1908. NEW ZEALAND.

MAORI LAND PURCHASE OPERATIONS:

REPORT UNDER "THE MAORI LAND SETTLEMENT ACT, 1905," FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1908.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

Department of Lands, Wellington, 1st June, 1908. SIR,-In accordance with the provisions of "The Maori Land Settlement Act, 1905," and amendments of 1906 and 1907, I append a statement of the land-purchase operations which have been conducted under my supervision, together with a statement of accounts.

I have, &c.,
WILLIAM C. KENSINGTON,

Under-Secretary for Lands.

Hon, J. Carroll, Minister of Native Affairs, Wellington.

REPORT.

LAST year's report was more in the nature of an explanation of the negotiations in progress, and detailed the operations set on foot for acquiring lands for the Crown for settlement purposes from those Maoris who were anxious to sell in various portions of the North Island, especially excluding, however, the Tokerau district, north of Auckland, and the Tai-Rawhiti district of the east coast. This year's report conveys the information of the whole of the actually completed purchases, scheduled under their respective land districts, the total area completely purchased being 263,001 acres. Summarised, the areas purchased are as follows:-

				A.	R.	Р.
Auckland		 •	 	 121,776	1	$34\frac{2}{3}$
Taranaki		 	 	 127,821	2	35
Hawke's Bay		 	 	 13,294	2	23
Wellington		 • • •	 	 109	0	0
Tota	1			263 001	3	192

The prices paid in the Auckland Land District ranged from 5s. 6d. to £2 an acre, or an average for the whole of about 19s. 10d. per acre. This, I consider, is a very fair average in view of the scattered nature of the purchased areas and the extraordinary variety of the soils and general capabilities from a settlement point of view.

In the Taranaki Land District the average price paid ranges from 7s. 6d. to £1 per acre, the average being 8s. 9d. per acre. A good deal of the area purchased being only medium land, the average price is a very fair one.

In Hawke's Bay the price paid ranges from £5 to £7 per acre, the average being £6 12s. per acre, the lands purchased being of first-class quality and all fit for immediate settlement.

In Wellington only one small area has been purchased owing to the difficulties surrounding acquisition, the price being £1 5s. per acre.

LAND-PURCHASE OFFICERS.

On the 31st December, 1907, Major Dean Pitt and Mr. James Mackay ceased their connection with the Department owing to the completion of operations in their districts. On the 31st March, Mr. Dunbar Johnson was transferred to the Native Land Court, and took up his Judge's work. Mr. W. H. Grace is now the only land-purchase officer on salary, and he is engaged in completing all outstanding areas, and also is rendering aid in connection with various matters which have resulted from the sittings of the Commission. His special report is printed as an appendix. Here I may state that the whole of the land-purchase operations, the fixing of the price to be paid for areas in the numerous blocks, have all been dealt with by myself personally, with the very able assistance of Mr. Paterson, the Chief Accountant, who has kept an exhaustive check upon the whole of the expenditure and of all the imprest advances made from time to time. The work was made easier by my personal knowledge of every block negotiated for.

AREAS UNDER PURCHASE STILL INCOMPLETE.

Altogether, in the Counties of Raglan, Kawhia, Waitomo, and Awakino, there are incompleted purchases amounting to 55,534 acres, and from the numerous applications received from the Maori owners it is quite evident that additional areas could be purchased if Parliament sees fit to appropriate further moneys for this purpose.

MAORI LAND SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT, 1907-8.

			£	s.	d.	
Salaries of land-purchase officers	 	 	1,284	1	8	
Surveyors' valuations, &c.	 •••	 	1,290	7	4	
Purchase of lands	 • • •	 	139,671	13	2	
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Total net expenditure	 	 •••	142,246	2	· 2	

Attached will be found schedules of the whole of the blocks and the areas purchased out of them, and also comprehensive maps giving the localities of the purchases.

AREAS OF NATIVE LANDS OBTAINED IN LIEU OF LIENS.

The following areas have been awarded by the Native Land Court in satisfaction of Crown liens:—

Auckland Land District Wellington Land District Taranaki Land District	•••	 •••	•••	•••	11,736 4,902 5,152	2 ()
Total					21.791	2 17	-

COMPLETED PURCHASES.

Auckland Land District.

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No. on	Block.	A	R	P.	No. o	n Block.	٨.	R.	Ρ.
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ı.	Hauturu East No. 1E, Section 5c				47.	Korakanui No. I	365	0	0
	No. 2A No. 1	197	0	0	48.	Koukourahi No. 1	489	0	0
2.	" No. 1E, Section 5c				49.	" No. 2 _A	35	2	30
	No. 2c, Section 1	172	1	20	50.	" No. 3A	74	0	0
3.	" B No. 2, Section 2B				51.	" No. 3в	926	0	Ó
	No. 1	407	3	12	52.	" No. 4a No. 1	32	ĩ	Ŏ
4.	D No O Castion On		_		53.	" No. 4D	17		13
7.	No. 1	537	2	8	54.	M 1 1 N- 4	340	ō	0
5.	Hauturu West No. 1, Section 2A	207		24	55.	37 - 37 -	13	3	ŏ
	M- 1, 0-44 0.				56.	NT NT - 1			
6.	,, No. 1A, Section 2A	72	U			" No. 5c No. 1	27		12
7.	" F No. 2, Section 2	400	0	0	57.	Mangauika No. 18 No. 2, Section 2A	168		24
8.	" G No. 2, Section 2B		_		58.	", No. 3A	40	0	0
	No. 1	382	1	1	59.	Maraeroa-Oturoa No. 2A	110		13
9.	Hoe-O-tainui South 4B No. 1A	86	1	0	60.	Maungarangi No. 2B, Section 2A	125	0	26
10.	,, 4в No. 2	1,575	2	0	61.	Ngaromaki	2,000	0	0
11.	Horahia-Opou No. 2B No. 1	299	1	0	62.	Ngarua 1B, Section 2	112	0	0
12.	" No. 3A	420	3	0	63.	Ngataipuaa No. 1A	16	2	0
13.	" No. 4A	922	Ō	Ō	64.	,, No. 2	288	ō	ŏ
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17.	Kakepuku No. 1F, Section 1	123			68.	Ngatitamatera Reserve A	2,548	0	9
18.	" No. 3A, Section 2	60	0	0	69.	Ohinemuri No. 20F	249	0	0
19.	" No. 4A	72	0	0	70.	Otorohanga No. 2B No. 2A	66	1	8
20.	" No. 4D No. 1	253		18	71.	" No. 20 No. 2A	96	3	4
21.	" No. 5c, Section 1	102	2	0	72.	" No. 4B, Section 1	356	2	10
22.	" No. 5D No. 1	20	0	0	73.	" R No. 2B, Section 1	45	1	7
23.	" No. 6A (part))	25	0	0	74.	" T No. 2A	21	2	$26\frac{2}{3}$
24.	,, No. 6A, Section 1	15	0	0	75.	Parihoro No. 1B, Section 1	128		38
25.	" No. 9B, Section 7"	92	0	0	76.	" No. 2A, Section 1	30	0	6
26.	Kapuarangi No. 1 West	11,474	2	ŏ	77.	Pehitawa No. 2A	205		32
27.	Kinohaku East No. 2, Section 1a	27	3	71	78.	Pirongia West No. 1, Section 2c	200	_	02
28.	No 9 Castion 95n	21	o	* 2	,	No. 2	385	9	30
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29 .	" No. 2A, Section 20	# 0		00	00	No. 2A	120	1	14
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30.	" No. 3A, Section 2A	36		11		No. 1	969		20
31.	Kinohaku West No. 1a, Section 1a	119		36	81.	Puhanga-te-Uru No. 2B	232		16
32 .	", No. 1a, Section 3a	205	1	15	82.	Pukenui No. 2L, Section 3	471		25
33.	" No. 12, Section 1B				83.	" No. 2z	312	0	0
	No. 1	100	1	35	84.	Pukeroa - Hangatiki No. 4D, Sec-			
34.	" H, Section 2в No.				-	tion l	48	0	36
	2E, Section 1	1,318	2	23	85.	Rangatira No. 3	783	0	0
35.	" N. No. 2A	210	1	34	86.	Rangitoto A No. 3A	2,276	3	24
36.	" S, No. 1A	1,049		36	87.	" No. 6A	664		20
37.	Kopua No. 1N	50	ŏ	0	88.	N . O.	1,043		29
38.	- N- 1-	225	ŏ	ŏ	89.	M- 0	284	0	0
		800	ő	0	90.	M. 10.			
3 9.	Kopuarahi No. 2		2	0		" No. 10a	474	0	0
4 0.	" No. 3a No. 1	110			91.	" No. 12A	189		21
41.	" №. 3в №. 1	125	0	0	92.	" No. 13a	339	1	1
42.	" No. 3c No. 1	78	2	0	93.	" No. 16	949	0	0
4 3.	" No. 3D No. 1	103	1	0	94.	,, No. 18A, Section 1	828		28
4 4.	Kopuraruwai No. 1A	177	2	0	95.	" No. 18B, Section 1	3,367	3	9
4 5.	" No. 2	400	0	0	96.	" No. 21a, Section 1	47	1	28
4 6.	" No. 4a	18	0	0	97.	" No. 21B, Section 1	853		28
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COMPLETED PURCHASES—continued. Auckland Land District-continued.

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107.		35		• •	94	3		100.	,, No.		. 1,113	2	38
108.		364			1,043		18	154.	,, No. 51		. 3,000	0	0
109.		374			758	2	$26\frac{2}{3}$	155.	" No. 69	A.	. 51	2	7
110.		392		• •	466		16	156.	" No. 71		. 832	3	15
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115.	No	464		• •	1,137		31	109.	,, No. 77		740	0	0
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204.	,,		o. 25, Se		077			217.	" No. 61		. 80	U	0
204A.			1в No. 1 э. 37а	• •	$\frac{377}{2,349}$	2	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 22 \end{array}$	218.	,, No. tion	610, Sec	800	1	32
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206.	,,		о. 57в,	Sec-	1,011	-	v		tion	α.΄	. 388	3	33
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207.	,,		o. 58		22,000	0	0	221.	" No. 72	A .	. 11,613	0	35
208.	,,	No	o. 60a,	Sec-				222.	" No. 77	A No. 2A		3	
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209.	,,		o. 60c,	Sec-	mro	٨	9.4	224.	Nr.	D No. 3A		3	34
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COMPLETED PURCHASES—continued.

Hawke's Bay Land District.

No. on Map.	Block.		۸.	R.	P.	No. or Map.	Block.		Α.	R.	Р.
230.	Aorangi Native Reserve		830	0	0	247.	Pukekura West A		1.084	0 :	
231.	Manawatu No. 2c		304	2	12	248.	Waimarama No. 1A	• • •	580	o:	
232.	" No. 2B North		261	3	21	249.	., No. 2в No. 1		37	ŏ	0
233.	Okaihau No. la No. l		400	0	0	250.	" No. 2c. No. 1		68	$\tilde{2}$	0
234.	" No. 1c		151	1	0	251.	" No. 2D No. 1		208	2	0 '
235.	" No. 1D No. 1		923	2	0	252.	" No. 2E		113	0 2	26
236.	" No. 2A		135	0	0	253.	" 2F No. 1		4	2 5	20
237.	"	• •	20	0	0	254.	,, No. 2g No. 1		4	2	0
238.	,, <u>N</u> o. 2c		140	0	0	255.	,, No. 3A No. 3A		740	0	0
239.	" №. Зв		670	0	0	256.	,, No. 3a No. 4a		1,168	1	2 '
24 0.	", No. 3c No. 1		1,549	0	0	257.	" No. 3a No. 6a		717	0	
241.	Pukekura East No. la	• •	672	0	0	258.	Waipuka No. 1в No. 1		460	0	0
242.	" No. 2	• •	224	0	0	259.	" No. 3A No. 5		190	0	0
243.	" No. 4A	• •	83	3	16	260.	" No. 3c No. 1		1,076	2	0
244.	" No. 5	• •	252	0	0					—–	
245.	" No. 6A		112	0	0		Total Hawke's Bay		13,294	2 2	23
24 6.	" No. 8	• •	113	0	0						

Wellington Land District.

Map. Block.										A.	R.	P.
261. Taonui No. 2B	••	•••	••	• •	• •	• •	••	• •	• •	109	0	0
Total Wellington	••		••	• •	••	••				109	0	0 1
Grand total							•		26	33,001	3	128

APPENDIX.

SIR,---

No. on

Department of Lands, Kihikihi, 30th May, 1908.

In compliance with your request I have the honour to report as follows:-

Since my last report, sent you about this time last year, and taking all things into consideration, I think the progress made in the purchase of Native lands within the sphere I have been working may be considered satisfactory, and had the Act permitted the expenditure of further funds much more could have been accomplished, for the purchasing of Native land practically came to a finish at the end of February last. When the Maoris found that I was curtailing purchases there was great anxiety shown by them, as they were wishing to sell in all parts of my district, but they had to be disappointed. Still they hope that purchasing will be again resumed shortly. The general wish amongst the Natives is to sell a large portion of their surplus lands which they do not utilise, and which are of no use to them. This refers to the Maoris within the Rohe Potae, who still show a great desire to sell any of the lands they do not require.

In my last report I gave you an idea of the quality of lands in the various parts of my district and of the blocks I was negotiating for, so that I do not think it necessary to add anything more now. You will see that the total area acquired and vested in the Crown in the district over which I have control approximately amounts to 164,403 acres. I should, I think, here state that the whole of the above area acquired is not suitable for very close settlement, but that the most of it is; and, without doubt, when brought into the market it will be readily taken up, and will tend to the opening-up of this part of the country, as it will be occupied by Europeans, who will work the land

Re Tokanui C and Rangitoto A Blocks, with their Subdivisions

All these blocks are most suitable for small farms, especially in the case of the Tokanui Blocks and those of the Rangitoto A to the north of a line drawn from Pamotumotu Trig. Station to Otoru Trig. Station, but still there will be a large tract of country to the south of above line which will make a number of fine homesteads of fair average sizes suitable for dairy and grazing farms.

Re Rangitoto-Tuhua Blocks.

All the areas acquired to the north-east of the railway-line from Otorohanga to Mangapeehi Railway-stations are of good quality, and will turn out well for small-settlement purposes, and I greatly regret that the limit placed on purchases has prevented my acquiring more of the said lands. This remark also applies to Tokanui and Rangitoto A Blocks. The Native owners who have not sold are most eager to do so now. I would point out that the vast country above described is practically unoccupied, with the exception of a few isolated spots. The principal settlement (Native) is at Mangaorongo, on Rangitoto A; but this settlement is on a block of 1,000 acres called Rangitoto A No. 15, specially set apart for a papakainga. All the above lands, if acquired, would make a splendid farming district carrying many settlers, as the land is most suitable for farms of a moderate size.

Re Rangitoto No. 61 and its Subdivisions.

I regret to say that I was unable to buy more in these blocks, the owners looking upon 10s. per acre as not the value; but, that being the extreme price I could go to, I could not offer more.

As to the other—larger—Rangitoto-Tuhua Blocks in which I have purchased, such as Otamati, Mapara, Tangitu, Whatitokarua, and some others, although somewhat rough, they will in

time come in and carry a number of useful settlers.

When I started purchasing you instructed me not to purchase any of the Rangitoto-Tuhua Blocks in the vicinity of Potakataka Block, owing to disputes re survey of boundaries. Since then the question in dispute has been referred to the Native Land Court, and, I believe, finally settled. The owners now in all the blocks in that locality are most desirous to sell. The land is somewhat rough, but there is good timber on it, and it is not of bad quality, and will make good grazing-farms.

Re Kinohaku East and West Blocks.

As per schedule attached, you will see I have purchased in a good many blocks, but there are still a great number in which the Natives have not sold scattered amongst the holdings held by European settlers. The most of the above blocks are unoccupied by the Maoris, and are not being utilised by them. All, I am sure, could be acquired in the course of a short time; at present the owners are holding out for better prices, and do not seem to care about dealing with the land in any other way than by sale. They nearly all say that, the interest of each individual in each block being small (only a few acres), it is therefore useless to lease, for what they would get from the land in the shape of rent would be so small that it would be of no use in the way of maintaining them.

Re Taumatatotara Block and its Subdivisions.

Of the above I have acquired only 2,362 acres, or thereabouts. This block, as you know, lies in the middle of a large district-settled by Europeans. It is situated, as you know, in the Kawhia South Survey District. As the land is in no way utilised by the Native owners, the acquisition of the same is most necessary, so as to advance the settlement of that part of the district. The owners show little disposition in the way of selling, nor do they seem to care about leasing. Any owners whom I have approached wish to sell, but the price they ask is far above the value put on the land by the Government Valuer.

Re Moerangi Block.

This large block, comprising 45,000 acres, and situated between Raglan and Kawhia, is still in such a state that it cannot be dealt with in any shape or form. It is now many months since the Natives who are supposed to own it started to try and get the title to the land decided upon, so as to open it up for the benefit of both themselves and Europeans. The only solution of the difficulty that I can see is that the land should be taken into the Native Land Court and dealt with in the usual way. The object has been to bring the land under the provisions of the late legislation affecting Maori lands—that is, a certain portion be set apart for a papakainga, another to be cut up as farms for themselves to work and cultivate, another for leasing purposes, and another to be sold to the Crown for settlement by Europeans. The idea, as set out above, the Natives seem to appreciate and quite agree with. But the trouble is the jealousy amongst different sections of owners as to how each should participate.

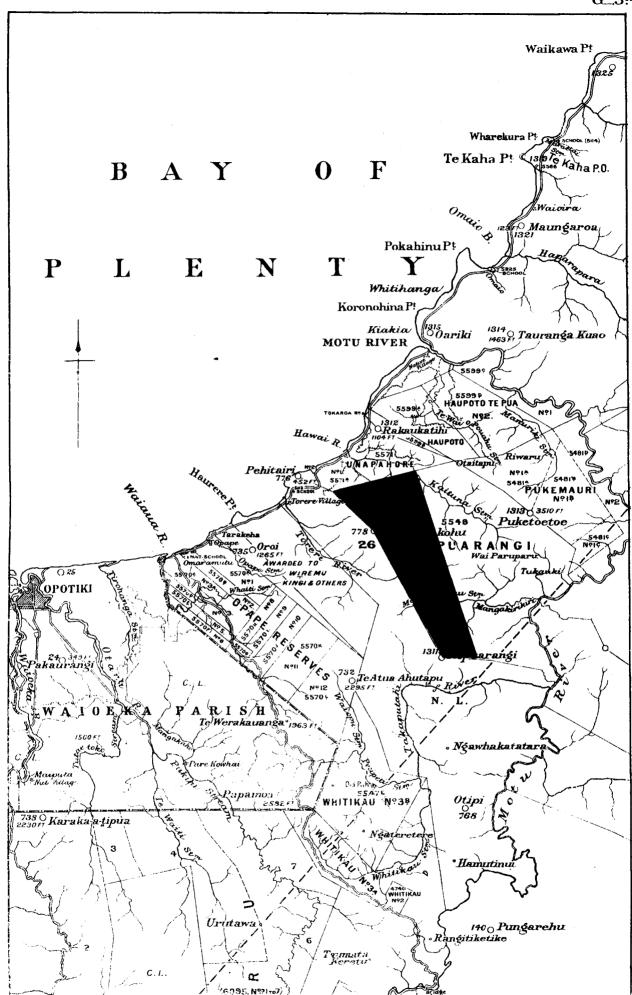
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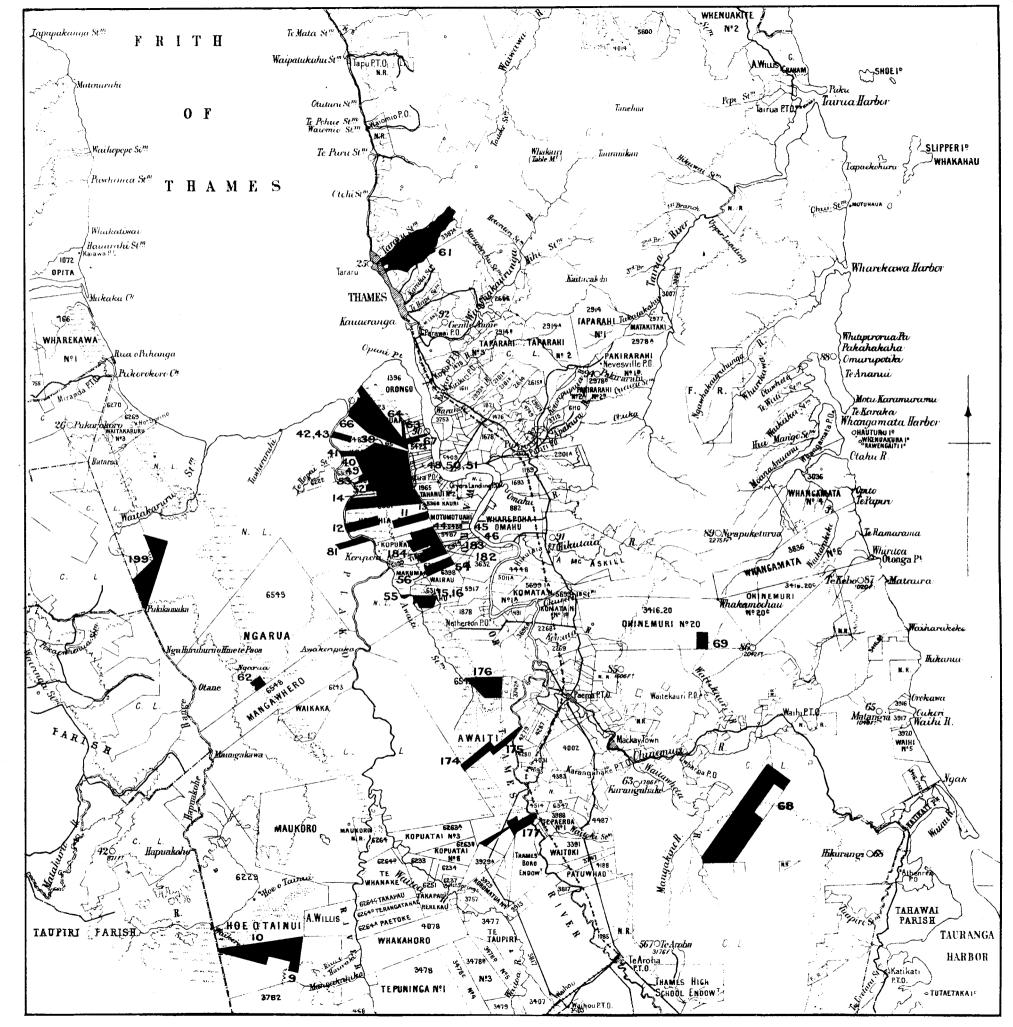
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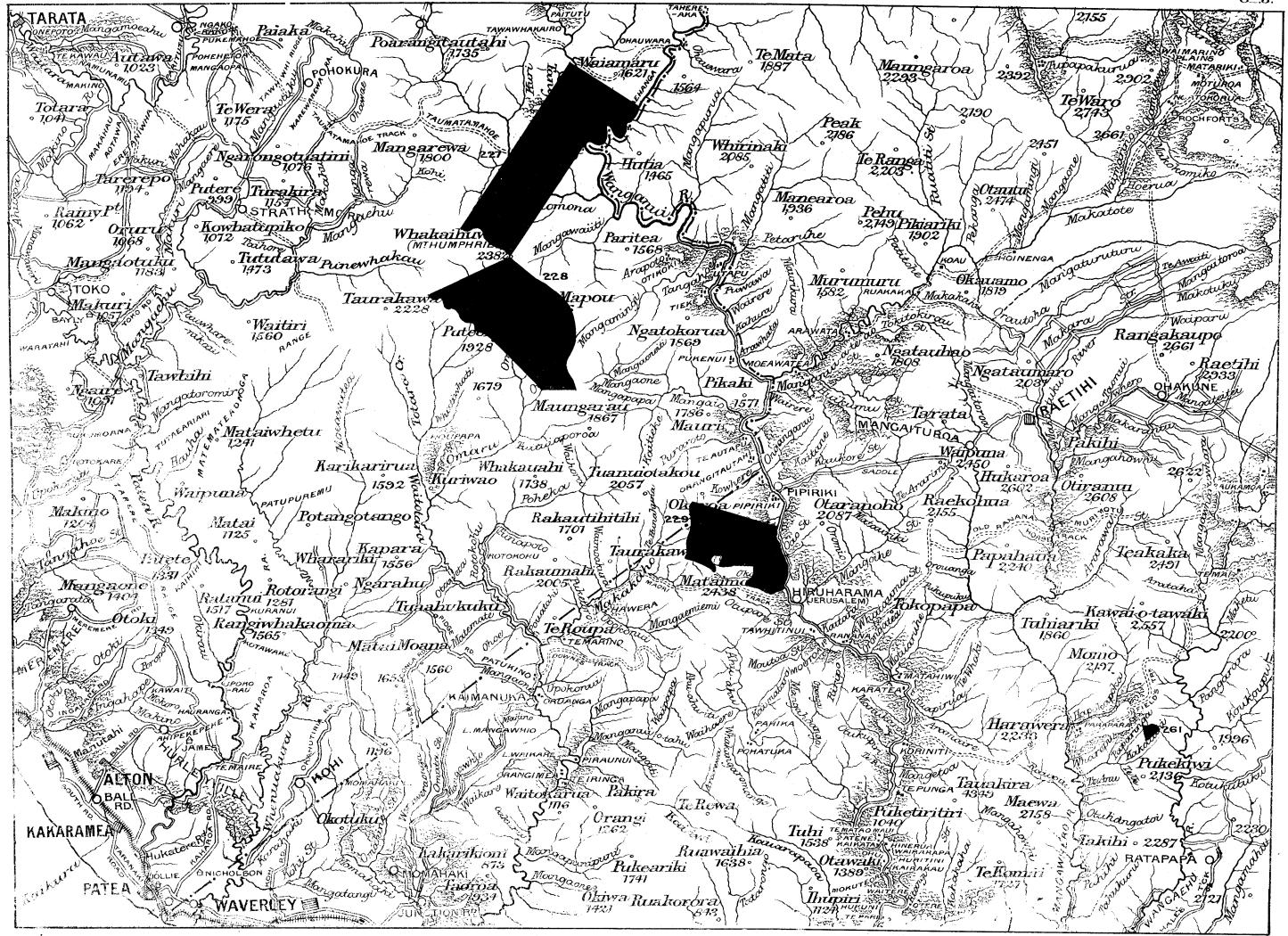
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