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THE MAORI POPULATION CENSUS OF

(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 (approx	imate est	imate)		• •		38,540		
1871		, ,				37,502		
1874 (first ce						45,470		
1878						43,595		1,875
1881						44,097	502	
1886						41,969		2,128
1891						41,993	24	1
1896	• •					39,854		2,139
1901						43,143	3,289	
1906	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •					47,731	4,588	
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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 $\breve{\operatorname{E}}\text{uropeans}.$

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.

The Maori Councils are responsible for splendid work in enforcing regulations which provide for improved sanitary conditions, and for the general uplifting of the standard of the Native race. The Maori Health Department, under Dr. Buck and his assistants (nurses and inspectors), is to be eulogized for the prompt and capable manner in which the ravages of sickness and disease have been combated in the northern counties, with the happy result that the district is in a clean and healthy condition.

During my visits north I have observed little evidence of poverty among the Natives. Many families are amongst the suppliers to the dairy factories, their cheques ranging from £5 to £50 or more per month. They appear to be a happy, prosperous, and contented people, and there appears to be a much greater desire to be industrious than was the case some years ago. A great number follow farming pursuits, ploughing, draining, and shearing, while many are engaged in roadmaking, bushfelling, and gum-digging to "keep the pot boiling."

The Maoris are honest and capable workers if left alone, and they would continue to be so if left unspoiled by the pakeha agitator who, unfortunately, at the present time is endeavouring to instil

into their innocent minds all the vile tricks of his trade.

Tohungaism is now little practised and is virtually extinct. It will remain in that condition until disturbed by some "bright shining light" trying to outshine the famous Ratana when he has completed his projected tour through the country. I understand that Ratana has received numerous invitations to visit various tribes in their centres; but, in my opinion, he should be strongly advised to stay at home.

Mr. W. H. Bowler, Enumerator for the Counties of Manukau, Franklin, Coromandel, Thames, Hauraki Plains, Piako, Waikato, Raglan, Waipa, Matamata, West Taupo, Ohura, Waitomo, Awakino, and Kawhia, and in Waiheke and adjacent Islands.

It is pleasing to be able to report an increase of the Maori population in this district.

Several of the sub-enumerators report that they have had difficulty in arriving at correct returns. In some cases information has been deliberately suppressed. Some returns, therefore, whilst substantially accurate, probably understate the figures. Certain sections of the Waikato Natives seem to fear that the census details may be used for military or taxation purposes.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work of the sub-enumerators. They have had a

rather difficult task, and have in all cases carried out their duties in a very efficient manner.

Apart from particular cases, the general state of health is reported to be good. The influenza epidemic took a heavy toll in some localities in 1918, but there has been no recurrence or any other serious outbreak. My own conclusion is that the Maori is becoming gradually educated up to a better standard of hygienic living, and that his social and economic position is still on the up grade.

A marked drift of population is noticeable in some cases. I think that the reason of this is that more Natives are working for Europeans. A large number are employed in Government works on the

Hauraki Plains and elsewhere.

It was a wise move to take this census in April instead of in October as was done on the last occasion. The sub-enumerators have generally been favoured with good weather, and I think that the returns are as accurate as it is possible to get them.

Mr. T. Anaru, Enumerator for the Counties of Opotiki, Whakatane, Tauranga, Rotorua, and East Taupo.

According to the reports of the sub-enumerators the health of the Maoris throughout the districts generally is good, save for whooping-cough in some parts, which is not considered to be serious. In the Whakatane County the majority of the population is engaged in farming and dairying, and the principal crop grown is maize. In the district around Rotorua the Natives are very industrious, most of the land in the vicinity of the kaingas being under cultivation.

Mr. H. S. King, Enumerator for the Counties of Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Patangata, Dannevirke, Woodville, Pahiatua, Eketahuna, Mauriceville, Masterton, Akitio, Castlepoint, Wairarapa South, and Featherston.

The returns show a marked decrease from the census taken in 1916, and there is no reason to doubt the accuracy of the work of the sub-enumerators, as, with one exception, they performed the same work on the occasion of the previous census, and they were all persons well acquainted with the districts and the Natives living therein. A fairly heavy toll was taken from the Maoris during the epidemic which swept through the country at the end of 1918, but I do not think that the total decrease can be attributed to this, and it may be that quite a number were away from their homes following Tahu Ratana, whose journeyings through the country were followed by a large number of Natives.

In the Hawke's Bay District very few of the Natives are farming for themselves, but they do most of the shearing, for which they receive good wages. Elsewhere a considerable number of the Natives are farming and dairying in a small way, while a number are engaged in general farm work.

The reports of the sub-enumerators show the health of the Maoris generally to be good.

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Mr. L. M. Grace, Enumerator for the Counties of Hutt, Makara, Horowhenua, Kairanga, Manawatu, Oroua, Pohangina, and Kiwitea.

A comparison of the figures with those of the last Maori census (1916) shows an increase of 176 Maoris and half-caste Maoris in these counties.

The sub-enumerators engaged were all good reliable men, and thoroughly acquainted with their respective districts. I have every confidence, therefore, in expressing the opinion that the census returns sent in by them are as accurate as it is possible to obtain under the circumstances.

The reports of the sub-enumerators indicate that the health of the Maoris throughout these counties

is good.

Mr. H. H. CARR, Enumerator for the Counties of Wairoa, Cook, Waikohu, Uawa, Waiapu, and Matakaoa.

It will be observed that this return gives an increase in numbers of 1,391 over the figures of 1916. A great part of this increase is due, I think, to a more careful scrutiny on the part of the subenumerators, and also to the inclusion of those absent in 1916 on active service.

With the exception of the influenza epidemic of 1918 no serious outbreaks of sickness have been reported. Speaking generally the health of the Maori is no better or worse than that of his pakeha brethren. Sub-enumerators have noticed an entire absence of the Maori where as a place of abode, the wooden dwellinghouse superseding it almost entirely. The communal system of living is also a thing of the past.

In regard to industries and occupations, there is practically no alteration from the previous state shown in 1916. Intermittent occupations, such as shearing, bushfelling, and cropping, are the main lines that are followed. The number of sheep-farms worked and owned by Natives is increasing. Dairying,

however, is not so congenial and has fewer followers.

The sub-enumerators were, with one exception, all Maoris, and were all personally known to me.

I am confident that the work shown is as accurate as it is possible to be.

The village of Te Haroto is situated in both Wairoa and Hawke's Bay Counties, being on both sides of the common boundary (the road). The portion in the latter county contains forty-seven inhabitants; these figures are not included in this return, and will require to be added to those of the Hawke's Bay County.

Mr. J. Thomson, Enumerator for the Counties of Clifton, Eltham, Egmont, Hawera, Inglewood, Patea, Stratford, Taranaki, Waimate West, and Whangamomona.

The figures disclose a net increase of 153 over the whole of the counties affected. This is very gratifying, seeing that in 1918 the influenza epidemic swept over the whole of the Dominion, carrying

off a large proportion of the population.

Again nearly all the sub-enumerators report a difficulty experienced in getting the required information from the old Natives, followers of Te Whiti. They are to-day as loyal to their late chief and their "tikangas" as of old, and still continue their old custom of having a large meeting on the 18th of every month at appointed pas throughout the district, and the drink problem at these meetings and at tangis amongst the younger members is causing the leaders some considerable alarm. These gatherings are a great hindrance to the welfare of the Natives, more particularly to those who have started dairy-farming, as they often neglect their work to attend these meetings and tangis, which usually last two or three days and often a week. Another regrettable feature of the followers of Te Whiti is that they are letting pass by their children's opportunities and advantages by not sending them to school to educate them to fight their battles in the commercial world.

Since the Maoris have received freehold titles to their unleased lands during the last seven years it has given impetus to their farming and dairying projects. Through want of financial assistance in the early stages most of them have started with but few cows and gradually increased their herds, and in several instances they are now milking over sixty cows. It is only during the last eighteen months, when the majority of the Maoris have received financial assistance from the sales of their leasehold lands to the Crown, who are purchasing on behalf of the lessees, that they have been able to get properly established, and there are now 220 families supplying milk to the butter and cheese

factories.

It is now widely known amongst the Maoris that a new Department—i.e., Native Trust Office—is being opened up to look after their welfare, and they are looking forward to receive financial assistance to further their farming operations, as they are now realizing it is only by improving and cultivating their lands that they will be able to hold their own in the future.

The younger generation is gradually, by slowly breaking away from the old custom of communism and living in one large pa for the hapu, endeavouring to improve their mode of living by the erection of wooden houses, proper methods of sanitation, and working generally for Europeans.

The health generally of the Natives in the district may be termed good, but they would be greatly

assisted if skilled nurses were appointed to advise and assist.

Mr. A. H. Mackay, Enumerator for the Counties of Waitotara, Wanganui, Rangitikei, Waimarino, and Kaitieke.

The general health of the Maoris is very good. About forty-one succumbed during the influenza epidemic in 1918 in the Kaitieke County.

The Natives are very industrious in their various avocations—viz., farmers, sawmill hands, labourers, &c. In the Rangitikei County some difficulty was at first experienced by the subenumerator, Rangi Marumaru, but on obtaining the help of Mr. Ratana he was able to proceed with his work without further trouble.

MAORIS.—AGES AND SEXES.

Table showing the Maori Population in each County (including interior Boroughs and Town Districts) at the Census of the 17th April, 1921, classified according to Age and Sex.

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MAORIS.—AGES AND SEXES—continued.

TABLE SHOWING THE MAORI POPULATION IN EACH COUNTY (INCLUDING INTERIOR BOROUGHS AND TOWN DISTRICTS) AT THE CENSUS OF THE 17TH APRIL, 1921, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE AND SEX—continued.

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MAORIS—SEX, FULL-BLOOD AND HALF-BLOOD.

TABLE SHOWING THE MAORI POPULATION IN EACH COUNTY (INCLUDING INTERIOR BOROUGHS AND TOWN DISTRICTS) AT THE CENSUS OF 17TH APRIL, 1921, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO SEX AND FULL-BLOOD OR HALF-BLOOD.

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Coromandel	.	147	146	2	-	295	Westland	• •	16		25	17	69
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Rotorua		829	756	5	3	1,593	Cheviot	• •	ī		••	••	í
East Taupo		363	337	.3	4	707	Rangiora	• •	-57		19	22	141
Whakatane		1,259	1.086	25	33	2,403	Eyre	::	2		•••		3
Opotiki		826	772	49	34	1,681	Heathcote		5		• • •	4	119
Matakaoa		434	333	19	23	809	Mount Herbert		35		13	1	99
Waiapu		1,389	1.210	100	76	2,775	Akaroa		14	16	2		86
Waikohu		295	227	35	21	578	Chatham Islands	.,	101	87	32	25	245
Codk		592	532	65	36	1,225	Wairewa		31	41	7		87
Uawa		227	200	16	10	453	Ellesmere		29	12	6		55
Wairoa		1,504	1,235	98	69	2,906	Ashburton		11	5		1	17
Hawke's Bay	:	704	664	21	7	1,396	Geraldine		41	36	19		128
		61	55	7	10	133	Levels	٠.	16	17	6		46
Walpukurau		13	2	• •		15	Waimate		16	34	11	3	64
Patangata		86	87	² 1	1	175	Waitaki		21	23	3		47
Dannevirke	٠.	92	90	27	17	226	Waikouaiti	• •	10	16	2		29
		15	13	· • •	2	30	Peninsula		14	11	15		- 61
Weber	••	1	• • • • • •	••-	•••	1	Taieri		10	16	2	2	80
	••	182	160	7	4	353	Bruce	• •		1	• • -	•• .	1
	••	283	263	18	17	581	Clutha		8	7	2	6	23
	•*•	25	15	1	1	42	Tuapeka	• •	-1	• •	• •	• •	.1
	•••	394	345	9	7	755	Southland	•. •	4		25		54
	•••	11	. 7	3	1	22	Wallace	٠.	18		6		37
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	••	152	125	5	3	285	Grand totals, I	70-	zo,165	z3,470	1,743	1,373	oz, 751
Kaitieke	!	117	*86	19	-15	237	minion		1			1	

^{*}Including 6 males on shipboard.

[†]Including 2 males on shipboard.

MAORI AND HALF-CASTE POPULATION.

Table showing for each Census since 1891 the Maori Population (including Half-castes living as Maoris) in the North and South Islands and in the Dominion.

(Note.—Stewart Island and Chatham Islands are included with the South Island.)

	Census Year.				North Island.		S	outh Island		New Zealand.			
				Males.	Females.	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.*	Both Sexes.*	
1891 1896 1901 1906		,		21,725 20,343 21,923 24,161 24,935	$\begin{array}{c} 17,810 \\ 16,759 \\ 18,784 \\ 20,801 \\ 21,697 \end{array}$	39,535 37,102 40,707 44,962 46,632	1,136 1,330 1,197 1,377 1,540	1,071 1,193 1,043 1,181 1,423	2,207 2,523 2,240 2,558 2,963	22,861 21,673 23,120 25,538 26,475	19,132 18,181 20,023 22,193 23,369	41,993 39,854 43,143 47,731 49,844	
1916 1921	•••			24,991 26,812	$22,554 \\ 23,851$	47,545 50,663 alf-castes	$\begin{matrix} 942 \\ 1,096 \end{matrix}$	910 992	1,852 2,088	25,933 27,908	23,843 24,843	49,776 52,75	
1891	•••			1,125 1,395 1,379 1,657 1,760 1,677 1,391	872 1,082 1,138 1,328 1,391 1,358 1,067	1,997 2,477 2,517 2,985 3,151 3,035 2,458	344 549 315 494 531 237 352	340 477 301 459 499 257 306	684 1,026 616 953 1,030 494 658	1,469 1,944 1,694 2,151 2,291 1,914 1,743	1,212 1,559 1,439 1,787 1,890 1,615	2,681 3,503 3,133 3,938 4,181 3,529 3,116	

^{*} Including, prior to 1921, Maori wives of Europeans—not shown by Islands. castes living as Europeans are included in the European population.

MAORI POPULATION UNDER AND OVER 15.

Table showing Maori Population under and over 15 Years of Age at Successive Censuses, by Islands and Sexes.

(Note.—Stewart Island and the Chatham Islands are included with the South Island.)

			No	rth Island.		Sc	outh Islan	đ.		New Ze	aland.	
Census Year.			Under 15.	15 and over.	Unspeci- fied.	Under 15.	15 and over.	Unspeci- fied.	Under 15.	15 and over.*	Unspeci- fied.	Totals.*
						Males						
1891			7,123	14,483	119	431	704	1 1	7.554	15,187	120 1	22,861
896	••	• •	7,097	13,226	20	543	787		7,640	14,013	20	21,67
1901	• • •	• •	7,998	13,909	16	473	723	1	8,471	14,632	17	23,120
1906	• •		9,179	14,915	67	562	804	11	9,741	15,719	78	25,538
1900	••		9,694	15,205	34	642	895	3	10,336	16,100	37	26,473
1911 1916	· [• • * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	• •	10,247	14,648	97	439	506	3	10,686	15.154	100	25.940
1921	••		10,443	16,338	31	560	527	9	11,003	16,865	40	27,908
						Female	28.					
1891			6,255	11,437	1. 118	442	628	1	6,697	12,316	119	19,13
1896	••	•••	6,117	10,638	4	491	702		6,608	11,569	4	18,18
1901	• •	• •	7,187	11,584	13	424	619		7,611	12,399	13	20,02
1906	• •	• •	8,195	12,551	55	481	692	8	8,676	13,454	63	22,19
1911	• • •	• •	8,932	12,747	20	634	789		9,566	13,785	20	23,37
1916	• •	• •	9,429	13.065	59	421	480	3	9,850	13,924	62	23,83
1921	••		9,650	14,185	16	418	566	8	10,068	14,751	24	24,84
						Both Se	xes.					
1001			13,378	25,920	237	873	1,332	2	14,251	27,503	239	41,99
1891	• •	• •	13,214	23,864	24	1,034	1,489		14,248	25,582	24	39,85
1896	••	• •	15,185	25,493	29	897	1,342		16,082	27,031	30	43,14
1901	••	• •	17,374	27,466	122	1.043	1,496	19	18,417	29.173	141	47,73
1906	••	• •	18,626	$\frac{27,400}{27,952}$	54	1.276	1,684	3	19,902	29,885	57	49,84
1911	• •	• •	19,676	27,713	156	860	986	6	20,536	29,078*		49.77
1916	••	• •	20,093	$\frac{27,713}{30,523}$		978	1.093	17	21,071	31,616	64	52.75
1921	••	• •	20,093	30,523	41	910	1,000	1	21,071	51,010	0.1	02,00

^{*} Including, prior to 1921, Maori wives of Europeans—not shown by Islands.

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 $[\]dagger$ These are half-castes living as Maoris. The half-