1909. NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LANDS IN THE NORTH ISLAND

(RETURN SHOWING THE APPROXIMATE POSITION OF) AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1909.

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RETURN showing the Approximate Position of Native Lands in the No September, 1909.	ORTH ISLAND	as at 30th
•	Acres.	Acres.
Area of Native lands held by Maoris as at 21st December, 1908, as estimated by the Native Land Commission Less—(a.) Area since acquired by Crown purchase (b.) Area since acquired by private purchases (c) Area already sold and included in error in Com-	 14,680 28,495	7,465,000
mission's estimate (approximate)	20,000	
		63,175
Leaving a balance (as at 30th September, 1909) of Area estimated to be profitably occupied:—		7,401,825
1. Lands leased direct by Maori owners: (a.) Confirmed by Native Land Court (approximate) (b.) Approved by Maori Land Boards 1,495,000 1,065,958	2,560,958	
2. Lands leased on behalf of owners: (a.) Through the Maori Land Boards 234,646 (b.) By the East Coast Trust Land Board 63,676 (c.) Under the Mangatu No. 1 Empowering Act 51,295 (d.) By the Public Trustee 136,523	2,000,000	
3. Lands in Maori occupation as papakaingas and farms (estimated)	486,140 360,000	3,407,098
Leaving approximate balance of		3,994,727
The position of this balance is approximately as follows: 1. Vested in the Public Trustee and available for settlement 2. Vested in the East Coast Trust Land Commissioner 3. Vested in trustees for settlement (chiefly in Poverty Bay) 4. Vested in Maori Land Boards:—		55,750 122,712 66,169
 (a.) Under the Maori Lands Administration Acts, 1900 to 1905, and under special enactment or trust, and available for lease (b.) Under the Native Land Settlement Act of 1907, on the recommendation of the Native Land Commission, and 	166,158	
available for sale and lease	24 2 ,529	4 08, 6 87