

SESSION II
1912.
NEW ZEALAND.

OMAHAKI ESTATE
(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO THE).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 8th August, 1912.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) Whether the Government has purchased the Omahaki Estate in Hawke's Bay, and, if so, for what purpose: (2) what was the price or prices paid per acre for this land; if various, why so: (3) was it valued in one or more blocks for land-tax purposes: and (4) what was the value or values per acre for land-tax purposes."—(Mr. CAMPBELL).

1. THE Government purchased Omahaki Block in Hawke's Bay under the provisions of Part XIX of the Native Land Act, 1909, declaring same Crown land.

2. The prices paid per acre for the land were,—

						s.	d.
For Omahaki A	...	...	...	...	...	3	9·584
For Omahaki B	...	...	...	...	...	10	2·302

The reason for the prices paid being different is presumably that the land in Subdivision B is of better quality than that in Subdivision A.

3. The land was valued in one block for land-tax purposes.

4. The value per acre for land-tax purposes was 5s. 5·69d.

NOTE.—When the Crown negotiated for the purchase of the land, it comprised two subdivisions, viz.:—

Omahaki A, containing 10,976 acres, valued at £2,083; and
Omahaki B, containing 4,743 acres, valued at £2,417.

In each case the price paid was the same as the Government valuation.

THOS. W. FISHER, Under-Secretary.

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