

**HURAKIA B. (Area, 1,895 acres.)**

Vested in Crown, 125 acres 1 rood 30 perches, called "Hurakia B, Section 1." Residue for non-sellers, called "Hurakia B, Section 2."

**MARAEROA A No. 3. (Area, 5,873 acres.)**

Vested in Crown, 3,282 acres 3 roods 17 perches, called "Maraeroa A, Section 3A." Residue for non-sellers, called "Maraeroa A, Section 3B."

**MARAEROA B, Section 3. (Area, 4,056 acres.)**

Vested in Crown, 947 acres 2 roods 37 perches, called "Maraeroa B, Section 3A." Residue for non-sellers, called "Maraeroa B, Section 3B."

**RANGITOTO-TUHUA 77E BLOCK.**

The Crown's interest in this block still remains undefined. In April, 1908, this case, with many others, was set down for hearing by the Native Land Court, but had to be adjourned. When the case again came before the Native Land Court, in October last, His Honour Judge Palmer presiding, the case had to be again adjourned indefinitely.

**KOPUA No. 18, SECTION 2B, BLOCK.**

The interest of the Crown in this block still stands undefined. The area has to be adjusted, and I understand the same is now being attended to. I may state that the area of block on which I purchased is correct, and therefore the Crown will lose nothing, the area required being 50 acres.

**MARAKOPA No. 5 BLOCK.**

The interest of the Crown in this block amounts to 178 acres and 28 perches; but, owing to an error in the Court subdivisions of this block being made in the absence of any one representing the Crown, only 133 acres 2 roods 21 perches were awarded to His Majesty.

The matter has since been rectified by an amendment of the order by the Chief Judge, under section 39 of "The Native Land Court Act, 1894."

**TAHAROA A BLOCK.**

You will remember this block was subdivided by Judge Gilfedder in Kawhia about the 1st February, 1908, without the Crown being represented. The case was set down for hearing at Otorohanga, not Kawhia, with the result that you appealed against the award, as the Crown's interest was cut out in a very bad part of the block. Your appeal came before the Appellate Court at Otorohanga in August last, the Crown being awarded 183 acres 1 rood, to which will have to be added hereafter another 44 acres, but this cannot be done until the orders have been drawn up and matters adjusted. When in Auckland the other day I found that up to the present the Appellate Court has been unable to make any final orders.

**RANGITOTO A No. 22 BLOCK.**

This block is a very small one, containing 47 acres. The Crown has acquired one interest, representing 11 acres 3 roods. This block was held over at the time the Court sat in October last, with the view of buying out the remaining interests, held by two persons, which represent 35 acres 1 rood; but nothing has been done, as the interests unacquired are held by minors, and the trustees would not sell, and, to make matters worse, both trustees have lately died, so that nothing can be done until new trustees are appointed.

**RANGITOTO-TUHUA No. 35I, BLOCK.**

To the area already purchased, and vested in His Majesty, another 240 acres will have to be added, which have recently been acquired, which can be done at a future sitting of the Native Land Court in this district.

Before concluding I may state that the Maoris in my district—that is, a large number of them—are still desirous of selling more land to the Crown. I receive letters continuously asking whether it is intended to resume the purchase of Native land or not.

As my services as Land Purchase Officer terminate at the end of next month, I wish to convey to you my sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown me by you and other members of your staff during the term I have worked under you. *Heoi ra tena koutu katoa.*

I have, &c.,

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