

OHAEAWAI, TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Ohaeawai on the 21st April, when the following witnesses were present and tendered evidence: Joseph Solloway Lane, of Totara, manager; William John Dunlop, of Ohaeawai, Inspector of Rabbits and Noxious Weeds, Department of Agriculture; Thomas Simpson Hayes, of Kaeo, farmer.

It was resolved, That a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. Walter C. Mountain, of Pureua, for his services in connection with the Commission's inspection of the Kapiro, Rangitane, and other reserves. (Moved by Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. McKay.)

It was resolved, That application be made forthwith to the Governor for an extension of sixty days' time in which to furnish the Commission's report to His Excellency. (Moved by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Stewart.)

KOHUKOHU, FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Kohukohu on the 24th April, the following witnesses being present and tendering evidence: William Maxwell, Timber-measurer, of Kohukohu; George Andrewes, storekeeper, of Kohukohu; Robert Jarvie, carpenter, of Kohukohu; David Brown Wallace, settler, of Kohukohu.

OPONONI, MONDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Opononi on the 27th April, 1914, the following witnesses being present and tendering evidence: Alfred Andrewes, storekeeper, hotelkeeper, and gum-buyer, of Opononi; William Jarvie, settler and ex-gum-buyer, of Opononi; George William Kendall, settler, of Mitimiti; Robert Ngakauru, gum-digger of Mitimiti; James Watkins, farmer, of Rangi Point.

TAHEKE, TUESDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Taheke on the 28th April, when the following witnesses were present and tendered evidence: James Brennan, of Taheke, dairy-farmer; Henry Pickering, of Omanaia, gum-digger; William Henry White, of Taheke, butcher; Valentine Albert Ernest Rickcord, of Taheke, bush-manager; John Julius Lindvart, of Awarua, farmer; Moku Harris, of Taheke, gum-digger; Harold Montrose Webster, of Taheke, storekeeper; Rewiri Moki, of Taheke, gum-digger; Robert Haines, of Taheke, farmer.

KAIKOHE, WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Dickeson's Hall, Kaikohe, on the 29th April, when the following witnesses were present and tendered evidence: William Forbes, of Taheke, gum-buyer and storekeeper; Frederick Hingston, of Kaikohe, storeman; Alfred William Edwards, of Kaikohe, storekeeper; Henry Dickeson, of Kaikohe, gum-buyer; Harry Stewart, labourer, of Kaikohe.

RUSSELL, SATURDAY, 2ND MAY, 1914.

The Commission held a sitting at Russell on the 2nd May, all members being present.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. Hebden, That the portion of the Pairatahi Reserve west of the Mangatete River be retained as a gum reserve.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. McKay, That the portion of the Pairatahi Reserve east of the Mangatete River be freed from the kauri-gum reservation. (Memo: The west part of the Pairatahi Reserve comes within the provisions of the Kaitaia Land Drainage Act, 1913.)

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. Stewart, That this Commission is of opinion that a large proportion of the Pukewhau Reserve, the Puketoetoe Reserve, and the Puketoetoe Extension Reserve are non-gum-bearing lands the boundaries of which cannot be determined without a careful survey, and recommends that a topographical survey be made of these reserves, in order that such non-gum-bearing portions may be cut out and excluded from the existing reservation.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. McKay, That the Ohia Extension Reserve (the Lake) be retained as a kauri-gum reserve.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Hebden, That the Ohia and Puheke and Puheke Extension Reserves be retained as kauri-gum reserves.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. McKay, That all that portion of the Parapara Reserve south of Section 1 from the south-west corner of Section 1 passing through the trig. station and following the ridge about due west to the west boundary of the said reserve be uplifted from the gum reservation, and that all of the said reserve to the north be retained as a gum reserve.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. Stewart, That the Taipa and the Taipa Extension Reserves be uplifted.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Greville, seconded by Mr. Stafford, That the Peria Reserve, being mostly forest land and not suited as a gum reserve, be uplifted, and that the