

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Stewart, That it having come under notice of the Commission in the course of inspection that a large proportion of the Crown land in Blocks VI, VII, VIII, Ahipara Survey District, is gum-bearing land, it be a suggestion to Government to have such gum-bearing land set apart as a kauri-gum reserve.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. McKay, That, in regard to the portion of the Houhora Extension Reserve and the Opoe Extension Reserve, known as the Motutangi Swamp, special consideration be given to the question of dealing with it before the Commission's final report is prepared.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hebden, seconded by Mr. Stafford, That in regard to applications for areas within kauri-gum districts under section 20 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, and regulations, this Commission respectfully suggests to the Hon. Minister of Lands the desirability of instructing the Auckland Land Board to hold over the final approval and survey of such applications until the report of the Commission is in the hands of His Excellency the Governor. The members of the Commission having now inspected a large area of gum reserves, and, having had the evidence of a great many gum-diggers, are of opinion that some modification of existing regulations is necessary, and propose making recommendations to that effect in their report.

AWANUI, SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission met at Awanui on the 11th April, at 8 p.m., when the following witnesses attended and volunteered evidence: Alfred Hibbs Long, J.P., farmer, of Lake Ohia; James McKeown, gum-sorter, of Mangatete; William Ridon Middlemore Thomasen, gum-buyer, of Awanui; Nicholas Covich, gum-buyer, of Lake Rotoroa.

LAKE OHIA, TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission met at Lake Ohia on the 14th April, at 1 p.m., all the members of the Commission being present.

The following witnesses were present and volunteered evidence: George Scheigis, gum-buyer, of Kohanga; William Wilkinson, gum-buyer, of Lake Ohia; Rudolph Joseph Matthews, settler, of Lake Ohia; David Sherman, gum buyer and digger, of Lake Ohia; Brian Willis, Government Surveyor, camped at Lake Ohia; George Potter, gum-digger, of Lake Ohia; Wiki Tikahu, gum-digger, of Parapara; Wiremu Hetirika, gum-digger, of Parapara; Hone Raneka, gum-digger, of Parapara; Alexander McKenzie, gum-digger, of Lake Ohia.

MANGONUI, TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission resumed its sittings at Mangonui on the 14th April, 1914, at 8 p.m., when the following witnesses were present and volunteered evidence: Richard Theopilus Wrathall, settler, of Mangonui; George Green, gum-digger, of Mangonui; Douglas Dodds, gum-digger, of Mangonui.

KAEO, WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission resumed its sittings at Kaeo on the 15th April, at 8 p.m., when the following witnesses attended and volunteered evidence: Samuel Sandford Bramley, of Kaeo, Gum Ranger and Ranger for the Kauri Timber Company; Ernest Edward Carr, of Kaeo, storekeeper; Albert Hayward Nesbit, of Kaeo, farmer.

TOTARA NORTH AND SAIES, THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Totara North and Saies on the 16th April, 1914, when the following witnesses attended and submitted voluntary evidence: William Richard Lawrence, of Totara North, storekeeper and gum-buyer; Walter Bramley, of Iwitaua, gum-digger; William Henry Saies, of Saies, storekeeper and gum-buyer; Abner Sherman, of Totara, gum-digger; George Moselem, of Saies, gum-digger; Frank Ball, of Totara, gum-digger.

WAIAPAPA, MONDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Waipapa on the 20th April, when the following witnesses attended and volunteered evidence: Walter Clapham Mountain, of Purerua, farmer; Harold C. Bull, of Kerikeri, farmer; Arthur Edwin White, of Waipapa, farmer and storekeeper; Herbert Mountain, of Waimate, farmer; John Urlich, of Waipapa, farmer and gum-digger; Hepi Pote, of Purerua, gum-digger.