

1934.
NEW ZEALAND.

NATIVE LAND COURTS

AND OTHER MATTERS UNDER CONTROL OF NATIVE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF UNDER-SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1934.

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

Native Department, 1st July, 1934.

The Hon. the Native Minister, Wellington.

HEREWITH is submitted a report upon the activities of the Department for the period ending 31st March, 1934.

P. G. PEARCE, 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 £3,393, as against £3,748 for the preceding period.

MAORI LAND BOARDS.

The Boards received in fees £1,523, as against £1,231 last year, an increase of £292, while the commissions collected rose from £2,618 last year to £3,363, an increase of £745, making a total increase of £1,037.

Native land remaining vested in the Boards at the 31st March, 1934, was as follows:—

					A.	R.	P.
Area as at 31st March, 1933	..	..	..	..	657,407	0	9
Area sold or revested	..	..	..	..	41	0	31
Balance	..	..	..	..	654,665	3	18

The funds held or invested by the Boards increased by £45,738 11s. 6d. during the year. The following are the figures as at 31st March, 1934:—

					£	s.	d.
On deposit with the Native Trustee	..	..	..	..	184,958	14	0
Government securities	..	..	..	..	85,743	8	4
Other securities and advances	..	..	..	..	338,165	6	1
Cash balances	..	..	..	..	13,331	13	9
Total	..	..	..	..	£622,199	2	2

PRIVATE DEALINGS IN NATIVE LAND.

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

					Number.	Area.	
						A.	R. P.
Sales	..	..	..	..	142	4,693	1 11·78
Leases	..	..	..	..	215	27,076	2 37·72

The areas disposed of last year were: Sold, 4,699 acres 1 rood 28 perches; leased, 34,638 acres and 34 perches.

CROWN PURCHASES OF NATIVE LAND.

Native land purchased by the Crown amounted to 476 acres. Since 1910, 1,543,346 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, 1933 .. .. .	..	3,856,291
Sales to Crown	476	
Sales to individuals	4,693	
		5,169
		3,851,122

GENERAL.

Judge Gilfedder, who for the past twelve years had been stationed in Wellington as Judge of the Ikaroa and South Island Native Land Court Districts, retired on the 30th June, 1933. Mr. John Harvey, formerly Registrar of the Native Land Court for the Tairāwhiti District, was appointed a Judge to succeed Judge Gilfedder as from the 1st July, 1933.

Chief Judge Jones relinquished the positions of Under-Secretary and Native Trustee on the 28th November, 1933, but retained his offices of Chief Judge of the Native Land Court and East Coast Commissioner. He resigned from the latter office, however, on the 31st March last, when Mr. J. S. Jessep was appointed to the position in his stead.

Subsequently to the relinquishment by Chief Judge Jones of the dual position of Under-Secretary and Native Trustee, an extensive reorganization of the Department has been effected. The Head Office and the Native Trust Office staffs have been brought together and are now combined as one organization, and the administration of the Department has been strengthened to meet the increased activities consequent upon the policy of the development and settlement of Native lands.

Following upon certain complaints made by the Controller and Auditor-General in his annual report to Parliament with respect to alleged irregularities in connection with Native land development operations, the Government decided in December last to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the administration of Native affairs generally. The Commission was appointed on the 28th February, 1934, the Commissioners being the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith (Chairman), the Hon. John Alexander, C.M.G., Mr. D. G. Johnston, and Mr. L. W. Nelson. The order of reference was made sufficiently wide to bring within the scope of the inquiry all matters affecting the administration of Native affairs and Maori-owned funds.

The Commission commenced its public sittings at Wellington on the 16th March, 1934, and sittings were also held at Auckland, Whangarei, Rotorua, and Gisborne. The Commission's report has not yet been presented.

The area of Native land available for alienation has been steadily diminished from year to year, which, combined with the conditions obtaining in the farming and pastoral industries during the past three years, have caused the dealings in Native land both by way of sale and lease to tend to decrease each year. The area alienated to private persons during the year ended 31st March, 1934, however, was only slightly less than during the preceding year, but there was a considerable falling-off in the purchases by the Crown, which amounted to a nominal area of 476 acres only.

No licenses were issued to Native Interpreters during the year, while one license was revoked at the request of the holder.

TABLE A.—NATIVE LAND COURTS.

RETURN OF BUSINESS AND FEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1934.

Native Land Court.								
Number of sittings	89	Number of partitions made	189					
Number of cases notified	13,100	Area affected (acres)	18,133					
Number of cases for which orders were made	4,512	Number of investigations of title	3					
Number of cases dismissed	1,094	Area affected (acres)	2,895					
Number of cases adjourned <i>sine die</i>	7,497	Number of succession orders made	3,446					
		Number of other orders made	1,516					
Native Appellate Court.								
Number of sittings	5	Native Land Court decisions annulled	1					
Number of cases notified	20	Appeals dismissed or withdrawn	3					
Native Land Court decisions varied	1	Appeals adjourned <i>sine die</i>	1					
Native Land Court decisions affirmed	3	Applications under section 257/31 ordered .. .. .	..				
Native Land Court decisions referred back to Native Land Court	8	Applications under section 257/31 dismissed	1					
		Applications under section 257/31 adjourned <i>sine die</i>	2					
Court Fees.								
Fees received	£3,393 4s. 8d.							

TABLE B.—MAORI LAND BOARDS.
OPERATIONS, 1ST APRIL, 1933, TO 31ST MARCH, 1934.

Board.	Leased.			Sold.			Mortgaged.		
	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.	A.	R.	P.
Tokerau	82	6	8	538	2	32.8	..	..	..
Waikato-Maniapoto ..	2,005	3	11.9	1,391	3	4.53	916	0	7
Waiariki	10,079	1	15.3	954	2	1.1	100	1	22
Tairāwhiti	3,372	0	26	78	1	14	571	1	29
Aotea	5,681	0	12.8	404	0	13.9	943	2	11
Ikaroa	4,300	0	19.92	151	0	18.3	555	1	16
South Island	1,554	2	23.8	1,174	3	7.15	..	..	..
Totals	27,076	2	37.72	4,693	1	11.78	3,086	3	5
North Island	25,522	0	13.92	3,518	2	4.63	3,086	3	5
South Island	1,554	2	23.8	1,174	3	7.15	..	..	..
Totals	27,076	2	37.72	4,693	1	11.78	3,086	3	5

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

Block.	Area.			Gazette.	Block.	Area.			Gazette.
	A.	R.	P.			A.	R.	P.	
Te Akau B 12 No. 1 (part) ..	804	1	12	14/12/33	Pukeroa-Hangatiki 2c 1c 1 ..	12	1	0	4/5/33
Te Kuiti 2B 1 2D 1	1	2	34	8/3/34	Tauranga-Taupo No. 1B No. 1 ..	3,535	0	0	24/8/33
Nikitini (Pou Grant), Grant 7038, first residue	137	3	12.5	4/5/33	Tauranga-Taupo No. 2B No. 1 ..	4,050	0	0	24/8/33
Orahiri 3B 1 (part)	86	2	30	24/8/33	Waitara Survey District: Sub-division 2B 1, Section 2, Block III	7	0	0	1/6/33
Orahiri 3c (part)	259	1	28	24/8/33					
Otorohanga Township, Lot 20, Block XII	1	4.4		10/8/33	Total	8,894	3	0	

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 (part), Grant 7037, Sections 388, Parts 390 and 394, Block XIII, Wairoa S.D.	32	3	4	„ A 42	1,433	3	8
Opanake 2L	150	3	12	„ A 43	49	1	24
Orakei No. 1 Reserve C 2B 2 ..	20	1	12.5	Waimana Parish, Part Lot 245 ..	208	0	0
Pirongia Lot 286	200	0	0	„ „ 245	950	0	0
Puketiti 2A	886	2	30	„ „ 245	1,149	0	5
Punakitere Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Block IX	90	3	24	„ „ 246A 2	597	0	0
Rotomahana-Parekarangi 6A 2 4B 1A 1A ..	39	2	10	Waimana Parish, Part Lot 246A 2 and Part Lot 345	335	1	1.5
„ 6A 2 4B 1A 1B	772	0	0	Waipapa Whatapo	90	3	37
Ruatoki A 9	1	0		Whakapoungakau 1B 1	51	3	5
„ A 21	5	2	7	„ 1B 2	25	2	20
„ C 48	1,118	1	16	„ 1B 3E 1	24	2	0
„ C 61	973	1	0	„ 1B 3E 2	29	2	30
Waerenga East No. 1	140	0	0	„ 1B 3F	40	1	30
Waiaituhi (part)	20	2	0	Whakarapa 61A	11	0	39
Waibaha 3E 16c 3	3,425	0	0				
Waihou Lower A 38	105	0	26	Total	15,249	3	22

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, Section 3 ..	17	2	18	350	2	2	Okahukura 4B ..	743	2	27	293	1	13
Hauhungaroa 1D 2 ..	376	2	0	3,423	2	0	„ 5 ..	1,439	1	0	422	3	0
„ 2D ..	6,880	0	0	1,493	0	0	„ 6 ..	1,776	0	0	226	0	0
Hautu 1B 1B 2B 5 ..	1,012	1	0	1,897	3	0	Opawa-Rangitoto ..	10,391	1	0	8,958	3	0
„ 4B 2A ..	1,809	1	0	2,265	3	0	Orakiri 3C (part) ..	82	3	23	17	0	17
„ 4B 2B 2B ..	776	1	7	2,492	2	33	Orakei 4A 2 ..	10	1	4	2	1	22
„ 5B 2B ..	797	0	0	2,534	1	8	„ 4A 4 ..	7	2	22	2	1	16
Heruwi 4A 2B ..	841	0	0	826	0	0	Parahirahi A 3B 1 ..	12	0	37	2	39	
Hocotainui North 6B 2J 2 ..	477	0	12	1	1	5	Peka C ..	594	0	0	1,510	0	0
Kahuwera B 2B 1 ..	126	3	7	153	0	33	Pokotakina A ..	24	0	0	187	0	0
„ B 2B 7A ..	191	1	0	590	0	12	Pouakani A 1B ..	79	0	0	315	0	0
„ B 2B 7C ..	63	1	30	127	3	22	Poukai B, Section 1 ..	18	2	32	2	0	
Kaimanawa 1E 2B ..	1,437	0	34	3	26		Pukepoto 4A ..	86	3	1	42	0	39
„ 1E 2D ..	592	2	7	24	0	3	„ 4B ..	189	3	26	32	0	14
Te Karae 2E, Section 1 ..	666	3	29	118	1	0	„ 4C ..	139	2	35	26	0	5
Ketetahi ..	2	2	32	89	3	8	„ 5A ..	121	2	30	21	1	10
Te Kuiti 2B 1A 8 ..	1	1	25.9	1	1	0	„ 5B ..	82	0	29	41	3	11
Manaia 1B and 2B, Sec. E 2A ..	511	2	34	154	1	27	Puketapu ..	7,100	2	0	224	2	0
„ 2E ..	1,477	1	5	565	0	38	Puketapu South ..	1,176	2	0	23	2	0
Mangatuna 1C 1 ..	5	2	27	28	1	13	Rangatira-Kapiti 4, Sec. 4 ..	353	2	0	16	2	30
„ 1E 2 ..	2	2	28	12	0	7	Rangitoto-Tuhua—						
Mangauika 1B 2, Section 2B (part) ..	585	3	21	124	3	19	68E 1 ..	360	2	39	2,789	2	0
Maractaua 2B 4 ..	11	2	0	559	3	10	77B 1B 2A ..	3	0	20	40	0	0
Matakaoa ..	483	0	12	1,916	3	28	77B 2B 4A ..	80	0	0	388	0	36
Matamata North 2L (part) ..	30	0	32	5	0	0	77B 2B 4B ..	310	1	22	21	0	0
Maungatautari 5A 1B 3 ..	154	1	29	13	0	19	77B 2B 4C ..	13	0	39	585	0	0
Mohaka 2A ..	7	1	39	23	2	1	78B 1 ..	79	2	1	159	0	2
„ 3A ..	2	0	15	53	2	12	78B 2A 2A ..	49	3	15	454	0	0
„ 3B ..	32	0	10	24	1	3	78B 2A 2B ..	33	0	13	116	1	12
„ 4 ..	1,293	2	34	10	1	6	78B 4A and 4B 1 ..	290	2	24	101	0	0
„ 8D ..	70	1	37	250	1	3	78B 4A and 4B 4 ..	417	0	0	208	2	14
„ 9A ..	91	0	36	385	3	4	78B 4A and 4B 5 ..	441	3	1	716	1	0
„ 9B ..	123	0	0	41	0	0	Rimuroa 1 ..	25	3	23	109	3	28
„ 10 and 11 ..	499	1	39	1,094	2	1	„ 3 ..	6	2	28	79	0	0
„ 12 ..	501	1	11	620	2	29	„ 4 ..	11	0	22	25	0	5
„ 13A ..	1,020	3	18	171	0	2	„ 5 ..	2	3	9	40	1	1
„ 14 ..	23	0	28	194	3	12	Rotomahana-Parekarangi—						
„ 22C ..	8	2	17	4	1	13	1C 2 ..	1	33		121	3	10
„ 24F ..	62	0	0	31	0	0	1C 4 ..	23	2	36	466	1	4
„ 31 ..	358	2	1	531	1	39	1C 10 ..	24	1	24	394	0	12
„ 32 ..	61	0	2	156	3	38	1C 12 ..	32	0	11	419	1	29
„ 33 ..	217	0	14	75	3	26	1C 13 ..	33	1	32	332	2	8
„ 36 ..	15	0	0	15	0	0	1C 14 ..	16	1	0	369	0	20
„ 38 ..	16	2	8	31	1	32	1C 15 ..	4	3	24	113	2	6
„ 39 ..	266	1	25	162	2	15	2E 6 ..	296	1	0	62	2	8
„ 40A ..	347	3	12	144	0	28	3A 3B 4A (part) ..	10	1	7	4	1	23
„ 40B ..	351	0	10	378	3	30	6A 2 1B ..	1,273	0	0	167	0	0
„ 42 ..	1	3	20	3	0	20	6A 2 2B 2A ..	615	0	0	197	2	0
„ 43 ..	23	0	29	63	3	11	6A 2 2B 2C ..	493	1	24	247	2	16
„ 45 ..	44	3	6	496	0	34	6A 2 2B 2D ..	1,403	3	2	319	2	38
„ 47 ..	1	0	0	4	0	0	6A 2 3B 1A 2 ..	574	2	28	284	2	29
„ 48A ..	2	11		22	0	9	6A 2 3B 2 ..	592	2	0	188	3	33
„ 48B ..	22	0	22	6	3	16	6A 2 3B 3A ..	50	0	0	147	2	38
„ 48C ..	1	12		6	0	21	6A 2 3B 5B ..	49	2	0	148	0	7
„ 48E ..	2	1	12	29	0	16	6A 2 4B 1A 2 ..	747	2	0	2,032	2	0
„ 51B 2 ..	1	3	18	7	1	34	6A 2 4B 1B 3 ..	323	0	0	190	0	0
„ 52B ..	32	1	11	1,029	2	29	6A 2 4B 2A ..	666	0	0	334	0	0
„ 54 ..	481	1	26	248	2	14	6A 2 4B 2B ..	105	0	0	22	0	0
„ 55B ..	2	1	0	87	2	25	6A 2 4B 2H 1 ..	380	0	0	78	0	0
„ 55D ..	226	2	32	41	3	30	6A 2 5B 3A ..	7	2	0	13	2	0
„ 55E ..	20	1	11	47	1	12	6A 2 5B 3C ..	48	3	0	81	1	0
Mourea Papakainga 3D ..	1	13		6	3	37	6A 2 5B 3E 3 ..	16	0	0	50	0	0
„ 3E 14F ..	50	3	10	556	1	24	6A 2 5B 3E 9 ..	18	1	6	187	2	34
Oamaru 2B 5 ..	601	3	11	66	0	30	6A 2 5B 3E 10 ..	1,921	3	33	4,030	0	7
Ohuanga North 1B ..	91	2	37	231	3	20	6L 2B 1 ..	80	1	15	8	2	25
„ 2 ..	201	3	32	187	0	19	6L 2B 3 ..	8	0	0	5	0	0
„ 3A ..	105	0	0	260	1	14	Ruahine 1A ..	68	3	13	408	0	2
„ 3B ..	253	3	9	225	0	39	Ruatoki A 4 ..	6	1	35	2	1	2
„ 5 ..	596	3	29	550	2	11	„ 5B ..	6	2	10	22	3	1
Ohuanga South 1B ..	13	1	0	136	0	27	„ 6 ..	3	3	10	30	1	10
„ 2D 1 ..	175	2	30	388	2	2	„ 10 ..	6	1	7	30	3	38
„ 2E ..	57	3	18	56	3	38	„ 14 ..	1	8		44	0	0
„ 2F ..	303	2	0	36	2	32	„ 17 ..	2	1	16	27	2	24
„ 2G ..	493	0	35	279	0	13	„ 22 ..	34	2	23	51	1	11
„ 2H ..	420	1	36	205	2	20	„ 23 ..	7	1	25	37	0	5
„ 2J ..	603	0	13	429	3	5	„ 27 ..	6	2	8	8	0	14
Okahukura 2B ..	848	0	27	1,331	3	13	„ 28 ..	1	3	16	18	1	29
„ 3 ..	453	0	0	20	0	0	„ 30 ..	3	0	28	7	2	18
							„ 31 ..	1	1	2	12	2	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	32B	..	7	3	27	15	1	3	Tihoi	3B 8B 6	..	6,005	3	13	687	0	27
„	34	..	25	2	15	16	3	27	„	3B 8B 8	..	16,106	0	0	23	0	0
„	35	..			3 28	33	1	8	Tokaanu	B 1D	..	1	3	32	137	0	8
„	40	..	8	0	26	37	3	36	„	B 1L	..	28	1	30	110	0	0
„	42	..	5	2	9	106	0	10	Tutaekuri	1B	..	501	3	31	10	3	24
„	46	..	1	2	16	21	2	24	„	1C 4A	..	41	0	7	28	3	33
„	47	..	1	3	24	19	2	18	„	1C 4B	..	789	0	22	85	3	4
„	49	..	3	3	28	32	2	5	„	1C 4C	..	330	3	27	25	2	27
„	51	..			17	10	3	1	„	1C 6	..	30	0	36	335	3	4
„	52	..	7	1	32	6	0	30	„	1C 13	..	1,016	3	9	26	0	31
„	53	..	3	3	12	9	3	2	„	1C 15	..	46	1	9	322	1	31
„	54	..	3	2	27	3	1	35	„	1C 16	..	13	3	0	84	2	30
„	55	..			12	4	3	12	„	1C 17	..	1	0	11	9	1	4
„	60	..	7	2	9	11	2	2	„	1C 18A	..	6	2	2	27	2	28
„	63	..	11	0	20	39	3	2	„	1C 18B	..	26	1	22	46	3	28
„	65	..	12	2	18	27	3	27	„	1C 19	..	2	0	0	4	0	0
„	B 2	..	16	1	2	23	1	38	Wahine-Rukuwai	2B	..	7	3	10	4	1	0
„	4	..	5	1	16	15	3	0	Waihaha	3D 1	..	2,922	1	28	77	2	12
„	6	..	1	0	28	18	3	12	„	3E 4	..	25,689	1	28	2,457	2	12
„	8A	..			3 20	31	2	0	Waihoa	2A	..	2	3	32	103	3	15
„	10	..			3 20	9	0	20	„	2B	..	2	0	10	62	0	19
„	11	..			2 30	27	2	18	Waikare	14B 2	..	1,977	0	0	784	2	19
„	16B	..	1	0	21	13	0	29	Waimanu	1	..	190	2	0	139	2	0
„	16C	..	3	3	18	10	1	32	„	2G	..	5,501	2	20	769	2	24
„	18	..	1	3	23	21	2	1	Waiorua-Kapita	No. 5, Section 1B 2A 2	..	89	2	0	145	3	31
„	19	..	2	1	17	30	1	0	Waipaoa	5A	..	1,298	0	10	1,321	3	30
„	27	..	6	0	30	34	1	3	„	5C	..	56	1	21	24	2	19
„	35	..	11	3	30	14	2	9	Waipapa	1C	..	58	0	12	58	0	37
„	42A	..	3	0	2	6	1	38	„	2A	..	970	0	13	832	3	27
„	42B	..	10	0	28	17	2	9	„	2B	..	587	2	0	643	2	0
„	54	..	9	3	39	18	0	1	„	2C	..	1,831	0	0	1,335	0	0
„	62	..	3	3	17	27	2	20	Waipiro	5A	..	17	1	8	128	2	32
„	63	..			1 29	35	1	11	„	5B	..	36	2	27	77	1	23
„	67	..	3	1	9	14	3	31	„	5C	..	1,477	3	20	1,288	1	10
„	71	..	10	2	2	18	1	34	Waipoua	2B 2B 3	..	1,372	3	5	32	0	35
„	C 40	..	1	0	23	120	3	17	„	2B 3B 1	..	252	2	0	64	2	0
Taheke	3D	..	62	0	21	2,043	3	19	„	2B 3C	..	1,081	2	0	135	2	0
Tahora	2A E 3, Section 2	..	1,007	0	0	5	0	0	Waitangi	2A 2	..	2	2	26	33	0	23
Taumarunui	Native Township—	..							„	2B 2	..	84	0	34	198	2	6
Sub. U	2	..			2 0			1 12	Waitaruna	4A	..	9	2	7	6	1	18
Sub. W	2	..			11.7			8.3	Waituhi-Kuratau	1B	..	753	0	0	9	0	0
Tauranga-Taupo	1B	..	3,199	0	0	2,080	0	0	„	4B 2	..	2,382	0	0	1,110	0	0
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