

1903.
NEW ZEALAND.

MAORI LANDS ADMINISTRATION ACTS
(EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH ADMINISTRATION OF NATIVE LANDS UNDER).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 21st August, 1903.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing all expenses in connection with the administration of Native lands, under 'The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900,' and its amendments; such return to include (1) salaries and payments made to Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and other members of the Council, Clerks, or other staff, with travelling-expenses; (2) cost of all surveys, including original and partition, particularising each block; (3) the amount expended upon each block; (4) the amount of revenue derived from each block, &c.; (5) information as to what fund money has been advanced from in these connections."—(Mr. A. L. D. FRASER.)

EXPENSES in connection with the ADMINISTRATION of NATIVE LANDS under "The Maori Lands Administration Act, 1900," and its Amendments, from the 20th October, 1900, to the 31st March, 1903.

	£	s.	d.
1. Salaries and payments made to Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and other members of the Council, Clerks, or other staff, with travelling-expenses, as per Part I. herewith	3,064	17	4
2. Cost of surveys, &c., as per Part II. herewith	122	8	10
Total	3,187	6	2

PART I.—SALARIES and PAYMENTS made to Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and other Members of the Council, Clerks, or other Staff, with Travelling-expenses, from the 20th October, 1900, to the 31st March, 1903.

	Salaries.	Travelling-allowances and Transit Expenses.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Election of Councils	...	...	514 3 0
Taking plébiscite on boundary disputes	...	...	78 9 1
Payments to Presidents of Councils	...	222 4 1	222 4 1
Payments to Vice-Presidents of Councils	...	...	...
Payments to other members of Councils	269 0 0	169 16 2	438 16 2
Payments to Clerks or other staff	1,524 4 8	237 13 10	1,761 18 6
Payments of other contingencies	...	...	49 6 6
Total	1,793 4 8	629 14 1	3,064 17 4

The fund from which this money has been advanced is the Consolidated Fund for the financial years ended the 31st March, 1902, and the 31st March, 1903, namely:—

	£	s.	d.
From Vote 29 of the year 1901-2	1,108	18	6
From Vote 29 of the year 1902-3	1,955	18	10
Total	3,064	17	4

PART II.—COSTS of SURVEYS, &c.

The cost of the original surveys of the five Ohotu blocks was £1,942 18s., for which a lien on the land is held by the Surveyor-General. These surveys were executed before the transfer of the land to the Council.

The amount expended on surveys since the transfer of the land to the Council is £122 8s. 10d. No other expenditure has been incurred under the head of surveys.

There has been no expenditure beyond the foregoing amounts, which will spread over an area of some 93,000 acres.

With the exception of a sum of £253 15s. 6d., collected as fees under the Act, no revenues have as yet accrued.

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