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Nōpera Pana-kareao

1840

Nōpera Pana-kareao signed the Waitangi sheet of te Tiriti – the Treaty on 28 April 1840 at Kaitiāia. His wife Ereōnora signed at the same time. Pana-kareao was the final speaker on the day and his summing up of the Treaty is well remembered:

‘What have we to say against the governor, the shadow of the land will go to him but the substance will remain with us’.

1841

According to the missionary Richard Taylor, only a year later Nōpera feared that:

‘The substance of it will go to [the British] and the shadow only be [the Māori] portion.’

Sir Apirana Ngata

1940

During the centennial year of the signing, Sir Apirana Ngata confirmed Nōpera’s fears when he said:

‘I do not know of any year the Māori people have approached with so much misgiving as this Centennial Year... In retrospect what does the Māori see? Lands gone, the power of chiefs humbled in the dust, Māori culture scattered and broken.’

How does Ngata’s perspective relate to Nōpera’s view about the Shadow and the Substance?