

Top A view of the scenic reserve adjacent to the Karangarua blocks showing the tall Kahikatea and matai trees in the background.

Middle and bottom photos show the cut-over bush on the Karangarua blocks. The photos were taken inside a "logging pad-dock". A hauler is put down in an area cleared for the purpose and logs are hauled by winch from as far off as 30 chains to be loaded onto trucks at this central point. The photos show young kahikatea and rimu with some beech which are too small to be recovered in the logging.



and a member of the Murihiku Trust. Mr Preece is chairman of the Chatham Islands County council and Mr MacDonald is a committee member of the Wakatu Incorporation and a director of the Marlborough and Blenheim Milk Companies.

The party also included ex-officio committee member, Mr Wishie Jaram, district officer from the Department of Maori Affairs in Christchurch and senior field officer, S. Brown.

The first day of the tour took the party down the east coast of Otago and Southland to property at Chaslands, to consider a rural loan application and Tautuku to inspect the 3500ha of undeveloped Maori coastal land there.

SECOND DAY

On the second day, they went to the south of Southland to Colac Bay and Whakapatu where the committee inspected farms and land development on some of the Land Board's settlement propositions.

Further west from Whakapatu, were the two large undeveloped Maori blocks at Te Wae Wae Bay and Hedgehope. During 1979, the committee hosted a full tour by the Maori Lands Board to the region. As a result, the Ngaitahu Trust Board took part in setting up the Murihiku Trust.

The party was joined by the South Island Maori Land Court Registrar, Mr Geoff Gunn the next day as the tour carried on through northern Southland to Queensland and Wanaka and on to Lake Hawea. It was at Lake Hawea, the party visited the land originally set aside by the Crown as a Maori lands grant.

After proceeding over the Haast Pass, the party inspected the undeveloped land near the Karangarua River, Westland. The committee's purpose for visiting this land was to familiarise itself with its location and physical features, so that, in the coming year, the committee may be able to enter into discussion

