

1911.
NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LANDS IN NORTH ISLAND
(PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO) IN EACH MAORI LAND DISTRICT.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 31st August, 1911.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return (such return to be made as at the 30th June, 1911) showing in respect of each Maori Land District—(1) The total area that has been at any time vested, under any Act, in the Board of the district; (2) the total area leased for agricultural and pastoral purposes, and the number of such tenants, distinguishing between European and Native tenants; (3) the total area leased for township purposes, and the number of tenants, distinguishing between European and Native tenants; (4) the total area leased for timber-cutting or flax-cutting purposes, with the number of tenants, distinguishing between individuals and companies; (5) the total area that has been sold, distinguishing between sales to the Crown and to private individuals; (6) the total area in the hands of the Board which has not been dealt with either by sale or lease; (7) lands ready for placing on the market; (8) lands at present under survey and requisitioned for purposes of settlement; and (9) the total area (if any) that has been handed back to the Native owners."—(Mr. HERRIES.)

RETURN.

1. THE total area that has been at any time vested under any Act in the Board of the District:—

District Maori Land Board.						Area.	
						A.	R. P.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	..	217,678	1 14
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	..	205,179	1 37
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	..	58,883	1 21
Tairāwhiti	..	..	..	..	..	58,295	3 35
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	..	18,342	2 14
Aotea	..	..	..	..	..	194,960	0 0
Total	..	..	..	..	..	753,339	3 1

2. The total area leased for agricultural and pastoral purposes, and the number of such tenants, distinguishing between European and Native tenants:—

District Maori Land Board.						Area.		Tenants.	
						A.	R. P.	European.	Maori.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	..	78,843	3 16	16	..
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	..	7,939	2 11	19	..
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	..	7,640	1 3	30	..
Tairāwhiti	..	..	..	..	..	22,702	0 14	50	..
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	..	2,205	3 26	19	1*
Aotea	..	..	..	..	..	185,324	0 0	158	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	304,655	2 30		

3. The total area leased for township purposes, and the number of tenants, distinguishing between European and Native tenants:—

District Maori Land Board.						Area.		Tenants.	
						A.	R. P.	European.	Maori.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	..	522	1 32	718	28
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tairāwhiti	..	..	..	..	..	584	1 26	60	..
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	..	37	2 36	42	..
Aotea	..	..	..	..	..	392	0 0	135	7
Total	..	..	..	..	..	1,536	2 14		

44 acres Native allotments occupied (not leased) by Natives.

* Farm under section 292, Act of 1909.

4. The total area leased for timber-cutting or flax-cutting purposes, with the number of tenants, distinguishing between individuals and companies :—

District Maori Land Board.					Area.			Tenants.	
					A.	R.	P.	Individuals.	Companies.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	1,100	0	0	..	1
Tairawhiti	..	..	..	..	2,645	0	5	2	..
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aotea	..	..	..	..	3,456	0	0	..	1
Total	..	..	..	..	7,201	0	5		

5. The total area that has been sold, distinguishing between sales to the Crown and to private individuals :—

District Maori Land Board.					Crown.			Private Individuals.		
					A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Tokerau	..	..	..	(school-site)	1	3	0	..	..	..
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,771	2	38
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	1,857	0	0	..	..	..
Tairawhiti	..	..	..	..	1,456	0	13	1,095	2	07
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	12,774	2	37	1,984	0	12
Aotea	..	..	..	(gravel-pit)	29	0	0	..	..	..
				(Proclamation)	133	0	0	109	0	0
Totals	..	..	..	..	16,251	2	10	4,960	1	17

6. The total area in the hands of the Board which has not been dealt with either by sale or lease :—

District Maori Land Board.					Area.		
					A.	R.	P.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	138,832	2	38
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	194,945	2	36
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	48,286	0	18
Tairawhiti	..	..	..	..	29,812	3	10
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	1,340	0	23
Aotea	..	..	..	..	5,517	0	0
Total	..	..	..	..	418,734	2	5

NOTE.—Included in this total is an area which, though not dealt with by sale or lease, has been handed back to the Natives.

7. Lands ready for placing on market :—

District Maori Land Board.					Area.		
					A.	R.	P.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	67,649	0	7
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	31,699	0	24
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tairawhiti	..	..	..	..	83	0	0
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aotea	..	..	..	..	3,658	0	0
Total	..	..	..	..	103,089	0	31

In addition there are 2,688 acres still open for selection as at 3rd June, 1911. (See note at end of return.)

8. Lands at present under survey and requisitioned for purposes of settlement :—

District Maori Land Board.					Area.		
					A.	R.	P.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	39,705	1	16
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	47,770	2	8
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	5,739	0	0
Tairawhiti	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	1,340	0	23
Aotea	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	94,555	0	7

9. The total area (if any) that has been handed back to the Native owners :—

District Maori Land Board.							Area.		
							A.	R.	P.
Tokerau	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,974	1	8
Waikato-Maniapoto	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waiariki	..	..	..	..	..	..	776	0	0
Tairāwhiti	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ikaroa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aotea	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,750	1	8

For papakaingas, reserves, &c., only. 19,909 acres proposed to be handed back.

NOTE.—This leaves a balance untouched of 21,862 acres. In this total there is an area of 9,030 acres, comprising Pokohu D Block, which is very poor land covered with Tarawera ash. It has no road access, the nearest road being more than ten miles away. Under the circumstances it would be very difficult for the Board to deal with it at the present time, as there is absolutely no demand for land of that character. In addition to this there is included an area of 2,509 acres, which has practically been open for selection for some time, without result. Included also in the balance are the Whitiākau No. 2B No. 2 and No. 3A No. 4 Blocks, comprising an area of 715 acres, with respect to which negotiations are in progress for the sale to the Crown. This leaves an area of about 9,600 acres, and of this probably more than one-half will be offered for sale to Crown as soon as the Native owners can be communicated with. The balance will be leased at the earliest convenient opportunity.

(The above note applies to the lands vested in the Waiariki District Maori Land Board.)

THOS. W. FISHER, Under-Secretary.

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