

*1 acre 2 roods 14 perches, Rangiaohia, Waikato—Church Site.*

The Very Reverend Father *McDonald* states: On this property there is a church and school, and a residence for a priest. M. Vinay, who is the resident clergyman here, had a school, for which he regularly received the capitation allowance.

*191 acres, Rangiaohia, Waikato—Native School.*

The Very Reverend Father *McDonald* states: I believe this property was leased, but the tenant was unable to fulfil the conditions of his lease in consequence of the state of the country. I believe a part of the land is improved and grassed. I cannot say whether M. Vinay maintains any school here at present. He may have a few boys staying with him. I know of one who has been a scholar in our institution for seven or eight years past.

Mr. *A. Sinclair*, being duly sworn, states: In reference to the Roman Catholic church site at Rangiaohia, I believe there are buildings on it, and that there is a priest resident there. The land itself is within the proclamation of confiscation, but land including it, amounting to 6 acres 2 roods 8 perches, has been set aside and exempted from sale or selection, as before stated in reference to the Church of England site. This grant has also been prepared, but not yet issued.

I will prepare a statement and submit it to the Commissioners, giving such information as is in my power with respect to the position, areas, &c., of these and the other lands in the Waikato District which have been formerly granted, and appear to be affected by the proclamation above named.

Also, with respect to the Native hostelry and the washing-ground in Mechanics' Bay, and the Native hostelry at Onehunga, I will endeavour to obtain information.

NOTE.—For further information as to position of Waikato Religious and Educational Grants, see letter of Mr. Commissioner Heale, Appendix.

*Various Church Sites in Villages.*

The Very Reverend Father *McDonald* states: We have a clergyman who visits Whangarei, Matakana, and Albertland, and other of the Northern districts; also, one who visits Mongonui; also, one who visits the northern portion of the Waikato District. We have not resident ministers or chapels at any of these places, in which population is very sparse. Visits of clergymen to these districts are not always regular, but they are announced as long beforehand as is possible, in order to give as much convenience to the inhabitants as possible. These selections are made in anticipation of their eventually becoming centres of population. The clergyman from Rangiaohia visits Raglan regularly, since we have but a small population of our communion resident there, which could not support a resident clergyman.

There was a clergyman resident at Coromandel, and a church built—not on the free grant, but on the mainland. He is at present absent on account of his health, but visits continue to be made to the district.

*Lot 22, Section 8, 5 acres 18 perches, Suburbs of Auckland—Cemetery.*

The Very Reverend Father *McDonald* states: I know the allotment in question, which is used for the purpose of a cemetery, in accordance with the trust. About six years back, on my return from Rome, I raised a sum by public subscription, which I used for placing the cemetery in a proper condition. The church of St. Francis de Sales and a sexton's house are built within the cemetery, the whole representing an outlay, during the time named, of about £1,000. This church being used as a mortuary as well as a parochial chapel, I consider the occupation to be within the terms of the trust.

*Lot 26a, Section 11, 2 roods, Takapuna—Cemetery.*

The Very Reverend Father *McDonald* states: I believe that as yet no interments have taken place here. In case of any deaths in the North Shore District, the interments have, till the present time, been made either at Auckland or in land in another portion of the district obtained from Mr. P. Callan. I think this site may be required before long for the erection of a church. It was in contemplation to lease this allotment for a short time (reserving a part for the purpose of the trust), in order to have the land fenced and improved, as the population resident are not in a position to incur the expense themselves, but the project was not carried out.

*Lot 10, Section 25, 1 rood 2 perches, City of Auckland—Native Church.*

The Very Reverend Father *McDonald* states: I know the property in question, which has been sold under the authority of "The Roman Catholic Endowments Sales Act, 1858," and the moneys invested in accordance with the requirements of the Act. In this I speak to the best of my knowledge. I have already stated that the building erected on lot 15 of section 8 of the suburbs was not a church. A church might probably have been erected here, but that one had been recently built very near that site, which was considered sufficient. I will ascertain, if possible, the amount realized by the sale of the property in Nelson Street, and the nature of its appropriation. The allotment was sold to Mr. Samuel Cochrane. I think only the Bishop could give this information positively.

Mr. *Samuel Cochrane*, having been duly sworn, states: My name is Samuel Cochrane. I reside in Auckland, and am an auctioneer. I have not been able to find the account sales for the property at the corner of Wyndham and Nelson Streets, sold by order of the Roman Catholic Bishop in the year 1859, which I was employed by him to sell, but I find, from the butt of my cheque-book (produced), that the whole sum then paid by me to Bishop Pompallier was £156 0s. 3d. I had no other property of his to sell at the time.