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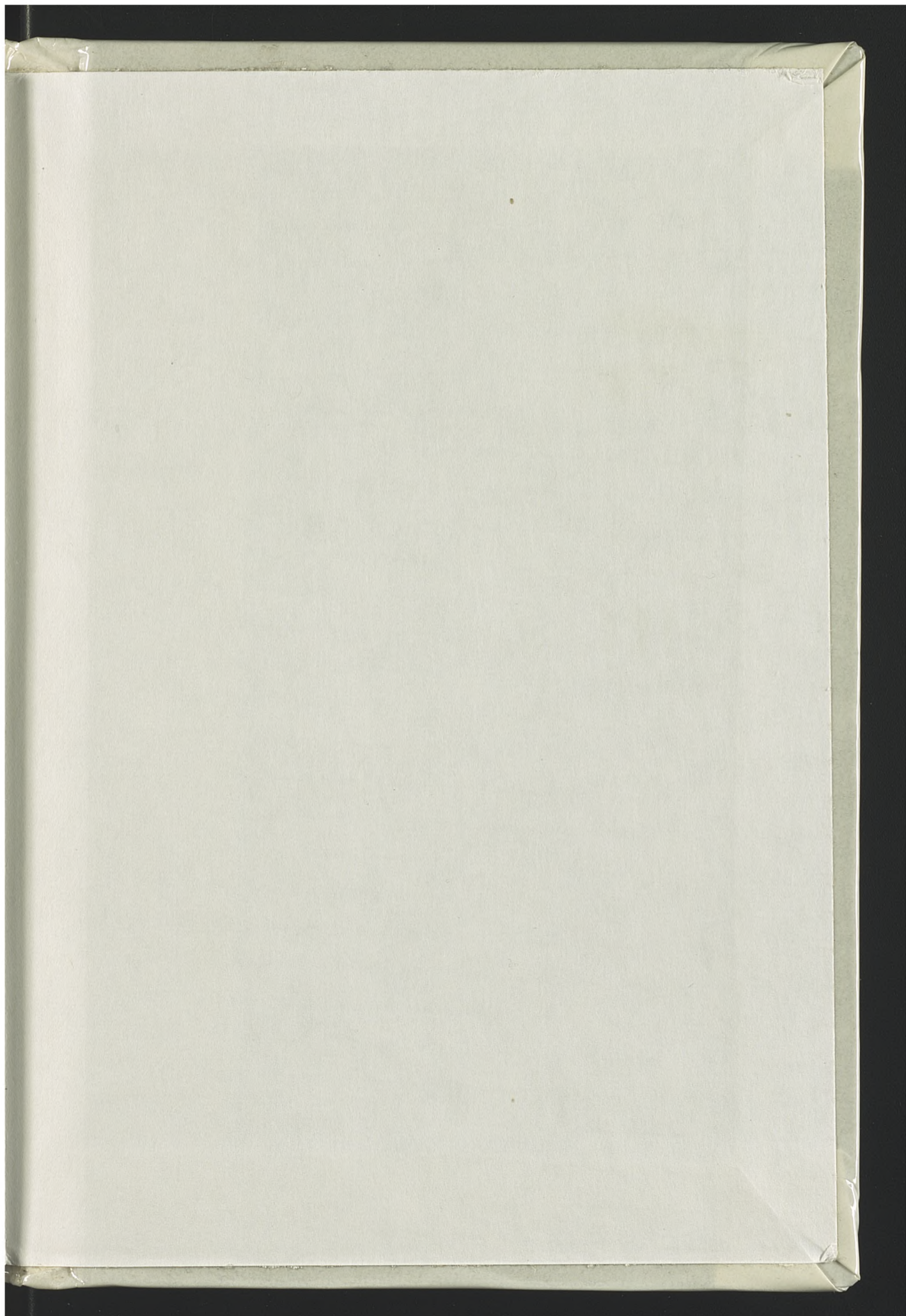
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"OHAUPO LANDSCAPE — NEW ZEALAND"

This watercolour is painted from a location just south of Hamilton Ohaupo. The view is south-east towards Maungatautari mountain which rises to a height of 797m above sea level dominating this South Waikato landscape. Lake Rotomanuka nestles among the low hills in the foreground.

The view is typical of the New Zealand landscape and within it there is a wide range of the many land uses that may be found throughout the country.

Dairy farming is the cornerstone of the economy here. Beef fattening, store and fat lamb production and importantly wool are additional prominent land uses. Deer farms are located throughout the area and a thriving bloodstock industry is located a little to the north. A number of goat farms dot the area.

Pastoral farming combines with forestry on the distant hills, giving way in places to forestry alone.

Blueberries thrive on the peat lands of the Moanatuatua Swamp in the middle distance. Maize is also widely grown, and asparagus is a valuable export crop. Kiwifruit, apples, nashi pears, persimmons, and stone fruits add to the variety. On selected soils ground crops including pumpkins, watermelons and squash, rhubarb and brassica's complete this diverse range of activity in the area.



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