## No. 17.

## Mokau-Mohakatino Nos. 1f, 1g, 1h, and 1j.

ADJOURNED meetings of assembled owners held at Te Kuiti on Friday, 10th March, 1911.

Large number of Natives present.

Meetings were opened at the Courthouse, 10 a.m., and at the wish of all parties were adjourned to 3 p.m., at the hall.

3 p.m.-Place, the Public Hall.

Mr. Tuiti Macdonald stated: Proposed sale has been discussed, and there is now a prospect of settlement if further time given for discussion. I would ask for an adjournment.

Mr. Dalziell: The matter has been hanging on for some time, and I would urge that a settlement be arrived at to day. I have discussed matter with Mr. H. D. Bell, who now acts for a section of the owners, and who has been unable to attend. My client is satisfied as to his position under the leases, but, having gone to some trouble to obtain the freehold, wishes to complete. He has arranged to sell the freehold if he can get it, but if he cannot do so he will sell the leases. We wish our position in regard to these proceedings to be determined at once. The purchase-money can be paid over forthwith, and cannot be left lying idle. If matter is not settled to day we will withdraw our offer and proceed to sell the leasehold. Will agree to an adjournment until to-night.

Anaru Eketone: We only want a short adjournment. Matters are now proceeding satisfactorily, but as the question at issue is one of great magnitude it cannot be settled in a few minutes. I take exception to Mr. Dalziell's action in withdrawing his offer unless a settlement is arrived at to-day.

Mr. Macdonald also referred to the importance of the matter, and supported a two weeks' adjournment. Parties now for the first time displayed an inclination towards unanimity.

Mr. Dalziell said he did not intend to make any threat, but simply intimated his position. It was essential in the interests of his client that finality be arrived at at once.

Meetings adjourned till 7 p.m.

Parties again assembled at 7 p.m.

Anaru Eketone asked for an adjournment for a fortnight.

Mr. Dalziell suggested Wednesday, the 22nd, as a suitable date to which the meetings could be adjourned.

Mr. Macdonald (who he'd a number of proxies) also asked for an adjournment, as he wished to further confer with his principals, who had instructed him to oppose the resolution, and whose instructions he cou'd not disobey without they were revoked. He therefore urged a further adjournment to enable a conference of owners to be he'd.

After discussion, it was decided that meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1911, at the Courthouse, Te Kuiti

W. H. BOWLER.

## No. 18.

Mr. Bowler,—

Mokau-Mohakatino papers, &c., herewith. There were no objectors to proposal put, and it was carried with acclamation.

Yours, &c.,

A. J. Holland.

At an adjourned meeting of the assembled owners of the Mokau-Mohakatino Nos. 1f, 1g, 1h, and 1j Blocks, held in the Public Hall, Te Kuiti, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1911, at 2 p.m. Board's representative—A. J. Holland.

It was ascertained that there was a quorum of the owners of each block present.

Proposed by Tuiti Macdonald and seconded by Takerei Kingi, That Mr. Holland take the chair. Motion carried.

Mr. Holland took the chair.

Proxies handed in.

Proposals, as attached hereto, were then put to the meeting. Short discussion ensued.

Tuiti Macdonald handed in a further proposal regarding the £2,500 worth of shares. Further discussion ensued, and Macdonald subsequently asked leave to withdraw his proposal and, no one objecting, leave to withdraw was granted.

Chairman asked if any of the owners wished to further discuss the main proposal, but there was no response.

The main proposal was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Proceedings then terminated.