

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

NORTH AUCKLAND SURVEY LIENS COMPROMISE : REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

The total amount involved in this compromise is £50,056 3s. 3d., being—Principal, £31,451 18s. ; interest, £18,604 5s. 3d.

This amount is owing over the following districts :—

County.	Consolidation Scheme.	Lien Due.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mangonui	Mangonui ..	3,881 0 2	2,241 2 8	6,122 2 10
Whangaroa		2,458 17 2	1,435 4 11	3,894 2 1
		6,339 17 4	3,676 7 7	10,016 4 11
Hokianga	Hokianga	9,463 0 8	4,602 5 10	14,065 6 6
Bay of Islands.. ..	Bay of Islands	9,202 18 0	5,880 0 1	15,082 18 1
Whangarei		4,361 10 0	3,093 3 3	7,454 13 3
		13,564 8 0	8,973 4 4	22,537 11 4
Hobson	Kaipara ..	705 17 6	482 11 11	1,188 9 5
Otamatea		728 4 5	477 17 1	1,206 1 6
Rodney		158 19 8	97 16 6	256 16 2
Waitemata		145 4 10	87 7 2	232 12 0
Great Barrier		346 6 6	206 14 11	553 1 5
		2,084 12 11	1,352 8 7	3,437 0 6
Totals.. ..		31,451 18 0	18,604 5 3	50,056 3 3

Owing to special features peculiar to the Kaipara area the compromise for that part has been dealt with separately, the balance of the area being taken *in toto*.

Kaipara Area.—Principal, £2,084 12s. 11d. ; interest, £1,352 8s. 7d. : total, £3,437 0s. 6d.

KAIPARA CONSOLIDATION SCHEME.

(Comprising Counties of Hobson, Otamatea, Rodney, Waitemata, and Great Barrier.)

This scheme is peculiar in that the area per head of Maori population is smaller than in any other northern scheme, being about 11 acres per head. Consequently there is greater difficulty to find a *quid pro quo* in spare land for awarding to Crown in settlement of charges (surveys, rates, &c.) without encroaching unduly upon areas urgently required for their maintenance and betterment, the area of good land remaining being little—chiefly small village holdings.

Selling in the past brought this position about, thus leaving with Natives now a residue barely sufficient.

The major part of this residue is of poor value, being mostly gum lands not able to stand heavy charges.

County Councils have compromised rates on the low basis of one-sixth and one-seventh of amount.

Development of the areas will require additional overhead finance in way of assistance to Natives. Natives are also a tribe difficult to handle, making development more difficult.

The Chief Surveyor considers 1s. 3d. per acre not an unreasonable burden, but as there is so little available spare land for the *quid pro quo*, and, as it is desired that no charges should be carried on to the Natives' sections, under the special circumstances an offer is made for Crown to accept one-quarter (£511 10s.) of the principal of survey lien, which is approximately 7½d. per acre, and which involves the writing-off of the whole of the interest (£1,329 8s. 4d.) and three-quarters of the principal (£1,534 11s.).