

morally bound during the period of preparation to specified intending lessees, who advance the necessary funds. The blocks are, in fact, incorporated only when tenants are found and the general details of the bargain are settled.

The area shown in the schedule (5) of the lands (the titles whereof have been ascertained) not dealt with by us is comprised chiefly of blocks so far in the interior that no settlement can reach them for many years to come. The lands adjoining have been in the possession of the Crown for more than twenty years, but are at present inaccessible. Settlement must pass over the intervening papatupu land to reach this hinterland if, as is doubtful, it is at all suitable for cultivation and human occupation.

EAST COAST TRUST LANDS.

Portions of Tahora No. 2 Block, situate within Opotiki County, amounting to 12,949 acres, are vested in the Commissioner under "The East Coast Trust Lands Act, 1902," and amendments. We have already dealt with these in our report on Cook County.

Inclusive of this area, but exclusive of lands under lease or negotiation for lease, the area of Native land available for general settlement in the Opotiki County is 28,669 acres.

We have the honour to be
Your Excellency's obedient servants,

ROBERT STOUT,
A. T. NGATA,
Commissioners.

SCHEDULE.

1. LANDS LEASED OR UNDER NEGOTIATIONS FOR LEASE.

Name of Block.	Owners.	Area.			Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.	
Awaawakino B	195	2,011	0	0	Incorporated. Lease pending.
Hiwarau A	44	785	0	0	Under negotiation.
" B	33	475	0	0	"
Houpoto	78	4,170	0	0	Incorporated. Leases consented to.
Houpoto Te Pua No. 1	65	2,474	0	0	" "
" No. 2	73	6,280	0	0	" "
Houpoto-Whituare	114	830	0	0	Under negotiation.
Kapuarangi No. 1 East No. 2	171	11,474	2	0	Incorporated. Under negotiations.
Maraehako	182	1,894	0	0	Incorporated. Lease consented to.
Orete G	1	129	1	20	Pending.
" N	2	7	0	0	Consented to.
Tawaroa	91	2,492	0	0	" Incorporated.
Takaputahi (part)	365	11,718	0	0	Incorporated. Divided into seven blocks of from 840 to 2,000 acres, and leased. Leases consented to.
" (balance)	Same owners	21,139	0	0	Part same incorporation. Under negotiation for lease.
Tunapahore South	278	2,821	0	0	Incorporated. Leased in two blocks. Consented to.
Waiohota B	146	7,734	0	0	Incorporated. Under negotiation.
Whakapaupakihi No. 2	547	2,000	0	0	" "
Whangaparaoa No. 1	4,631	0	0	Old lease renewed.
Whitikau No. 3A No. 1	43	1,881	0	0	Incorporated. Lease consented to.
" No. 3A No. 2	10	367	0	0	Under negotiation.
Total	85,312	3	20	