregularity in the signatures. The Board has had offers of £25,000 for the timber on this block. It was generally considered that on the timber being removed the land should revert to the owners in subdivision for their use and occupation.

We recommend that the land be brought under Part II of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907," and that the Board be authorised to dispose of the timber to the best advantage, while the land as cleared should revert to the Native owners for their use and occupation.

3. WHANGANUI DISTRICT.

Referring to our report G.—1A, 1907, on lands in the Whanganui district, we desire to say that we see no reason to alter our recommendations in respect of the following blocks: Taumatamahoe, Whakaihuwaka, Maraekowhai, Whitianga, Ranana, Ngarakauwhakarara, Tawhitinui, and Waharangi 6 and 7.

4. COOK COUNTY.

Te Kopuni Block, 495 acres 1 rood 19 perches, in the Uawa Survey District: We recommend the issue of an Order in Council under section 10 of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907," prohibiting private alienation in respect of this block.