

I have to record my thanks to Mr. George Brown, licensed interpreter, of Auckland, who kindly found me Natives to act as sub-enumerators for Eden and part of Manukau Counties, and Great Barrier and Waiheke Islands. The Europeans in Auckland with a knowledge of the Maori language, to whom I offered the work in the first instance, refused to act, because of the small payment allowed. Had it not been for the assistance rendered by Mr. Brown in supplying me with suitable Natives to do the work, I should have had to proceed to Auckland myself and make the arrangements that he made for me.

Maoris, males	...	...	...	5				M.	F.
" females	...	...	...	4	Under 15	...	...	...	1 2
Half-castes, males...	...	...	...	1	Over 15	...	...	...	5 4
" females	...	...	...	2					

I enclose herewith the schedules from which I made up my final returns for your information ; and I am also sending by to-day's mail all my census-books for your inspection.

GEO. T. WILKINSON, Government Native Agent.

The Under-Secretary, Native Department, Wellington.

No. 5.

SIR,—

I have the honour to forward by to-day's post the books supplied for census purposes of Natives resident in the Counties of Tauranga, Rotorua, and Whakatane. My return also includes sixty-nine persons who reside in the Taupo County; these were included in my sub-enumerator's return by arrangement; they principally reside at Ohaki, and small settlements in that locality. There are forty-five males and twenty-four females, of whom thirty are male adults and fifteen under fifteen years. Of the twenty-four females twelve are adults, and twelve under fifteen years.

The general health of the Natives has been fairly good, no serious epidemic has affected them. Taking into consideration their irregular and careless mode of life, the mortality does not appear to be excessive. Only one case of violent death has taken place, so far as is known. Some six Natives, however, have lost their lives through eating alleged poisoned bush-honey. The sub-enumerators only report one case of supposed leprosy at Te Awahou, near Rotorua. This disease is termed *ngere ngere* by the Natives. This man (Ereatara) has no family.

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R. S. BUSH, R.M.