

Paper No. G.-1, Mokau-Mohakatino Block.

Letter from the Assistant Land Registrar, forwarding documents (Exhibit No. 37), was read.

Mr. Massey then attended, and the representatives of the Press were admitted.

Mr. Dalziell and Mr. Joshua Jones also attended.

Frank Rattenbury was called and sworn, and gave evidence in reply to questions by Mr. Massey and members of the Committee.

Te Oro Watihi was called and sworn, and gave evidence in reply to questions by Mr. Massey and members of the Committee.

Herrman Lewis was called and made an affirmation, and was questioned by members of the Committee and Mr. Massey.

The examination of the witness had not concluded at 12.55 p.m., and the Chairman announced that the inquiry would be proceeded with at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 12th September.

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The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Jennings (Chairman), Hon. Sir James Carroll, Mr. Dive, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Herries, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Mander, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. Parata, Dr. Te Rangihiroa.

Minutes of meeting of Sub-Committee, and of previous meeting of Committee, were read and confirmed.

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Letters were read from the President, Waikato-Maniapoto Maori Land Board, and Mr. Joshua Jones.

Resolved, that the clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Jones that he cannot be heard as a principal or by counsel in connection with the inquiry.

The Chairman read a telegram from Mr. Herrman Lewis intimating that he would be unable to attend to complete his evidence until Thursday or Friday next.

Mr. Massey was then invited to join the Committee, and after discussion it was resolved that the inquiry be adjourned until Wednesday, the 13th September, at 10.30 a.m., the following witnesses to be requested to be in attendance: Paeroroku Rikihana and Mr. F. G. Dalziell.

Resolved, That Mr. Kensington and Mr. T. W. Fisher be summoned for Thursday, the 14th September.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Jennings (Chairman), Hon. Sir James Carroll, Mr. Dive, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Herries, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Mander, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. Parata, Dr. Te Rangihiroa.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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Letter from Registrar, Native Land Court, Auckland, enclosing list of names of owners (Exhibit No. 39), was read.

Paeroroku Rikihana, of Otaki, was called and sworn, and gave evidence in reply to questions by members of the Committee and Mr. Massey.

Frederick George Dalziell was called and sworn, and made a statement, and produced exhibits numbered 40 to 48, both inclusive.

Mr. Dalziell had not completed his statement when the Committee adjourned until Thursday morning, the 14th September, at 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1911.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m. pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Jennings (Chairman), Hon. Sir James Carroll, Mr. Dive, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Herries, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Mander, Hon. Mr. Ngata, Mr. Parata, Dr. Te Rangihiroa.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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Mr. Massey and Mr. Joshua Jones attended, and the representatives of the Press were present.

Frederick George Dalziell continued his statement, and was afterwards questioned by members of the Committee, and produced exhibits numbered 49 and 50.

The cross-examination of Mr. Dalziell had not been completed when the Chairman announced that the inquiry would be resumed on Friday, the 15th September, at 11 a.m.

The Committee then adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to-morrow, Friday, the 15th September.