

The last two reserves mentioned in the Waikato District, and the four in the Auckland District, are, I believe, awards of the Compensation Court, for which grants have been authorised to be issued.

When I appeared before the Commissioners I was not aware that the Bishop of New Zealand had brought any claims before the Compensation Court. I have since applied at the Civil Commissioner's Office, and have obtained copies of the Bishop's Statement of Claims, and Mr. Mackay's relinquishment of the same on behalf of the Crown.

I regret to state that the plans of the Kohanga Grants are nowhere to be found; but I have obtained and attach hereto tracings from the marginal plans on the Crown Grants, which are in the charge of the Rev. Mr. Dudley at the Bishop's library.

The lines in red on the large tracing indicate the outline of grant of 280 acres laid down by me on a plan of recent survey.

The lines in yellow indicate the outline of the grant of 470 acres, as replotted from the marginal plan on the Crown Grant, to the same scale as the plan of recent survey. [Tracings not published.]

Accompanying are tracings showing the lands mentioned in the statement.

*Gazette* No. 48, of 12th August, 1868, contains the only other reserves in the Waikato District which have been notified as having been set apart for public purposes.

I give this as part of my evidence.

16th April, 1869.

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#### *Lands in the Waikato District granted for Educational and Religious Purposes.*

1. Awamutu School Grant, 173 acres 3 perches (1853).—Grant to the Church Missionary Society. Lot No. 323, in the Parish of Puniu. The description of the land in the Crown Grant is incorrect, but the boundaries indicated have been followed as nearly as possible, and the quantity of land set apart by recent survey is larger than that mentioned in the original grant.

2. Puniu.—Grant to the Bishop of New Zealand in trust for educational purposes. Lot No. 322, in the Parish of Mangapiko, containing 870 acres. The land described in the Crown Grant has recently been surveyed. The original boundaries have been followed, and the whole of the land remains uninterfered with.

3. Rangiaowhia, Church Site, 3 roods 22 perches.—A fresh draft grant has been prepared in favour of the Bishop of New Zealand in trust for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, for Lot No. 196a, Parish of Puniu, containing 2 acres 2 roods 32 perches, and probably the same has now been executed by His Excellency the Governor.

4. Rangiaowhia, Church Site, 1 acre 2 rood 14 perches.—A fresh grant has been prepared in favour of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland, in trust for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, for Lot No. 188, in the Parish of Puniu, containing 6 acres 2 rood 8 perches.

5. Rangiaowhia, 191 acres, grant to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland.—This land has been numbered 340, in the Parish of Puniu. A larger area than that mentioned in the grant has been reserved.

6. Hopuhopu, 1385 acres, granted to the Bishop of New Zealand for educational purposes.—The survey from which the grant was prepared was found to be inaccurate, but the original lines have been followed as nearly as possible, and the same area has been reserved.

7. Pepepe, 133 acres 3 roods, grant to the Bishop of New Zealand for educational purposes.—The boundaries of the land reserved differ slightly from those mentioned in the Crown Grant. The area is the same.

8. Kohanga School Grants, 280 and 470 acres.—The accompanying tracing show the discrepancies which exist between the lands described in the grants and recent surveys.

The Opuatia Grant to the Ngatitipa Tribe appears to include about 24 acres of the land described in the grant of 470 acres. The portion tinted pink containing about 235 acres, included in the same grant, forms a portion of a block of 700 acres which has been awarded as compensation to Nini and Hori Kukutai.

9. Maratai, 168 acres.—An encroachment was contemplated on this block by the original design for the town of Port Waikato, but the limits of the town have now been so much diminished that no infringement may be required.

10. Rangiriri, 1 acre 2 roods, Lot No. 108.—Grant prepared in favour of the Bishop of New Zealand, in trust for religious, charitable, and educational purposes; not yet issued.

11. Whangape, 3 roods.—Same as Rangiriri.

#### *Auckland District.*

12. Ihumatao, 6 acres 2 roods, Lot No. 169a.—Grant prepared in favour of Chairman of Wesleyan Missions. Trust clause to be filled up at Wellington. Grant not issued.

13. Pukaki, 5 acres 3 roods 30 perches, Lot No. 154.—Grant prepared in favour of the Bishop of New Zealand, in trust for religious, charitable, and educational purposes.

14. Village of Mangere, Church Site, 3 acres, Lot No. 10.—Grant ordered to be prepared in favour of the Bishop of New Zealand, for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. Before preparing the draft grant I found, on inquiry, that a grant for this allotment had been prepared at Wellington, and issued in favour of Honana Maioha, Matiri Toha and Tutere te Aho.

#### *Opotiki District.*

15. Opotiki, Church Site, 1 rood 32 perches, Lot No. 49.—Grant prepared in favour of the Bishop of New Zealand, for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. Grant not yet issued.

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