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over the country, the unhappy results of which, as foreseen by the Commissioners of 1880, are too often evident to the eye of the most casual observer who visits

Hawera, Manaia, Opunake, or any other part of the district.

In conclusion, I may, I hope, be permitted to express my sense of the cordial co-operation which I have received in my labours from your Excellency's Ministers, and the gratification which I feel that they have been able to advise in every single instance the adoption of the recommendations which from time to time I have had the honour to make. Nor must I omit to record the grateful sense which I entertain of the invaluable assistance rendered by Major Parris (of whose services I was able, by an arrangement with the Government, to avail myself) in laboriously working out the practical details of a vast amount of very difficult business. His long experience in the service of the Government as Civil Commissioner, in the Taranaki District; his extensive acquaintance with all the Natives in it; his exact and minute acquaintance with the land titles and tribal relations; the great personal respect deservedly entertained for him by the Natives; his entire abstinence all through a long career from all speculation in Native lands; these and many other qualifications which no other living person known to myself combined in an equal degree, were faithfully and zealously, during the whole period of my operations, brought to bear by him in contributing to their success. I am also desirous of expressing my entire satisfaction with the services of Mr. Ernest Dillon Bell, who has filled the post of secretary both of the Commission of 1880 and that which I have since held, and whose zeal, industry, intelligence, tact, and ability have been to me of very great value.

Which is with very great respect submitted to your Excellency.

WILLIAM Fox.

Wellington, 3rd June, 1884.

Summary of Native Land in the Confiscated Territory adjudicated upon by the West Coast Commissioner, under "The West Coast Settlement (North Island) Act, 1880."

[Exclusive of land granted by Government under other Acts.]

	Number of Grants.	Number of Grantees.	Area.	Total.
A.—Lands granted or in course of being granted:— (i.) Reserves (Appendix I., Schedule A),— (1.) Waitotara to Patea (2.) Patea to Waingongoro (3.) Waingongoro to Taungatara (4.) Taungatara to Moutoti (5.) Moutoti to Waiweranui (6.) Waiweranui to Omata (7.) Bell Block to White Cliffs (ii.) Compensation Awards (Appendix I., Schedule B),— Division I.—Waipingao to Titoki "II.—Titoki to Urenui "III.—Urenui to Rau-o-te-Huia	41 39 42 12 41 56 68 20 35 38	639 1,328 676 250 578 351 1,382 12 35 38	A. R. P. 11,069	A. B. P.
B.—Lands mostly surveyed by Commission and reported upon, but, for reasons given, not recommended to be granted at present (Appendix I., Schedule C) C.—Lands to be conveyed to Natives by way of exchange (Appendix I., Schedule D.) Total	392 	5,289	••	201,395 0 12,764 8 14 516-0 0 214,675 8 14