

1228. You are quite sure that this is your signature, Mr. Kanara?—Yes.
 1229. I find here on a claim attested by you the name of Wi Tiki?—Yes.
 1230. Did he sign that?—Yes. He wrote his name himself.
 1231. In your presence?—Yes, in my presence.
 1232. Here is another—Henare Taumataiti?—Yes; I know him.
 1233. Was he there?—He was there.
 1234. Did he sign that in your presence?—Yes, he wrote his name in my presence.
 1235. There is still another—Ihaka Taiawarua. Was he present?—Yes.
 1236. And did he sign his name in your presence?—Yes.
 1237. There is another—Hakaraia Hawarau?
 1238. Was he present?—He was present, and wrote his own name.
 1239. Did you attest his signature at the time?—Yes; at the time he signed his name.
 1240. Do you observe the ink in which your name appears is paler than the ink in which the claimant has signed?—Perhaps it was on account of the pen, because there were many pens used when those names were signed.
 1241. However, you feel perfectly sure you attested the signature at the time it was signed?—Yes.
 1242. Do you know Matenga Paerata?—I know him.
 1243. Did he sign at the time?—Yes.
 1244. And you attested it at the time?—Yes, at the same time.
 1245. You will observe, Mr. Kanara, that the colour of the ink appears to be the same in both the signatures in this claim?—They appear to be alike.
 1246. Were you not aware that it was wrong to state that the claims had been signed in your presence when, in fact, the claimant was not there, and some one else signed for him?—It is correct; it is wrong.
 1247. You admit that it is wrong?—Yes; I admit it is wrong.
 1248. *Mr. Landon.*] Do you know Henare Taumataiti?—I do know him.
 1249. Do you know his age?—I think he is about thirty years of age. I think he is much more than twenty-five, because he has many children—five.
 1250. How long have you known him? Have you been boys together?—Yes.
 1251. Which is the elder of the two?—I think he is the elder.
 1252. What is the age of the younger brother?—He is more than twenty-one. He is about twenty-two or twenty-three. I think he is more than twenty-one.
 1253. How many years are there between him and his brother, do you think?—I cannot say.
 1254. Do you know how many children the parent of these two men in question had?—Only two.

TIMOTI POIHIPI (Busby) sworn and examined.

1255. Where do you reside?—At Pukepoto.
 1256. Are you an elector of this district?—Yes.
 1257. When did your name first get on the roll?—I think it was in 1870, when Mr. McLeod and the other were voted for.
 1258. Was it subsequently removed from the roll?—I do not know.
 1259. Did you at any time subsequently to 1870 make an application to be placed on the roll?—I do not think so. I have forgotten. I do not think my name has been struck off the roll, because I am in the habit of voting. My vote is always good at the election.
 1260. Are you acquainted with the dwellings of the Natives in this district?—I am acquainted with some of them.
 1261. Will you give me the names of Natives of your acquaintance who are living in good houses?—I am only acquainted with some of the houses. That was my answer to your question. When I say that I know some of the houses, I mean houses in my own settlement.
 1262. Will you give me the name of one man who lives in a good house?—One man who has a good house in my district is Hohepa te Kaka.
 1263. What size is it?—About the size of the room in which we are now, but not as high [14 feet by 11 feet].
 1264. What materials is it composed of?—Mere raupo.
 1265. Has it windows?—No.
 1266. What sort of doors has it?—Not a door like this. The ordinary Maori house doors.
 1267. Do you know of any other man living in a good house?—Ngata Nahire. His house is like Hohepa's.
 1268. What would it cost to build a house of that kind?—I think a house like Hohepa's would have cost £4 10s.
 1269. Do you know of any Maoris living in wooden houses?—I do know of some Natives living in wooden houses.
 1270. Will you give me the name of one?—I could tell you the name, but I saw the house at a distance.
 1271. Whom did it belong to?—Wharerau.
 1272. Was that house his own?—It was his own. This house is at Victoria.
 1273. Do you know of any other Maori living in a wooden house?—Hori Kati has a wooden house. He is an uncle of Wharerau's.
 1274. Do you know of any other?—These are the only wooden houses in that district.
 1275. Do you know whether the occupiers of these houses have made application to be placed on the roll?—I do not know.
 1276. *Mr. Landon.*] Have you examined this electoral roll?—Yes.
 1277. Have you written this list of names from it?—Yes.

Wiremu Kanara.

March 17, 1879.

Timoti Poihipi.

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