

Crown, and, say, 13,000 acres in occupation and under cultivation, the balance is 600,000 acres. Though this district has not been properly explored, those familiar with it know that the bulk of it is very rough, and suitable only for pastoral purposes in large areas; requiring the expenditure of much capital, while a considerable area should also be permanently reserved for scenic effects and the protection of the existing lakes. On the north of this territory and to the west of it are the following large blocks unoccupied: Matahina, 42,448 acres; Tuararangaia, 6,490 acres; Pokohu and Putauki, 26,485 acres; Whirinaki, 10,010 acres; Heruiwi, 2,484 and 6,290 acres: total, 94,207 acres. These lands are described as "pumice country, fit for small grazing-runs or pastoral runs only, suitable for settlement in large areas only." Some land adjoining, owned by the Crown, purchased from the Native owners about twenty years ago, remain to this day unoccupied for want of access and because of the uninviting nature of the country.

(2.) In the East Taupo, portion of West Taupo, and Rotorua Counties are many large blocks unsuitable for settlement, except in large areas, as small grazing-runs or pastoral runs. These comprise the pumice areas of the central North Island district. So far the demand for settlement even of areas readily available for that purpose has not been keen or insistent. The farming of pumice lands of the nature of those lying to the north, east, and south of Lake Taupo may after much experimenting be found profitable, but for present purposes these areas may be classed as pastoral runs. The following are the large or unoccupied blocks:—

East Taupo County—

Name of Block.	Area. Acres.	Acres.
Runanga	8,630	
Te Hautu	99,300	
Tapuioruahine	20,000	
Kaimanawa	40,000	
Waipapa	10,400	
Ohuanga	5,986	
Whakamaru-Mangaiti	3,737	
Parts Pouakani, Tihoi, and Tauri	47,395	
Tatua East	12,900	
Tahorakuri	36,085	
Tutukau East and West	7,794	
Tauhara North, Middle, and South	49,324	
Tauranga-Taupo 1, 2, and 3	21,040	
Parts of Paeroa South and Rotomahana-Parekarangi	18,986	
Rangipo North	31,236	
Rangipo-Waiu	28,682	
Parts Rangiwaea and Murimotu	15,564	
		457,059

Part West Taupo County—

Part Tihoi	55,583	
Pukekura	3,423	
Taurewa	28,860	
Part Okahukura 8 Block (approximate)	19,000	
		106,866

Part Rotorua County—

Parts Rotomahana-Parekarangi	56,018	
Part Pokohu A, B, and C	13,922	
Part Paeroa E	11,264	
Ruawahia 2	4,164	
		85,368

Kiwitea and Rangitikei Counties—

Awarua Blocks	21,896	
Pohokura	10,657	
Utumore	10,000	
		42,553

Part Waimarino County—

Urewera Block	12,429	
Tawhai North	3,000	
Tongariro	13,927	
Ruapehu	15,488	
Papatupu lands	4,474	
		49,318

Hawke's Bay County (Part)—

Omahaki	15,710	
Te Koau	10,300	
Timahanga	21,900	
		47,910

789,074

These do not comprise the whole of the lands surrounding Lake Taupo. Lands that are partly occupied, such as Oruamatua-Kaimanawa (82,000 acres) and Owhaoko (167,000 acres), are not included in the above list; nor are the lands lying to the west, north-west, and south-west of Lake