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TRUST COMMISSIONER, AUCKLAND,

(REPORT BY THE, RELATING TO ALIENATION OF LANDS BY NATIVES IN AUCKLAND PROVINCE.)

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

The Hon. Colonel HAULTAIN to the Hon the NATIVE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Trust Commissioner's Office, Auckland, 14th July, 1876.

I have the honor to furnish the following Report of Lands alienated by the Natives in the Province of Auckland, the deeds relating to which have been submitted to the Trust Commissioner for certificate under "The Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act, 1870," during the year ended the 30th June, 1876.

Two hundred and ten deeds have been received in the office.

Certificates refused.—Certificates were refused in five cases; in three, because the land was inalienable except by lease for twenty-one years, and in the other two instances, because the land was held by the grantees in trust for the tribe.

Lands sold.—437,788 acres of land were purchased by the Government for £33,669 7s. 5d., about 1s. 3½d. per acre; 60,182 acres were sold to private individuals for £10,186 15s., or 3s. 3½d. per acre; and thirteen town lots were sold for £915, or £70 7s. 8d. per lot.

Lands leased.—98,500 acres were leased by the Government for £200 per annum, about ½d. per acre; 2,528 acres were leased to private individuals for £244 2s. per annum, or nearly 1s. 11¾d. per acre, with a premium of £80 in one case. Eleven town lots were leased for £145 5s. per annum, or £13 11s. per lot.

Forest Lands.—968 acres were leased for £25 per annum; and 533 acres were let at a nominal rent, with a royalty of £1 on every kauri tree over twenty-four inches in diameter.

Mortgages.—£1,547 15s. has been lent on mortgages of 3,338 acres of land.

I have, &c.,

T. M. HAULTAIN,
Trust Commissioner.

The Hon. the Native Minister.

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