

NATIVE LEDGER TRIAL BALANCE AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1928—*continued*.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2,555	7	2	156	6	4	Brought forward	4,589	6	1	297	5	2
Noti te Hau	0	3	0				Te Ruaoterangi	1	3	4			
Oriwia Tipoki	5	17	6				Rina Rangireremoana				1	19	10
Te Oti Waitai	0	14	0				Samson Pohatu	172	16	0			
Pita te Hau	914	8	2				Sundry debtors	28	15	11			
Paora te Hau	510	11	4				Sundry creditors				0	16	7
Pchi te Ua	3	0	0				Sydney	5	0	0			
Pita te Hau, jun.				2	2	0	Tautahi Pakena	5	10	0			
Pita Whangawehi				64	9	8	Tipuna Riki	88	4	5			
Pene Waikare	16	13	4				Taka Wairama	9	6	0			
Piriniha Waipapa	16	13	4				Tu Niania	0	11	8			
Te Paea Peka	3	10	0				Tautahi Pohatu	0	10	0			
Pani Teira	0	2	10				Tame Parereti	3	9	11			
Peho Moana	0	14	6				Tame Pirika	0	17	6			
Pu Mokena	3	10	0				Tame Mateu	3	10	0			
Pera Waaka	13	15	3				Taronga Harawira	0	7	0			
Piripa Paku	10	0	0				Tere te Apu	3	10	0			
Paratene te Hu	2	12	11				Tiaki Peka	0	4	2			
Ra Bartlett	1	15	8				Tinia Totoru	1	15	0			
Rakai Tamihana	27	13	1				Toko Rihara	10	10	0			
Renata Tupeka	392	9	6				Tamanukiri Apatari	3	10	5			
Rawiri Karaka				74	7	2	Tiripa Paku	16	4	5			
Rihai Poipoi	8	10	0				Tuaha Kara	4	0	0			
Rangi Ehu	43	6	10				Wi Hone	3	0	0			
Rutene Tuhi	4	2	0				Whareraupo	5	0	0			
Raiha Taurima	5	5	0				Wiremu Karamaena	96	16	10			
Ramari Waru	0	17	6				Waapu Ruawai	0	16	2			
Rangi Pepuere	3	10	0				Waiherere te Hau	0	17	6			
Rangi te Rito	26	18	10				Warihia Rota	1	15	0			
Rare Toheriri	2	6	8				Watene Kara	0	3	0			
Te Rata Peka	0	4	2				Wi Totoru	4	7	6			
Rawiri Tamairiao	3	10	0				Wiremu Patereti	1	1	0			
Te Rina Whaanga	3	10	0				Wiki Wairau	0	3	6			
Ripeka Waitai	0	14	0				Wini Peka	0	4	2			
Rongo Hitu	0	8	10				Wiremu Kaimoana	5	2	6			
Ropata Waitai	0	14	0										
Rora te Ihi	5	16	8										
Carried forward	4,589	6	1	297	5	2		5,068	9	0	300	1	7

SIR,—

Wellington, 7th August, 1928.

I have to report that I have completed the audit of the accounts of the East Coast Native Trust lands for the year ended 31st March, 1928, and have the following comments to make thereon:—

Stock Accounts.—I have accepted without reservation the statement of live-stock at the various farms as certified by Mr. H. Syme, Farm Superintendent, and by Mr. J. Harvey, Agent for the East Coast Commissioner at Gisborne.

Farm Accounts.—Mangapoi 2B Current Account has now been debited to the Mahurangi Station. The amount transferred is £7,359 7s. 4d.

Distribution.—Further distributions have been made to the Natives from several blocks during the current year. As in past years, in some instances cheques were handed to the Native Department for distribution to the various Natives concerned. I have vouched only the receipts from the Native Lands Department of the total moneys received, but have not checked the individual receipts of the Natives. The accounts of the Native Land Department are audited by a Government Auditor who is stationed at Gisborne. I have checked the amounts which have been paid direct from the East Coast Trust and have obtained receipts for these. I have adopted the same procedure as last year, and have arranged, with the consent of the East Coast Commissioner, for the Government Auditor to check the individual payments.

Date of Farm Accounts.—While in Gisborne I had a long interview with the Farm Superintendent (Mr. Syme), Mr. J. Harvey (Agent for the East Coast Commissioner), together with the Native Trustee, as to the date when the farm accounts should be taken. We were unanimously agreed that the 30th June would be the most suitable time, as all fat stock would then be disposed of, and there would be little outstanding in regard to wool and frozen meat. I suggest that this date should in future be taken for closing the accounts.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accounts are correct.

Attached hereto please find a set of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1928.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR T. CLARKE, Auditor.

The Hon. the Minister of Native Affairs, Wellington.

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