Village for Sale

The poster shows the surveyed 'Township of Koitiata' with 39 sections for auction. The sections were for lease at £1 per year.



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KOITIATA BEACH SECTIONS AUCTIONED

There was a fair tattendance at the Coronation Hall, Marton, yesterday afternoon when seaside building sites in the town of Koitiata, on the Turakina riversbed, were submitted by public auction. The following sections were sold:—Section 2, H. Waitere; 3, J. D. Morton; 30 and 31, J. H. McLean; 32, A. Way; 33, G. Morris; 34, W D. McIndoe. Building sites can be obtained on application to Mr H. H. Richardson, the Rangitikei Council Chambers, at the upset rental price of £1 per year.

The first sections sold, using todays street numbers; Rapaki street the buyers were, 32 & 34 to J.H. Mclean, 36 to A. Way, 38 to G. Morris, 40 to W.D. McIndoe. Wainui street buyers were, 62 to H. Waitere and 64 to J.D. Morton.

A news item a year later in March 1920 states that a total of 11 sections had been "... disposed of ..." at that date.

A Condition of Lease was; "Lessee to take precautions to prevent sand drift ...". But as they were to learn, that was going to be a very difficult and drawn out process.