

SPECIAL REPORT *RE* CERTAIN OF TE AKAU BLOCKS.

TE AKAU B Nos. 11, 12, 13 AND 14, 15 AND 16, 17, 18 AND 19, 20 AND 30.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Ngati Tahinga, Ngati Te Kura, Ngati Pare, and Ngati Te Wera Hapus, the owners of the above blocks, appeared before the Conference at Waahi, and requested that these blocks be struck out of the Native Land Commission's report (G.-1B, 1909).

They stated that none of the owners were aware that the blocks had been brought before the Commission, and, but for the fact that one of their number, Para Haimona, had accidentally seen a copy of the Commission's report, they would still have been ignorant of the fact.

A number of the blocks were under lease to a Mr. Wilson, and they had no wish to see his occupation disturbed.

It was intimated to the Natives that we would submit their protest to the proper quarter.

SPECIAL REPORT *RE* NGATI RAUKAWA BLOCKS.

WHAREPUHUNGA No. 16, 16,000 ACRES ; WHAREPUHUNGA No. 17, 17,000 ACRES ; WHAREPUHUNGA No. 19, 4,500 ACRES.

THESE blocks were brought before the Conference at Waahi on the 4th August, and certain proposals regarding them were made.

Before any note of the proposals was taken it was explained to the Natives interested that the blocks had been proclaimed under Part I of "The Native Land Settlement Act, 1907," and would be put up for either sale or lease as the position, quality, &c., of the land demanded.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed by such of the owners—a considerable number—who were present. Statements were made to the effect that in Block 16 numbers of the owners were in occupation, and had cultivations on the block.

It was urged that the attention of the Hon. the Native Minister be drawn to the fact that the present occupiers of Block 16 would suffer considerable hardship if the block was leased or sold over their heads.

The proposals put forward relative to Block 16 were that 6,000 acres should be reserved for Maori occupation, 7,000 acres should be leased, and 3,000 acres should be sold.

Relative to Blocks 17 and 19, it was proposed that both be sold and the proceeds be devoted wholly to mana.

SPECIAL REPORT *RE* WAIPA LOT 62B No. 1.

WAINGARO LANDING, 13 ACRES.

At the request of Judge Browne, we have the honour to report as follows :—

The matter of dealing with this area of 13 acres was discussed before us at Waahi this morning.

Amuketi Rokena, one of two owners of the whole block, who was present, stated his desire that the land should be handed over to the mana, and dealt with as might be thought fit.

Werereka Rokena, who said that he acted for his brother in all land matters, expressed his concurrence with Amuketi's request.

Judge Browne explained that the Raglan County Council was prepared to purchase the above area at the rate of £6 per acre.

We are of opinion that the most feasible way to deal with the matter would be for the area to be taken under the Public Works Act, and that the amount of compensation—not to exceed £6 per acre—assessed by the Court be paid to the credit of the President of the Waikato Maori Land Board, to be held by him until disbursed by the proposed committee to deal with the mana.