

STATEMENT OF LIVE-STOCK DEPARTURED ON STATIONS AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1937.

Station.	Sheep.		Cattle.		Horses.		Totals.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Iwinui	2,226	1,725 10 0	495	1,709 10 0	15	255 0 0	2,736	3,690 0 0
Kopua	3,946	2,688 10 0	635	2,046 0 0	6	30 0 0	4,587	4,764 10 0
Mahurangi	6,742	4,864 1 0	858	3,026 10 0	11	130 0 0	7,611	8,020 11 0
Mangaotane	6,648	4,661 11 0	511	2,336 0 0	12	60 0 0	7,171	7,057 11 0
Onenui	7,766	5,210 1 0	1,040	3,342 10 0	38	415 0 0	8,844	8,967 11 0
Patemaru	3,613	2,477 19 0	533	1,771 10 0	11	70 0 0	4,157	4,319 9 0
Papuni	9,158	6,227 11 0	749	2,725 0 0	24	150 0 0	9,931	9,102 11 0
Pakowhai	676	526 2 0	33	104 10 0	3	60 0 0	712	690 12 0
Pohaturoa	7,302	5,197 17 0	619	2,097 10 0	14	70 0 0	7,935	7,365 7 0
Paroa (Flock)	6,071	4,255 9 0	399	1,366 10 0	37	476 0 0	6,507	6,097 19 0
„ (Stud)	252	290 11 0	140	1,302 12 0	..	..	392	1,593 3 0
Waimaha	4,906	3,336 16 0	586	2,271 0 0	18	150 0 0	5,510	5,757 16 0
Willows	186	127 0 0	3	11 0 0	..	..	189	138 0 0
	59,492	41,588 18 0	6,601	24,110 2 0	189	1,866 0 0	66,282	67,565 0 0

SIR,—

15th October, 1937.

We report that we have completed the audit of the accounts of the East Coast Native Trust Lands for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1937, and attach hereto a set of the foregoing accounts.

We have the following comments to make:—

Freehold Property.—We have not inspected the title-deeds relative to the properties of the Trust, but have accepted certificates from the Public Trustee, the Solicitors to the Trust, and the State Advances Corporation that they are holding them on behalf of the East Coast Commissioner.

Stock Accounts.—We have accepted the numbers and value of the live-stock on the stations as at 30th June, 1937, as certified to by the farm-managers and Mr. H. Symes, Farm Superintendent.

Pohaturoa Posts Suspense, £1,337 1s. 4d.—We would refer you to our report of the 23rd October, 1936, wherein we stated that this account represents the amount expended in connection with the formation of a road through the Pohaturoa property, and also the cost of making posts from an area of bush to which this road has given access. We understand that the posts are now being used, and the amounts to be charged to the stations in the nature of royalties will be set off against this account.

Distributions.—In cases where payments have been made to Natives during the year under review through the Tairāwhiti District Maori Land Board, we have accepted the Board's receipts for the moneys paid to them, but have not checked the individual receipts of the Natives concerned. The same procedure has been adopted as in previous years, and the individual receipts from the Natives will be checked by the Government Auditors in the course of their audit of the Tairāwhiti District Maori Land Board.

The following distributions have been made during the year under review:—

Mangapoike 2A .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,604	5	3
Mangapoike 2A 3 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	520	0	0
Mangaheia 2D and 2E .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	742	15	3
Mangapoike 2B .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	0	0
Mangapoike 2E .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	263	7	4
Paremata No. 48 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	0	0
Paremata No. 64, No. 2 Account .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	793	6	8
Tahora 2c 1, Section 3 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,224	1	0
Tahora 2c 3, Section 2 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,940	1	6
Tahora 2f 2, Section 2 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,400	3	3
Tawapata South No. 1 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	543	2	6
Whaitiri No. 2 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	298	4	1
									£12,757	6	10

Bad Debts Reserve.—Authority has been obtained from the Native Land Court for the writing-back of interest allowed on credit balances up to the 30th June, 1933, and such interest has been credited to the above account. In our opinion all entries passed through this account for the years ended 30th June, 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1937, should also be authorized.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, we certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief the accounts signed by us are correct.

We have, &c.,

CLARKE, MENZIES, GRIFFIN, AND CO.,

The Hon. the Minister of Native Affairs, Wellington, C. 1.

Public Accountants, Auditors.

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