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NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND COURTS
AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER CONTROL OF NATIVE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1933.

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives by Leave.

Native Department, 1st July, 1933.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

HEREWITH is submitted a report upon the activities of the Department for the period ending 31st March, 1933.

R. N. JONES, Under-Secretary.

NATIVE LAND COURTS.

The business transacted by the Native Land Court and the Native Appellate Court is set out in Table A. The fees collected amounted to £3,748, as against £3,877 for the preceding period.

MAORI LAND BOARDS.

The Boards received in fees £1,231, as against £1,641 last year, a decrease of £410, while the commissions collected fell from £4,149 last year to £2,618, a decrease of £1,531, making a total decrease of £1,941.

Native land remaining vested in the Boards at 31st March, 1933, was as follows :—

					A.	R.	P.
Area as at 31st March, 1932	..	..	..	..	657,102	0	31
Area sold or revested	..	..	..	..	2,395	0	22
Balance	..	..	..	..	654,707	0	9

The funds held or invested by the Boards decreased by £29,283 2s. 11d. during the year. The following are the figures as at 31st March, 1933 :—

					£	s.	d.
On deposit with the Native Trustee	..	..	..	..	166,975	13	0
Government securities	..	..	..	..	29,270	0	0
Other securities and advances	..	..	..	..	368,850	9	2
Cash balances	..	..	..	..	11,364	8	6
Total	..	..	..	..	£576,460	10	8

PRIVATE DEALINGS IN NATIVE LAND.

The areas of Native land disposed of by private dealings are as follows :—

					Number.	Area.	
						A.	R. P.
Sales	..	..	..	..	134	4,699	1 28
Leases	..	..	..	..	251	34,638	0 34

The areas disposed of last year were : Sold, 10,645 acres 2 roods 6 perches ; leased, 27,837 acres 2 roods 22 perches.

CROWN PURCHASE OF NATIVE LAND.

Native land purchased by the Crown amounted to 3,052 acres. Since 1910, 1,542,870 acres of Native land have been acquired through the Native Land Purchase Board.

The estimated area of Native land still owned by Maoris in the North Island is as follows :—

	Acres.	Acres.
Estimated as at 31st March, 1932		3,864,042
Sales to Crown	3,052	..
Sales to individuals	4,699	7,751
		3,856,291

GENERAL.

In accordance with the report of the National Adjustment Commission, the Native Trust Office was amalgamated with the Native Department, while the East Coast Commissioner, who has control of certain Native lands in the Gisborne district, was also brought under the Department.

The principal activity of the Department has again been confined to the development of Native land. The Maoris have continued to display a very real enthusiasm in the progress of the various development schemes being carried out by the Department, and appear fully to realize that their real salvation and welfare rests upon their making their remaining lands reproductive. There is ample evidence to show that the Maoris generally are anxious to see the movement further extended. A section which at first appeared to be sceptical of the advantages of the work are, now that they see the fruits of development, desirous that their lands should be dealt with under the schemes. A detailed report on these schemes will appear in a separate parliamentary paper, 1933, G.—10.

It will be seen that dealings in Native land both by the Crown and private persons have, on account of the economic pressure, considerably fallen off, with a resultant reduction in the fees collected. Since the 1st January last confirmation of dealings which used to be obtained from Maori Land Boards has now become a function of the Native Land Court. The Native Land Purchase Board, which formerly controlled the purchase of Native lands for the Crown, has been abolished, together with the Native Trust Office Board, and both Boards replaced by the Native Land Settlement Board which has taken over the functions formerly exercised by those Boards.

TABLE A.—NATIVE LAND COURTS.
RETURN OF BUSINESS AND FEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1933.

Native Land Court.									
Number of sittings	89	Number of partitions made	310						
Number of cases notified	15,148	Area affected (acres)	59,921						
Number of cases for which orders were made	6,880	Number of investigations of title	7						
Number of cases dismissed	2,381	Area affected (acres)	194						
Number of cases adjourned <i>sine die</i>	6,790	Number of succession orders made	5,612						
		Number of other orders made	3,710						
Native Appellate Court.									
Number of sittings	8	Native Land Court decisions annulled	6						
Number of cases notified	43	Appeals dismissed or withdrawn	12						
Native Land Court decisions varied	10	Appeals adjourned <i>sine die</i>	1						
Native Land Court decisions affirmed	7	Applications under section 257/31 ordered	Nil						
Native Land Court decisions referred back to Native Land Court	3	Applications under section 257/31 dismissed	Nil						
		Application under section 257/31 adjourned <i>sine die</i>	1						
Court Fees.									
		£	s.	d.					
Fees received		3,748	4	11					

TABLE B.—MAORI LAND BOARDS.
OPERATIONS, 1ST APRIL, 1932, TO 31ST MARCH, 1933.

Board.	Leased.			Sold.			Mortgaged.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Ikaroa	5,805	1	25.7	179	0	29.8	164	3	24.1
Aotea	7,771	0	6.3	264	2	17	401	3	18
Tairāwhiti	4,314	0	33.4	56	3	6	..	3	35.6
Wairariki	1,012	0	20	1,590	3	8.8	128	3	9
Waikato-Maniapoto	1,344	0	12.1	2,375	3	25.31	..		
Tōkerāu	631	3	14	66	0	26.7	..		
South Island	13,759	2	2.56	165	3	27.85	..		
Totals	34,638	0	34.06	4,699	1	28.46	696	2	6.7
North Island	20,878	2	31.5	4,533	2	0.61	696	2	6.7
South Island	13,759	2	2.56	165	3	27.85	..		
Totals	34,638	0	34.06	4,699	1	28.46	696	2	6.7

TABLE C.—NATIVE LAND PURCHASE.
BLOCKS FULLY ACQUIRED AND PROCLAIMED CROWN LAND.

Block.	Area.	Gazette.	Block.	Area.	Gazette.
	A. R. P.			A. R. P.	
Hauriri Native Reserve* ..	5 0 0	1/12/32	Rangitoto-Tuhua 78B 2C 2B ..	113 3 2	22/9/32
Hautu 2B 1B 2E ..	762 3 24	3/11/32	Tapatu-Waitangirua No. 2A ..	498 2 0	9/2/33
„ 3F No. 7 ..	407 3 7·7	4/8/32	Tutaekuri A ..	2,892 3 31	26/5/32
Part Te Karae No. 4 ..	1,405 1 27	9/6/32			
Lot 286, Parish of Pirongia ..	200 0 0	5/5/32	Total ..	6,323 0 18·7	
Rangitoto-Tuhua 68E 2 ..	36 3 7	23/2/33			

* Acquired by way of exchange.

BLOCKS ACQUIRED BUT NOT PROCLAIMED.

Block.	Area.	Block.	Area.
	A. R. P.		A. R. P.
Mohaka 28 ..	224 0 0	Waihou Lower A 39 ..	470 0 28
„ 35C ..	492 2 2	„ A 40 ..	625 0 13
Mourea Papakainga No. 2 ..	20 2 28	„ A 41 ..	439 2 10
Nikitini (Pou Grant) Grant 7038 first residue ..	137 3 12·5	„ A 42 ..	1,433 3 8
Opanake 2L ..	150 3 12	„ A 43 ..	49 1 24
Orahiri 3B 1 ..	86 2 30	Waimana Parish, Part Lot 245 ..	208 0 0
Orakei No. 1 Reserve C 2B 2 ..	20 1 12·5	„ „ 245 ..	950 0 0
Pirongia Lot 286 ..	200 0 0	„ „ 245 ..	1,149 0 5
Puketiti 2A ..	886 2 30	„ „ 246A 2 ..	597 0 0
Punakitere Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Block IX ..	90 3 24	Waimana Parish, Part Lot 246A 2 and Part Lot 345 ..	335 1 1·5
Rotomahana-Parekarangi 6A 2 4B 1A 1A ..	39 2 10	Waipapa Whatapo ..	90 3 37
„ 6A 2 4B 1A 1B ..	772 0 0	Whakapoungakau 1B 1 ..	51 3 5
Ruatoki A 9 ..	1 0	„ 1B 2 ..	25 2 20
„ A 21 ..	5 2 7	„ 1B 3E 1 ..	24 2 0
„ C 48 ..	1,118 1 16	„ 1B 3E 2 ..	29 2 30
„ C 61 ..	973 1 0	„ 1B 3F ..	40 1 30
Waerenga East No. 1 ..	140 0 0	Whakarapa 61A ..	11 0 39
Waiatuhu (part) ..	20 2 0		
Waihaha 3E 16C 3 ..	3,425 0 0	Total ..	15,441 2 20·5
Waihou Lower A 38 ..	105 0 26		

TABLE C.—NATIVE LAND PURCHASE—*continued*.
BLOCKS PARTLY ACQUIRED AND UNDER NEGOTIATION.

Block.	Area acquired.		Area outstanding.		Block.	Area acquired.		Area outstanding.	
	A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.		A.	R. P.	A.	R. P.
Awaroa A 10B, Sec. 3 ..	17	2 18	350	2 2	Okahukura 5 ..	1,439	1 0	422	3 0
Hauhungaroa 1b 2 ..	376	2 0	3,423	2 0	„ 6 ..	1,776	0 0	226	0 0
„ 2b ..	6,880	0 0	1,493	0 0	Opawa-Rangitoto ..	10,379	1 0	8,970	3 0
Heutu 1b 1b 2b 5 ..	1,012	1 0	1,897	3 0	Orahiri 3c ..	253	0 0	106	1 28
„ 4b 2a ..	1,809	1 0	2,265	3 0	Orakei 4a 2 ..	10	1 4	2	1 22
„ 4b 2b 2b ..	776	1 7	2,492	2 33	„ 4a 4 ..	7	2 22	2	1 16
„ 5b 2b ..	797	0 0	2,534	1 8	Parahirahi A 3b 1 ..	12	0 37	2	2 39
Herniwi 4a 2b ..	841	0 0	826	0 0	Peka C. ..	594	0 0	1,510	0 0
Hocotainui North 6b 2b 2 ..	472	1 17	6	0 0	Pokotakina A ..	24	0 0	187	0 0
Kahuwera B 2b 1 ..	126	3 7	153	0 33	Pouakani A 1b ..	79	0 0	315	0 0
„ B 2b 7a ..	191	1 0	590	0 12	Poukai B, Sec. 1 ..	18	2 32	2	0 0
„ B 2b 7c ..	63	1 30	127	3 22	Pukepoto 4a ..	86	3 1	42	0 39
Kaimanawa 1e 2b ..	1,437	0 34	3	26	„ 4b ..	189	3 26	32	0 14
„ 1e 2d ..	592	2 7	24	0 3	„ 4c ..	139	2 35	26	0 5
Te Karae 2e, Sec. 1 ..	666	3 29	118	1 0	„ 5a ..	121	2 30	21	1 10
Ketetahi ..	2	2 32	89	3 8	„ 5b ..	82	0 29	41	3 11
Te Kuiti 2b 1a 8 ..	1	1 25-9	1	1 0	Pukeroa Hangatiki 2c 1c 1 ..	7	1 32	4	3 8
„ 2b 1b 2d 1 ..	1	2 31		3	Puketapu ..	7,100	2 0	224	2 0
Manaia 1b and 2b, Sec. E ..	207	0 0	459	6 31	Puketapu South ..	1,176	2 0	23	2 6
„ 2a ..					Rangitira-Kapiti 4, Sec. 4 ..	353	2 0	16	2 30
Manaia 1b and 2b, Sec. E ..	1,477	1 5	565	0 38	Rangitoto-Tuhua—				
Mangatuna 1c 1 ..	5	2 27	28	1 13	68 e1 ..	360	2 39	2,789	2 0
„ 1e 2 ..	2	2 28	12	0 7	77b 1b 2a ..	3	0 20	40	0 0
Mangauika 1b 2, Sec. 2b ..	585	3 21	124	3 19	77b 2b 4a ..	80	0 0	388	0 36
(part)					77b 2b 4b ..	310	1 22	21	0 0
Matakaoa ..	483	0 12	1,916	3 28	77b 2b 4c ..	13	0 29	585	0 0
Matamata North 2b (part) ..	30	0 32	5	0 0	78b 1 ..	79	2 1	159	0 2
Maungatautari 5a 1b 3 ..	149	2 29	17	3 19	78b 2a 2a ..	49	3 15	454	0 0
Mohaka 2a ..	7	1 39	23	2 1	78b 2a 2b ..	33	0 13	116	1 12
„ 3a ..	2	0 15	53	2 12	78b 4a and 4b 1 ..	290	2 24	101	0 0
„ 3b ..	32	0 10	24	1 3	78b 4a and 4b 4 ..	417	0 0	208	2 14
„ 4 ..	1,293	2 34	10	1 6	78b 4a and 4b 5 ..	441	3 1	716	1 0
„ 8d ..	70	1 37	250	1 3	Rimuroa 1 ..	25	3 23	109	3 28
„ 9a ..	91	0 36	385	3 4	„ 3 ..	6	2 28	79	0 0
„ 9b ..	123	0 0	41	0 0	„ 4 ..	11	0 22	25	0 5
„ 10 and 11 ..	499	1 39	1,094	2 1	„ 5 ..	2	3 9	40	1 1
„ 12 ..	501	1 11	620	2 29	Rotomahana-Parekarangi—				
„ 13a ..	1,020	3 18	171	0 2	1c 4 ..	23	2 36	466	1 4
„ 14 ..	23	0 28	194	3 12	1c 10 ..	24	1 24	394	0 12
„ 22c ..	8	2 17	4	1 13	1c 13 ..	24	1 11	341	2 29
„ 24f ..	62	0 0	31	0 0	1c 14 ..	16	1 0	369	0 20
„ 31 ..	358	2 1	531	1 39	1c 15 ..	4	3 24	113	2 6
„ 32 ..	61	0 2	156	3 38	2b 6 ..	296	1 0	62	2 8
„ 33 ..	217	0 14	75	3 26	3a 3b 4a (part) ..	10	1 7	4	1 23
„ 36 ..	15	0 0	15	0 0	6a 2 1b ..	1,273	0 0	167	0 0
„ 38 ..	16	2 8	31	1 32	6a 2 2b 2a ..	615	0 0	197	2 0
„ 39 ..	266	1 25	162	2 15	6a 2 2b 2c ..	493	1 24	247	2 16
„ 40a ..	347	3 12	144	0 28	6a 2 2b 2d ..	1,403	2 2	319	2 38
„ 40b ..	351	0 10	378	3 30	6a 2 3b 1a 2 ..	574	2 28	284	2 29
„ 42 ..	1	3 20	3	0 20	6a 2 3b 2 ..	592	2 0	188	3 33
„ 43 ..	23	0 29	63	3 11	6a 2 3b 3a ..	50	0 0	147	2 38
„ 45 ..	44	3 6	496	0 34	6a 2 3b 5b ..	49	2 0	148	0 7
„ 47 ..	1	0 0	4	0 0	6a 2 4b 1a 2 ..	747	2 0	2,032	2 0
„ 48a ..	2	1 11	22	0 9	6a 2 4b 1b 3 ..	323	0 0	190	0 0
„ 48b ..	22	0 22	6	3 16	6a 2 4b 2a ..	666	0 0	334	0 0
„ 48c ..	2	1 12	6	0 21	6a 2 4b 2b ..	105	0 0	22	0 0
„ 48e ..	2	1 12	29	0 16	6a 2 4b 2b 1 ..	380	0 0	78	0 0
„ 51b 2 ..	1	3 18	7	1 34	6a 2 5b 3a ..	7	2 0	13	2 0
„ 52b ..	32	1 11	1,029	2 29	6a 2 5b 3c ..	48	3 0	81	1 0
„ 54 ..	481	1 26	248	2 14	6a 2 5b 3e 3 ..	16	0 0	50	0 0
„ 55b ..	2	1 0	87	2 25	6a 2 5b 3e 9 ..	18	1 6	187	2 34
„ 55d ..	226	2 32	41	3 30	6a 2 5b 3e 10 ..	1,921	3 33	4,030	0 7
„ 55e ..	20	1 11	47	1 12	6L 2b 1 ..	80	1 15	8	2 25
Mourca Papakainga 3d ..	1	1 13	6	3 37	6L 2b 3 ..	8	0 0	5	0 0
„ 3e 14f ..	50	3 10	556	1 24	Ruahine 1a ..	68	3 13	408	0 2
Oamaru 2b 5 ..	601	3 11	66	0 30	Ruatoki A 4 ..	6	1 35	2	1 2
Ohuanga North 1b ..	64	2 10	259	0 7	„ 5b ..	6	2 10	22	3 1
„ 2 ..	201	3 32	187	0 19	„ 6 ..	3	3 10	30	1 10
„ 3a ..	105	0 0	260	1 14	„ 10 ..	6	1 7	30	3 38
„ 3b ..	253	3 9	225	0 39	„ 14 ..	1	8	44	0 0
„ 5 ..	596	3 29	550	2 11	„ 17 ..	2	1 16	27	2 24
Ohuanga South 1b ..	13	1 0	136	0 27	„ 22 ..	34	2 23	51	1 11
„ 2b 1 ..	175	2 30	388	2 2	„ 23 ..	7	1 25	37	0 5
„ 2e ..	57	3 18	56	3 38	„ 27 ..	6	2 8	8	0 14
„ 2f ..	303	2 0	36	2 32	„ 28 ..	1	3 16	18	1 29
„ 2g ..	493	0 35	279	0 13	„ 30 ..	3	0 28	7	2 18
„ 2h ..	420	1 36	205	2 20	„ 31 ..	1	1 2	12	2 10
„ 2j ..	603	0 13	429	3 5	„ 32b ..	7	3 27	15	1 3
Okahukura 2b ..	848	0 27	1,331	3 13	„ 34 ..	25	2 15	16	3 27
„ 3 ..	453	0 0	20	0 0	„ 35 ..	3	28	33	1 8
„ 4b ..	743	2 27	293	1 13	„ 40 ..	8	0 26	37	3 36
					„ 42 ..	5	2 9	106	0 10

TABLE C.—NATIVE LAND PURCHASE—*continued.*
BLOCKS PARTLY ACQUIRED AND UNDER NEGOTIATION—*continued.*

Block.	Area acquired.	Area outstanding.	Block.	Area acquired.	Area outstanding.
	A. R. P.	A. R. P.		A. R. P.	A. R. P.
Ruatoki 46	1 2 16	21 2 24	Tokaanu B 1b	1 3 32	137 0 8
" 47	1 3 24	19 2 18	" B 1L	28 1 30	110 0 0
" 49	3 3 28	32 2 5	Tutaekuri 1b	501 3 31	10 3 24
" 51	17	10 3 1	" 1c 4A	41 0 7	28 3 33
" 52	7 1 32	6 0 30	" 1c 4B	789 0 22	85 3 4
" 53	3 3 12	9 3 2	" 1c 4C	330 3 27	25 2 27
" 54	3 2 27	3 1 35	" 1c 6	30 0 36	335 3 4
" 55	12	4 3 12	" 1c 13	1,016 3 9	26 0 31
" 60	7 2 9	11 2 2	" 1c 15	46 1 9	322 1 31
" 63	11 0 20	39 3 2	" 1c 16	13 3 0	84 2 30
" 65	12 2 18	27 3 27	" 1c 17	1 0 11	9 1 4
" B 2	16 1 2	23 1 38	" 1c 18A	6 2 2	27 2 28
" 4	5 1 16	15 3 0	" 1c 18B	26 1 22	46 3 28
" 6	1 0 28	18 3 12	" 1c 19	2 0 0	4 0 0
" 8A	3 20	31 2 0	Wahine-Rukuwai 2B	7 3 10	4 1 0
" 10	3 20	9 0 20	Waihaha 3b 1	2,922 1 28	77 2 12
" 11	2 30	27 2 18	" 3E 4	25,689 1 28	2,457 2 12
" 13B	1 0 21	13 0 29	Waihoa 2A	2 3 32	103 3 15
" 16C	3 3 18	10 1 32	" 2B	2 0 10	62 0 19
" 18	1 3 23	21 2 1	Waikare 14B 2	1,977 0 0	784 2 19
" 19	2 1 17	30 1 0	Waimanu 1	190 2 0	139 2 0
" 27	6 0 30	34 1 3	" 2G	5,501 2 20	769 2 24
" 35	11 3 30	14 2 9	Waiorua-Kapita No. 5, Sec. 1b 2A 2	89 2 0	145 3 31
" 42A	3 0 2	6 1 38	Waipaoa 5A	1,298 0 10	1,321 3 30
" 42B	10 0 28	17 2 9	" 5C	56 1 21	24 2 19
" 54	9 3 39	18 0 1	Waipapa 1c	58 0 12	58 0 37
" 62	3 3 17	27 2 20	" 2A	970 0 13	832 3 27
" 63	1 29	35 1 11	" 2B	587 2 0	643 2 0
" 67	3 1 9	14 3 31	" 2C	1,826 1 0	1,339 3 0
" 71	10 2 2	18 1 34	Waipiro 5A	17 1 8	128 2 32
" C 40	1 0 23	120 3 17	" 5B	36 2 27	77 1 23
Taheke 3D	62 0 21	2,043 3 19	" 5C	1,477 3 20	1,288 1 10
Tahora 2A E 3, Sec. 2 ..	1,005 1 0	6 3 0	Waipoua 2B 2B 3	1,372 3 5	32 0 35
Taumarunui Native Town- ship—			" 2B 3B 1	252 2 0	64 2 0
Sub. U 2	2 0	1 12	" 2B 3C	1,081 2 0	135 2 0
Sub. W 2	11.7	8.3	Waitangi 2A 2	2 2 26	33 0 23
Tauranga-Taupo 1b ..	3,199 0 0	2,080 0 0	" 2B 2	84 0 34	198 2 6
" 2B	6,136 0 0	4,533 0 0	Waitaruna 4A	9 2 7	6 1 18
" 3B 1	318 1 0	155 3 0	Waituhi-Kuratau 1b ..	753 0 0	9 0 0
Taurewa 4 East A 1 ..	115 3 33	12 2 7	" 4B 2	2,382 0 0	1,110 0 0
" 4 West E 2B 3A ..	300 0 28	111 3 12	Wharekahika 18J ..	315 0 37	962 3 15
" 4 West E 2B 3C ..	178 1 15	32 2 25	Wharepuhunga 15B ..	20 0 0	99 0 15
" 4 West A 4C	341 2 10	2 1 30	" 18B	170 0 0	30 0 0
Tiboi 3B 8B 2A	6,209 3 27	1,025 0 13	" 18D	155 2 0	37 2 0
" 3B 8B 2B	5,302 2 0	1 2 0	" 18E	190 0 0	87 0 0
" 3B 8B 3	8,870 3 0	838 1 0	Whenuanui 4	434 2 27	20 1 13
" 3B 8B 4	5,519 0 0	117 0 0	Whirinaki 1, Sec. 4B 1b ..	1,317 0 0	432 2 7
" 3B 8B 6	6,005 3 13	687 0 27			
" 3B 8B 8	16,106 0 0	23 0 0			
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