

also afford settlers and residents of Bell Hill and the surrounding district such facilities for meeting within the said hall as may from time to time be determined by the Board; provided that the Board shall have power to fix reasonable charges for the use of the said hall.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Westland Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 roods, more or less, being Reserve 641, Block I, Kopara Survey District.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Commission to inquire into and report upon the Necessity or Advisability of establishing Model Villages on the Sites of the Present Villages of Ohinemutu and Whakarewarewa.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

By his Deputy,

CHARLES PERRIN SKERRETT.

To all to whom these presents shall come, and to CHARLES JOHN MCKENZIE, Esquire, of Wellington, Acting-Engineer-in-Chief of the Public Works Department; REGINALD BEDFORD HAMMOND, Esquire, A.M.T.P.I., of Auckland, Town-planning Consultant; JOHN THOMAS MAIR, Esquire, of Wellington, Government Architect; DR. PETER HENRY BUCK, D.S.O., of Auckland, Director of Maori Hygiene; and HENRY TAIPORUTU MITCHELL, Esquire, of Rotorua, Licensed Surveyor: Greeting.

WHEREAS it is expedient that inquiry should be made regarding the necessity or advisability of establishing model Maori villages at Ohinemutu and Whakarewarewa and the erection and construction of suitable dwelling-houses and other buildings embodying therein distinctive characteristics of Maori art and architecture and in harmony with the scenic attractions of such localities and their inhabitants and the requirements of convenience, public health, and hygiene, or, in the alternative, the alteration, renovation, or remodelling of the existing villages and the buildings therein along lines that would achieve the same object, and the preparation of a suitable scheme or schemes and plans for giving effect to any recommendations in respect thereto, and an estimate of the cost of carrying any such schemes into effect:

Now, therefore, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said

Charles John McKenzie,
Reginald Bedford Hammond,
John Thomas Mair,
Peter Henry Buck, and
Henry Taiporutu Mitchell

to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the following matters:—

1. Whether on the sites of the present Maori settlements or villages known as Ohinemutu and Whakarewarewa it would be possible to adopt a scheme of town-planning so as to establish thereon model Maori villages which would combine the distinctive characteristics of Maori art and architecture with the requirements of modern convenience, public health, and hygiene;

2. What is the normal Maori population ordinarily resident in the villages of Ohinemutu and Whakarewarewa—

- (a.) The number of adult males;
- (b.) The number of adult females;
- (c.) The number of children;
- (d.) The number of individual families comprising (a), (b), and (c);

(e.) The probable increase or decrease of the permanent population if the housing conditions were altered, extended, or improved.

3. Whether the existing housing accommodation within the Villages of Ohinemutu and Whakarewarewa is sufficient, having regard to the present condition of such dwellings, their nature, extent, and suitability, and also as regards their design and harmony with their situation and surroundings, and whether such buildings are inhabited by their owners or are occupied by tenants being Maoris.

4. Whether the sanitary provisions now existing within the said villages are sufficient, and what improvements and extensions will be necessary—

- (a.) If comprehensive rebuilding schemes are recommended;
- (b.) If the alteration, renovation, or remodelling of the existing villages is recommended.

5. Whether provision might be made in any scheme of town-planning affecting the villages for laying off roads and

streets, paths, or right-of-ways and for setting apart any portions of such villages exclusively for business-sites, shops, and meeting-houses consistent with the preservation and conservation of the scenic attractions and thermal activities of the districts, and for providing for all future buildings conforming to any schemes recommended or which may be decided upon.

6. What type or types of houses are most likely to suit the requirements of the locality and the population of the villages, and whether a type of house might be designed suitable for standardization while preserving distinctive Maori characteristics

7. Whether there are any buildings or other structures within the Whakarewarewa Reserve and Village or adjacent thereto, and whether on Crown or Native land, which should in the interest of the improvement and development of any scheme which may be recommended, be demolished, removed, or structurally altered to conform to such scheme.

8. And generally to inquire into and report upon any other matters for increasing and improving the attractiveness of the said villages as places of scenic and historic interest and for promoting the welfare of the inhabitants of such villages.

And with the like advice and consent, I do further appoint you the said

Charles John McKenzie

to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And you are hereby authorized to conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and to call before you and to examine on oath or otherwise such persons as you think capable of affording you information as to the matters aforesaid, and to call for and examine all such documents as you deem likely to afford you the fullest information on any such matters.

And, using all due diligence, you are required to report to me, under your hands and seals, not later than the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, your opinion on the aforesaid matters.

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you.

And it is hereby declared that this Commission shall continue in full force and virtue although the inquiry be not regularly continued from time to time or from place to place by adjournment, and that you or any three of you shall and may from time to time proceed in execution thereof and of every power, matter, and thing herein contained.

And, lastly, it is hereby further declared that these presents are issued under and subject to the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 28th day of May, 1926.

WM. DOWNIE STEWART,
For Native Minister.

Approved in Council.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Financial Instructions and Allowance Regulations for the N.Z. Military Forces amended.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

By his Deputy,

CHARLES PERRIN SKERRETT.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority conferred on me by the Defence Act, 1909, and its amendments, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby amend in the manner and to the extent set forth in the Schedule hereto the Financial Instructions and Allowance Regulations for the New Zealand Military Forces; and I do hereby declare that the amendment hereby made shall take effect as from date of publication thereof in the *Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

PARAGRAPH 187 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted:—

“187. In the cases of W.O.s, Staff sergeants, and sergeants attending camps, and all W.O.s and N.C.O.s attending courses, this ration may be supplemented in kind to the value of 9d. per ration per day, and in the cases of officers attending camps and courses, to the value of 1s. 6d. per ration per day.”

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 28th day of May, 1926.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.