

- “(b.) The governing body of such district to be nominated by the Government (pending the development of settlement in the district), including a representative or representatives of the Native owners of lands in the district; and
- “(c.) Such Board to have borrowing and rating powers, and power to enter into some working arrangement with the Tongariro Timber Company in connection with the construction of the railway and the company's timber-cutting operations, subject to the approval of the Government, such arrangements to include provision for the prompt payment of all moneys now due by the company to the Natives.
- “2. That legislation be passed, if possible this session, to give effect to the foregoing scheme.”

“C. P. SKERRETT,

“M. MYERS,

“Counsel for the Company and Mr. Atkinson.

“J. G. FINDLAY

“Counsel for the Petitioners.

“CHAS. W. NIELSEN, Counsel for Native Owners.”

This proposition being a matter of policy, the Committee expresses no opinion thereon, but refers the same to the Government. The Committee desires further to express the opinion that no extension of time should be granted to the company unless all arrears to the Native owners are fully discharged.

2nd November, 1920.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 327 (1920), Pitihana a W. T. WILLIAMS ratau ko etahi atu tokotoru; No. 346 (1920), Pitihana a TUTURU HONE TERI ratau ko etahi atu tokowhitu; me No. 363 (1920), Pitihana a NEWTON KING ratau ko etahi atu tangata e 36.

E INOI ana kia whakaorairaina ratau mo te taha ki etahi take e pa ana ki te Kamupene Kani-rakau o Tongariro.

Kua whakahaua ahau kia ripoata kua rongo te Komiti i nga mangai o nga taha katoa e whaiwahi ana ki enei pitihana, a i oti tetahi whakariteritenga i aua mangai, a i whakatakotoria ki te aroaro o te Komiti. I penei nga kupu o taua kirimini i tenei e whai ake nei:—

“E whakaae ana nga kai-pitihana o nga pitihana katoa e takoto nei i te aroaro o te Komiti mo nga Mea Maori mo runga mo te Kamupene Kani-rakau o Tongariro —

“1. Kia tonoa atu ki te Komiti kia tukuna he kupu tohutohu mo te kaupapa e whai ake nei:—

“(a.) Me whakatu he Rohe whakahaere Takiwa o nga whenua tera e whiwhi painga i runga i te hanganga i te Reriwe mai i Kakahi ki te moana o Taupo;

“(b.) Ko te ropu whakahaere o taua Rohe Takiwa ma te Kawanatanga (i te wa e whanga ana ki te whakamahinga me te whakanohonohoanga tangata ki taua Takiwa) e whakaingoa tae atu hoki ki te mangai, ki nga mangai ranei o nga Maori no ratau nga whenua kei taua Takiwa; a

“(c.) Me whiwhi mana taua Poari ki te mokete moni, ki te reiti hoki, a me whaimana hoki ki te timata i tetahi whakariteritenga mahi me te Kamupene Kani-rakau o Tongariro mo runga mo te hanganga i te reriwe me nga mahi tope rakau hoki a te Kamupene, i raro ano ia i te whakaaetanga a te Kawanatanga, me uru ki roto ki taua whakariteritenga tetahi tikanga mo te hohoro o te utu i nga moni katoa e noho utua ana i naianei e taua Kamupene ki nga Maori.

“2. Me paahi he ture, i tenei tuunga o te Paremata mehemea e taea ana, hei whakatutuki i tenei kaupapa.

“C. P. SKERRETT,

“M. MYERS,

“Nga Roia mo te Kamupene me Mr. Atkinson.

“J. G. FINDLAY,

“Roia mo nga Kai-pitihana.

“CHAS. W. NIELSEN,

“Roia mo nga Maori i whaipaaanga.”

I te mea ko tenei kaupapa he take e pa ana ki nga whakahaere (a te Kawanatanga), kaore kau he kupu tohutohu a te Komiti mo tenei take engari e tuku atu ana i tenei take ki te Kawanatanga. E hiahia ana ano hoki te Komiti ki te whakaatu i tona whakaaro kia kaua e hoatu ano he taima ki te Kamupene kia oti ra ano te utu nga moni katoa kihei ano i utua ki nga Maori i whaipaaanga.

20 Noema, 1920.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER No. 265/1920 (Report and Recommendation on Petition No. 359/1919, relative to adjustment of relative interests, boundaries, and shortage of area in Mangapoike No. 2 Block).

I AM directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this paper should be referred to the Government for consideration.

2nd November, 1920.