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Te Rauparaha sets out for the Wairau

Nearly a hundred years ago the great Maori chief Te Rauparaha received word at Porirua that a survey of what is now the Province of Marlborough was about to commence. With his fellow chief Rangihateea and a number of his followers of the Ngati-toa tribe, Te Rauparaha and his party sailed from Mana Island on Captain Tom's schooner the "Three

Brothers." They arrived at the mouth of the Wairau River, where they were joined by a number of other natives. Strongly armed, the warlike party proceeded up the river determined to resist strenuously any attempts to deprive them of their ancestral lands. A fierce encounter took place, and there were a number of casualties on both sides.

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