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NEW ZEALAND.

WEST COAST SETTLEMENT RESERVES AND OTHER NATIVE
RESERVES VESTED IN THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE

(RETURN OF), WITH FULL PARTICULARS THEREOF; TOGETHER WITH LISTS OF BENEFICIARIES
AND THEIR INTERESTS.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 18th October, 1905.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) The total area of the land held and administered by the Public Trustee on behalf of Natives under 'The West Coast Settlement Reserves Act, 1892': (2) the number of blocks this area was partitioned into in the first instance; the number of the grant of each block and the area of each; the name or names of the owners of each grant for each block; the term of the leases operating over each block or parts of each block; the rental per year; the share or shares of each owner in each block; and the amount of rent per year each owner is entitled to: (3) the names of owners who have not drawn rents by reason of 'Parihaka teachings': (4) the balance of land not yet leased: (5) the names of Maoris holding lands leased to them by the Public Trustee under the annual-occupation-license system; the area each license contains; and the rental each Maori pays to the Public Trustee for such license: (6) the latest rating-value and land-tax value, and the Government valuation of all the lands now under lease to Europeans and Maoris: (7) a schedule giving the number of the grants and the number of grants each owner has an interest in, the total number of acres each person owns, and the total rental payable to each per annum: (8) a similar return of all other reserves held and administered by the Public Trustee in other parts of the Dominion as well as the 'tenths' of Wellington and the Middle Island; and that copies of such returns be supplied to each Registrar of the Native Land Court, and also to Presidents and members of Maori Land Councils, to guide them in regard to inquiries to be made under sections 21 and 25 of 'The Maori Land Administration Act, 1900,' as well as sections 46 and 53 of 'The Native Land Court Act, 1894,' and other statutory provisions enacted for the purpose of protecting and preventing Maoris from becoming landless, or being made landless by devise by wills or removal of restrictions for the purpose of the sale of Native lands."—(MR. HEKE.)