



COMPOUND PUKATEA GROWING IN THE BULLER BUSH NEAR
LAKE PAPAITONGA, LEVIN

The aspect of the buttressed roots and the decreasing circumference of the three trunks indicate that the tree on the right sprang from the buttressed root of the tree in the centre which had in turn sprung from the tree on the left. Mr. I. D. Parsons has supplied the following measurements; circumferences are taken three feet from the ground. The trunk on the left is 5 ft. 11 in. in circumference, the middle trunk is 4 ft. 7½ in. and the trunk on the right is 3 ft. 3¾ in.

The root length from the first to the second is 2 ft. 8 in. and from the second to the third 7 ft. 11 in. Mr. Parsons estimates the height at about 50 feet and says there has been no apparent increase in growth for the last twenty years.

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