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NEW ZEALAND.

CENSUS OF THE MAORI POPULATION
(PAPERS RELATING TO).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

MEMORANDUM for the Hon. the NATIVE MINISTER.

Native Department, 18th September, 1921.

I HAVE the honour to submit the preliminary results of the census of the Maori population which was taken during the month of April last.

The total Maori population, according to the census, amounted to 52,751 persons. The following table shows the population as recorded in previous years :—

Year.	Persons.	Increase.	Decrease.
1867 (approximate estimate)	38,540	..	..
1871	37,502	..	..
1874 (first census)	45,470	..	..
1878	43,595	..	1,875
1881	44,097	502	..
1886	41,969	..	2,128
1891	41,993	24	..
1896	39,854	..	2,139
1901	43,143	3,289	..
1906	47,731	4,588	..
1911	49,844	2,113	..
1916	49,776	..	68
1921	52,751	2,975	..

The figures show a substantial increase, but this is probably due a good deal to the inclusion of returned soldiers as compared with the census taken in 1916. The details of the census are set out in the tables attached hereto, and extracts from the reports of the Enumerators are also attached.

The census for the South Island was again taken with the European census, the Natives and half-castes there being regarded as living as Europeans.

C. B. JORDAN, Under-Secretary.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORTS OF THE ENUMERATORS.

MR. W. E. GOFFE, Enumerator for the Counties of Mangonui, Whangaroa, Hokianga, Bay of Islands, Whangarei, Hobson, Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, Eden, and Great Barrier.

A comparison of the figures with those recorded for the 1916 census shows that the Maori and half-caste population has increased by 527, which is very pleasing.

The health of the Natives in this district, it is pleasing to report, continues to be good since the dreadful influenza scourge which visited us in 1918 and caused the death of hundreds of valuable lives.