## Ngā Kupu Arotau – eweri tāima

## Loanwords in Māori 1842-1952 Some interesting features of loanwords collected from the Māori language newspapers, the Paipera Tapu and some early published writings

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### What are loanwords?

A loanword is a word adopted from a foreign language. When two groups of people of different cultures and speaking different languages are in contact for a significant period of time, it is inevitable that bilingualism will occur. As one group becomes bilingual, large-scale borrowing of vocabulary from the second language takes place. As a result of this process, modern spoken and written Māori has a significant number of words that have been adopted from non-Polynesian sources, and these have almost always been changed to suit the phonology and orthography of Māori.

Māori quickly adapted to the changes brought about by the introduction of new technology and the new culture of the colonists. Hand in hand with these changes came additions to the language, mainly vocabulary. Printed material from the nineteenth century indicates that adapting words from the languages that Māori came into contact with, principally English, happened whenever new words were required for items that had not existed in their society prior to the arrival of the Pākehā immigrants and their culture, religion and technology. In addition, names of people, places, ships, racehorses, etc. were also adapted to the sound system and orthography of Māori. Reading the Māori language newspapers of the nineteenth century reveals that these words were a significant part of the language at the time, as they are now. In Aotearoa/New Zealand this process of adopting words from English into Māori and vice-versa has expanded the lexical bank of both languages and enriched them both.<sup>1</sup>

A number of terms have been used to describe these words. The most common ones are probably 'loanword' or 'borrowed word'. Others used are 'transliteration' and 'denizen'. 'Borrowing' is commonly used to describe the process of adapting words from one language into another. Terry Duval, in discussing these kinds of words in Māori, has suggested that the best term to use for words adopted into another language is 'gainword' or 'gain' and the process should be called 'gaining'. Although these have some appeal, loanword and borrowing will be used in this article because they are the terms preferred in the literature on this subject.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the words borrowed from Māori into English see, for example, J. Macalister (ed.) 2005. *A Dictionary of Maori Words in New Zealand English*. Oxford. This book lists 981 headwords that originate from Māori.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> T. Duval, 'A preliminary dictionary of Maori gainwords compiled on historical principles'. Unpublished PhD thesis. University of Canterbury, 1995, p. 2.

#### **Previous studies**

Most Māori language dictionaries do not treat loanwords with the same rigour with which traditional words are handled. There are many commonly used loanwords that are not in these dictionaries. To date no separate dictionary of Māori loanwords has been published. The loanwords dictionary will fill this gap and provide a database for other dictionaries, including those on the web, thus enabling them to be more comprehensive. It will be particularly useful for the monolingual Māori dictionary, He Pātaka Kupu.<sup>3</sup> It will also be a source of vocabulary for future editions of the dictionary Te Aka: Māori-English, English-Māori Dictionary and Index for learners of Māori designed to accompany the Te Whanake series of textbooks, study guides and resources.<sup>4</sup> An enhanced version of Te Aka: Māori-English, English-Māori Dictionary and Index is available online and is being added to almost daily.<sup>5</sup> As well as being a source of data for He Pātaka Kupu and Te Aka, the loanwords dictionary will complement other dictionaries of Māori, thus providing a valuable resource for learners, speakers and readers of Māori. It is hoped that eventually a full dictionary of all loanwords from written and oral sources will be published.

Williams's *A Dictionary of the Maori Language*, for a long time the standard Māori-English dictionary, does not include loanwords, except for a limited word list of 619 words with their English gloss as an appendix, but this is only a small percentage of the loanwords used in modern Māori.<sup>6</sup> Only the meaning in English is given for each loanword, with no examples of the word's use in a sentence or any other information. Headwords in the main part of the dictionary provide much more detail than is given for the loanwords, including: parts of speech; meaning and/or explanation; examples of the word in a sentence with the source of each example; and words of the same or similar meaning. Where there are several meanings of the word, these are listed numerically. Each may have its own example. None of this detail is given for the loanwords. Quite common loanwords used in the Māori-language newspapers, other written sources and in modern Māori do not appear in this list. Ngata's dictionary and the *Te Aka*: *Māori-English, English-Māori Dictionary and Index* do include a significant number of loanwords.<sup>7</sup>

Three studies of the form and range of loanwords in Māori have been published. The first is that of J. S. Ryan, who has analysed them by relating their introduction to the changes in the lifestyle of Māori.<sup>8</sup> Although Ryan does not give the sources of the loanwords used in the article, most examples are from *A Dictionary of the Maori Language*, with the remainder from Bruce Biggs' *English-Maori Dictionary* <sup>9</sup> and a few from the Paipera Tapu, the Māori Bible. <sup>10</sup> He has made no reference to the wealth of examples from the Māori-language newspapers. Ryan also includes a table of the frequent sound changes used when words are adopted from English into Maori. <sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, *He Pātaka Kupu te kai a te rangatira*. North Shore, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> J. Moorfield, *Te Aka: Māori-English, English-Māori Dictionary and Index.* Auckland, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See www.maoridictionary.co.nz

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> H. Williams, *A Dictionary of the Maori Language*. Seventh edition. Wellington, 1971.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> H. Ngata, English-Maori Dictionary, Wellington, 1993.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> J. Ryan, J.S., 1972. 'The form and range of borrowings from English in Modern Maori'. *Orbis*. 21, pp. 136-166.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> B. Biggs, Bruce, *English-Maori Dictionary*. Wellington, 1966.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The British and Foreign Bible Society, *Ko Te Paipera Tapu, Ara, Ko Te Kawenata Tawhito me Te Kawenata Hou*. 1952.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> J. Ryan, p. 144

Ryan includes about a dozen examples from the main part of *A Dictionary of the Maori Language* as loanwords, but the experts who revised this dictionary and most speakers of the language would probably dispute the classification of these as loanwords. They include *tai* (tide), *tai timu* (ebb tide), *pīkau* (from 'pack' or 'pick-a-back'), *uaua* (vein), *tōrea* (stilt), *wātea* (vacant), *kāhu* (hawk), *pūrua* (pair), *tahi-a* (to clear, as of land), *wahie* (firewood), *takutai*, *tahatika* (coast), *taurapa* (stern post), and *pōkai* (flock).

A more recent commentary is an article by Ray Harlow.<sup>12</sup> Borrowing is discussed in the context of other ways in which Māori has created new vocabulary. Harlow uses the Renata text of 1842-43 for most of his examples of loanwords, 31 in all.<sup>13</sup> Harlow argues that 'these can confidently be regarded as having truly been borrowed into Māori, as opposed to more ephemeral, nonce loans in some other types of document.'<sup>14</sup> This criticism of some loanwords used in the newspapers being nonce words has some merit in that a significant number of loanwords collected in the Kupu Arotau Project (see page 4) were encountered only once. Many of these are proper nouns for obscure place names, personal names, names of horses and ships and were, no doubt, created for the particular newspaper article and had not, and have not, become part of the language of speakers and writers. Where the tallies in the database for particular words occur in significant numbers, it is unlikely that these would be nonce words.

Harlow does not include loanwords of place names or people's names in his list from the Renata text, although there are a number of personal names for which Renata has used a loan, including: *Renata* (Leonard), *Kātene* (Cotton), *Hapimana* (Chapman), *Peneha* (Spencer), *Matenga* (Martin), *Teira* (Taylor), *Naera* (Nihill), *Wirihana* (Wilson), *Harawira* (Hadfield), *Koro* (Cole), *Rei* (Reay), *Porana* (Bolland), *Ahiwera* (Ashwell) and *Pepene* (Fairburn). Interestingly, all of these, along with the loanwords that Harlow does list, occur from other sources used for our database. The three exceptions are *pouaka*, *Pākehā* and *Koro* (Cole). We accepted the argument presented in Williams that *pouaka* is not a loanword. <sup>15</sup> *Pākehā* as a headword is also not included, although it is quite likely that it may have been the first Māori loanword. <sup>16</sup> The only loan in the Renata narrative for a place name is *Pōneke*, derived from Port Nicholson now called Wellington). All other place names mentioned have Māori origins.

While most loanwords derive from English words, there are a few that owe their origin to other languages, including French after they established the Catholic Mission in Aotearoa/New Zealand in 1838. The two most notable examples of these that are still current in modern Māori are *mīere* (from *miel* for honey) and *Wīwī* (from *oui oui* and used to mean French, France and Frenchman).<sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> R. Harlow, 'Borrowing and its alternatives in Māori' in J. Tent & P. Geraghty (eds). *Borrowing a Pacific Perspective*. Canberra, 2004, pp. 145-169

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> H. Hogan, Helen M. 1994. Renata's Journey Ko te Haerenga o Renata. Christchurch, 1994, pp. 40-72.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> R. Harlow, 2004, p. 160.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> H. Williams, p. 299.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> J. Moorfield & L. Paterson, 'Loanwords used in the Maori-language newspapers' in J. Curnow, Ng. Hopa & J. McRae (eds). Rere atu, taku manu! Discovering history, language and politics in the Maori-language newspapers. Auckland, 2002, pp. 60-61.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For a full discussion of the French loanwords see T. Duval, 'The French contribution to the Maori language' in J. Dunmore (ed.) *The French and the Maori*, Waikanae, 1992, pp. 132-138.

## The Kupu Arotau project

The primary aim of the Kupu Arotau research project was the collection and analysis of loanwords adopted from non-Polynesian sources into spoken and written Māori. The major sources for the collection are the Māori-language newspapers, or *niupepa*. These historic newspapers were published primarily for a Māori audience between 1842 and 1939. The collection consists of over 17,000 pages taken from 34 separate periodicals. 70% of the collection is written solely in Maori, 27% is bilingual and about 3% is written in English. There were three main types of *niupepa* published; government sponsored, Māori initiated, and religious.<sup>18</sup> The collection of articles on the newspapers edited by Curnow, Hopa and McRae provides a very useful understanding of the nature of these newspapers and their content.<sup>19</sup>

The project was undertaken partly to provide a resource to help people reading the newspapers, and partly in order to establish a more comprehensive database of loanwords and to understand the nature of linguistic borrowing in Māori. The dictionary will be a resource for learners, speakers and readers of Māori, for linguists and for further research.

A preliminary account of the Kupu Arotau project was written in 2002, but at that stage the data collection was a long way from being completed.<sup>20</sup> Some aspects of that article are covered again here in this discussion.

Preliminary work on the Kupu Arotau project began in the period from 1998 to 2002. This initial research formed the basis of a successful application to the Foundation for Research Science & Technology, which enabled the completion of the project between 2005 and 2009. In both cases postgraduate students with fluency and literacy in Māori were employed as the researchers in this project, thus developing the research skills of budding researchers as well as giving them the opportunity to improve their language skills.<sup>21</sup>

The Kupu Arotau research project provides a complete dictionary of loanwords from all the Māori language newspapers and the Paipera Tapu, which will complement existing dictionaries in Māori, most notably the following:

- E. Tregear, The Maori-Polynesian Comparative Dictionary. Wellington, 1891.
- H. Williams, Dictionary of the Maori Language. Seventh edition. Wellington, 1971.
- H. Ngata, English-Maori Dictionary. Wellington, 1993.
- J. Moorfield, Te Aka Māori-English, English-Maori Dictionary and Index. Auckland, 2005.
- Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, He Pātaka Kupu Te Kai a Te Rangatira. Auckland, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> J. Curnow. A brief history of Maori-language newspapers, in J. Curnow, Ng. Hopa & J. McRae (eds). *Rere atu, taku manu! Discovering history, language and politics in the Maori-language newspapers*. Auckland, 2002, p. 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> J. Curnow, Ng. Hopa & J. McRae (eds). 2002. Rere atu, taku manu! Discovering history, language and politics in the Maori-language newspapers. Auckland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Moorfield & Paterson, 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> We wish to acknowledge the dedication of Dean Mahuta, Lachy Paterson, Sarah Naylor and Anahera Jordan and their long hours of work searching systematically through all the Māori-language newspapers, the Paipera Tapu and the other sources used. We also wish to thank Dean Mahuta and Rachael Kaʻai-Mahuta for some initial analysis of the data.

The last in the list is a monolingual dictionary that contributes significantly to the development and survival of the Māori language.

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These five dictionaries are the only comprehensive dictionaries available for Māori language learners and speakers. Other dictionaries and sources of word meanings, both hard copy and online, are really only finder lists, i.e. they do not give examples of the word being used in sentences, ranges of meaning, parts of speech, synonyms, and other information that one would expect in a full dictionary.<sup>22</sup> The last three in the list above also have free to access online versions. The Māori Loanwords Dictionary will be a full dictionary similar to those of Ngata, Tregear, Williams and Te Taura Whiri and is also available free online.

Having a dictionary of loanwords will be of benefit to other Māori language dictionaries because incorporating most loanwords into these will help change attitudes to borrowed words.

The dictionary supplies the derivations and meanings of each word and gives examples of many of the loanwords learners will hear or read in modern Māori, in archival sound and video recordings, in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century publications, or in Māori texts. Many loanwords are such an integral part of the language that learners need to include them in their active language in order to communicate effectively and naturally. The dictionary also provides information about when a particular loanword was first used in the sources, thus providing an indication of how long a loanword is likely to have been part of the language.

For Māori researchers reading primary and secondary sources in Māori, including the Māori language newspapers, the dictionary is a useful resource for their understanding of the texts they are reading as they search for historical information. It also helps provide a source for language study and for comparison of loanwords and linguistic borrowing in other languages. As mentioned already, most of the dictionaries currently available are quite limited in the number of loanwords they contain and the information about each word. This dictionary will help researchers using the Māori language newspapers gain a greater understanding of New Zealand history and social development.

The Kupu Arotau project also complements the work that has been done by the University of Auckland team led by Jenifer Curnow, Ngapare Hopa and Jane McRae, who have written summaries in English of the contents of some of the Māori-language newspapers. These summaries enable researchers and readers to find relevant sources of information. When they read the original full accounts in Māori they now have the Māori loanword dictionary to help them, particularly with words that are no longer commonly used in modern Māori. Most of the Māori-language newspapers are now available at the following website, together with the written commentary about some of the newspapers: http://www.nzdl.org/niupepa.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The monolingual children's dictionary *Tirohia Kimihia He Kete Wherawhera*, Te Whanganui-a-Tara, 2006, falls between the two groups, the dictionaries and the finder lists. It has definitions in Māori and synonyms but does not provide other information about such things as parts of speech, passive endings and examples of usage.

## Linguistic borrowing

Linguistic borrowing is a feature of all languages when the speakers have been in contact with other languages. Attitudes to loanwords vary, but it is not the intention of this article to delve into these attitudes in detail, as they have already been discussed in some of the existing literature. At the time of early contact, when all Māori had their own language as their first and preferred language, they were not concerned about keeping the language 'pure'. But as the percentage of fluent speakers declined the attitude to linguistic borrowing changed. The recent aversion, mainly amongst second language learners of Māori, to using loanwords has led to comprehension difficulties between older fluent native speakers and younger second language learners and speakers emerging from Māori medium schools. A greater understanding of linguistic borrowing by learners of Māori will help overcome their unnecessary and unrealistic desire to 'purge' the language of loanwords.

Reweti Kohere of Ngāti Porou, the editor of *Te Pipiwharauroa* for ten years, wrote an article in 1905 about the decline in the correct use of Māori, in which he included criticism of the intrusion of loanwords into the language when there existed suitable traditional vocabulary. Kohere gave a list of 47 loanwords with their English equivalents, together with the words in Māori that the loanwords were replacing. A little over half of the 47 loanwords he listed are still commonly used in spoken and written Māori. One could argue that some of these current loanwords came into existence because the item or concept the loanword is being used for was not the same as that of the Māori, e.g. *pera* for the English 'pillow', for which Kohere gives *urunga* as the Māori equivalent. It is likely that *pera* has become part of the language because the pillow that was introduced by Pākehā was considerably different in form from the traditional Māori pillow. One could use similar arguments for most of the loanwords listed by Kohere that remain part of modern Māori. These became part of modern Māori because of a need.

Kohere's criticism was confined to the use of loanwords when, in his opinion, there were already traditional words in existence. He accepted that there was a need to use words adapted from English for modern items and concepts where no word existed. He used these himself when necessary in the article quoted above, e.g. *hīmene* (hymn), *reta* (alphabet letter), *nūpepa* (newspaper), *awhekaihe* (halfcaste, pidgin) and *ngarihi* (English). It is likely that the loanwords from earlier times that have disappeared from modern Māori did so because the traditional word was adequate for the need.

With the exception of Edward Tregear's *Maori-Polynesian Comparative Dictionary* published in 1891 and the first edition of William Williams's *A Dictionary of the New Zealand Language* of 1844, all the dictionaries of Māori include a small number of loanwords. Until now no separate dictionary of loanwords has been published.

Quite common loanwords used in modern Māori do not appear in Williams's dictionary, e.g. *etita* (editor), *harirū* (to shake hands), *heketa* (hectare), *hiripa* (slipper), *hītori* (history), *hō* (spade), *kāmeta* (scarf), *kamupūtu* (gumboot), *karahipi* (scholarship), *Karaitiana* (Christian), *kī* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> See, for example, T. Crowley, Borrowing in Pacific languages: language enrichment or language threat? In J. Tent & P. Geraghty (eds). *Borrowing: a Pacific Perspective*. Canberra: Pacific Linguistics, 2004, pp. 41-53; and R. Harlow, Lexical Expansion in Māori. *Journal of the Polynesian Society*. 1993, 102:99-107.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> R. Kōhere. Te reo Maori. *Te Pipiwharauroa*, 1903, No. 70, pp. 2-3.

(key), kīhini (kitchen), kiki (to kick), kirikiti (cricket), kokonati (coconut), māmā (mother), mīhini (machine), mita (metre), mīti (meat), paihamu (possum), pākete (packet, bucket), parakipere (blackberry), pea (pear, pair), pēkana (bacon), pēneti (bayonet), pēpi/pēpe (baby), pīnati (peanut), pitihana (petition), pūtia (butcher's shop, butcher), raiwhara (rifle), rāpeti (rabbit), rētihi (lettuce), rēwena (bread made with potato yeast), rohi (loaf of bread), tia (deer), tiakarete (chocolate), wātakirihi (watercress) and wheketere (factory).

Until now, Terry Duval's unpublished PhD thesis is the most serious attempt to compile a separate fully-fledged historical dictionary of Māori loanwords. His unpublished work is confined to a sample selection of printed Māori between 1815 and 1899, but presents over 2500 items of Māori vocabulary that have their origin in foreign languages. Only four of the Māori-language newspapers were included in his sample: *Te Karere o Nui Tireni* (1842-46), *Te Karere Maori* (1855-62), *Te Hokioi e Rere atu na* (1861-63) and *Te Wananga* (1874-78). The first two were government sponsored and edited by Pākehā, probably by C.O.B. Davis, a clerk and interpreter. The other two were entirely owned and edited by Māori.

# TE HOKIOI, O MUI-TIREM, E BERÉ ATUNA. NGARUA-WAHIA. HUNE. 15 1862

Kote perehi kua tae mai ki Ngarua-Wahia. ka puta i a ia nga Nui-pepa, me tino kaha rawa ki te whakarite; i nga nupepa, ina tae atn ki a koe, e toru pene; tau e whakariteai, ina pai koe, ko te pai o tenei perehi: hei kawe i a tatou whakaro, ki nga iwi o ta Ao; no te mea hoki e takoto maro tonu ana nga kupu o te timatanga ko te whakapono, ko te aroha; ko te ture.

Otawhao. Aperira, 26, 1862.

E hoa ma, tena koutou. he kupu taku kia rongo ai koutou, i te ture kore o tenci whenua, i nanahi, i hacre mai a tumutumu he tangata maori ki te tiki hamene, mo hori-keti he hawhe-kaihe, ko fe take he mo ni, a tukuaatu ana e a hau tetahi hamene kia tumutumu mauriaana kia hori-keti, i te whare ia o hone-arena; a hacreana ki kihiki: kia waretini ma, a tuhituhia mai ana e ratou te tehi pukapuka mauria mai ana e hori a e ki ana taua reta e kore e tukua mai a hori kia whakawakia ka ki atu a hau ki a hori; no te taha pakeha koe? me he men e kore

pakeha kai w rarangi, wha na ki taku me rawa tera ko a rere ake ke mahi e mari kupu a te Ka i Taupari, ime te kingi maor mai i nga iw paoa, i a nga na ki taku me i a ia ina wh te tukunga mi whakawa ki kingi: whakap pea hehe to

Figure 1. Part of the first page of the first issue of Te Hokioi o Nui Tireni e rere atu na.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> T. Duval, 'A preliminary dictionary of Maori gainwords compiled on historical principles'. Unpublished PhD thesis, University of Canterbury. 1995, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> J. Curnow, 2002, p. 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> J. Curnow, 2002, pp. 21, 24.

Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori has been the source and focus for the creation of new words since it was established in 1987. These new words have been published as a dictionary of over 2,000 words, *Te Matatiki Contemporary Māori Words*. While some loanwords from English that have become embedded in the language have been used in this dictionary, they are few. There has been a preference for creating new words in other ways. New vocabulary created by Te Taura Whiri through the process of borrowing seems confined to foreign place names. This work has mainly been in response to requests from people using the language, particularly teachers of Māori language, writers of curriculum documents and resources, and translators.



Figure 2. Part of the front page of *Te Paki o Matariki* a Kīngitanga newsletter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> See R. Harlow, 'Lexical expansion in Māori'. *Journal of the Polynesian Society*. 1993, Vol. 102, pp. 100-101 for the guidelines Te Taura Whiri follows in creating new vocabulary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Māori Language Commission Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, *Te Matatiki Contemporary Māori Words*, 1996, Auckland: Oxford University Press

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> R. Harlow 1993, pp. 99-107.

## Sources of loanwords for the Kupu Arotau project

Duval suggests that nearly all new items of vocabulary introduced into Māori during the nineteenth century were introduced and imposed by Pākehā because they controlled the printed word.<sup>31</sup> However, this suggestion is open to debate. As we have shown above, two of the four Māori-language newspapers he searched were owned and edited by Māori. While it is true that most of the Māori newspapers in the 1842-1862 period were edited by Māori-speaking Pākehā and were published by the government for colonising purposes, or were church and philanthropic papers, Māori-owned newspapers flourished from 1862.<sup>32</sup>



**Figure 3**. The masthead of the newspaper *Te Pipiwharauroa – He Kupu Whakamarama*.

Newspapers owned and edited by Māori include *Te Hokio o Niu Tireni e Rere atu na* (1862-1863), *Te Wananga* (1874-78), *Te Paki o Matariki* (1892-1935?), *Ko te Paunui* [*Pānui*] *o Aotearoa* (1894-1896), *Aotearoa* (1892), *Huia Tangata Kotahi* (1893-5), *Te Puke ki Hikurangi* (1897-1900; 1901-1906; 1911-1913), *Te Tiupiri* (1898-1900), *Te Matuhi* (1903-1906), *Te Mareikura* (1911-1913), *He Kupu Whakamarama* (1898), *Te Pipiwharauroa* (1899-1913), *Te Kopara* (1913-1921), *Te Toa Takitini* (1921-1932), *Te Reo o Aotearoa* (1932-1933), *Te Whetū Marama o te Kotahitanga* (1924-1939), *Te Matakokiri Taima* (1911-1914) and *Te Manukura* (1916-1923). Some of these were the longest-running series. In addition, Pākehā may have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Duval, 1995, p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> J. Curnow, 'A brief history of Maori-language newspapers', in J. Curnow, Ng. Hopa & J. McRae (eds), *Rere atu, taku manu! Discovering history, language and politics in the Maori-language newspapers*. Auckland, 2002, p.17-18 <sup>33</sup> Curnow, 2002, pp. 17-34.

controlled the early publishing in Māori, but it does not necessarily mean that none of the writers of printed Māori in that period were native speakers of the language. Certainly Rēweti Kōhere in his article discussed above does not attribute these loanwords to Pākehā. Nor does Herbert Williams, who has a similar attitude to loanwords as that of Kōhere. Contributions to many of the newspapers were by literate native speakers, including Sir Apirana Ngata and Mohi Tūrei of Ngāti Porou.

As well as all the Māori-language newspapers, the other major source for the Kupu Arotau database is the Paipera Tapu. The first full version of the Paipera Tapu was published in 1868, and although revisions were made in 1887 and 1924, these were not accepted by Māori speakers, so in 1946 a committee was set up to make a fourth revision. The new revision was completed by Sir Apirana Ngata and the Reverends Wiremu N. Pānapa, E. Te Tuhi and Te Hihi Kaa, and was published in 1952. The 1952 version was used for the Kupu Arotau loanwords project.

A few other 19<sup>th</sup> century sources were also searched, namely:

Popi, Hemi H. 1896. *Te Ora Mo Te Maori: He Pukapuka Hei Korerotanga Mo Nga Kura Maori.* Poneke: Kaita a Te Kawanatanga.

Popi, Hemi H. (translated by Emiri Wei) 1897. *Te Pukapuka Kura Maori*. Poneke: Kaita a Te Kawanatanga.

Ko nga Ture o Ingarangi (1858).

## The database

FileMaker Pro was the software used to record the data. This was the preferred software because it enabled easy entry of data and has helped with the analysis of that data.

Each entry includes the following information:

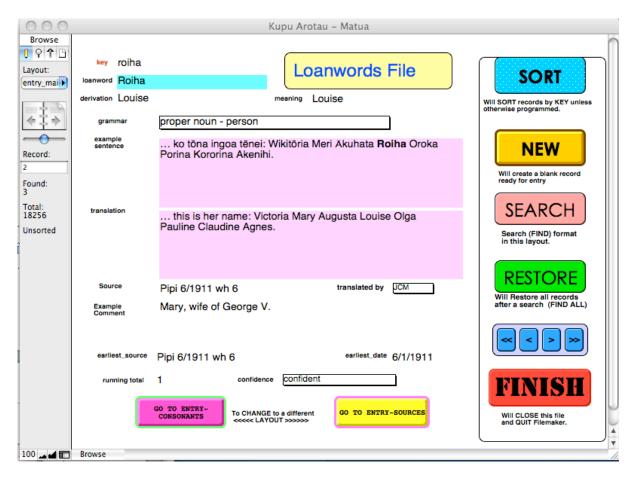
- The keyword with separate numbered entries for each different meaning and grammatical category
- The loanword
- The loanword derivation
- The English meaning of the headword
- The grammatical category of the loanword
- An example phrase or sentence taken directly from one of the sources used
- A translation of the example
- The source of the example
- A comment box which enabled the researchers to add relevant extra information about the loanword and/or the example phrase or sentence
- The earliest source in which the loanword occurs
- The earliest occurrence date
- The number of times the particular loanword has been found in the sources used

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Te Ao Hou*. March 1968, No. 62, p. 45.

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- An indication of how confident the researchers were of the derivation and meaning of the loanword by a dropdown box with three categories: unsure, reasonably sure and confident.
- The initials of the translator.

Figure 4 shows an example of a FileMaker Pro loanword entry from the database.



**Figure 4**. The FileMaker Pro entry for the loanword 'Roiha'. The example sentence shows the eight loanwords used for the names of Queen Mary, the wife of King George V.

Where translations of the Māori were provided in the newspapers, these have been used if they were considered accurate, otherwise new translations have been provided. The equivalent King James Version of the English Bible was used for the translations of all examples from the Paipera Tapu.

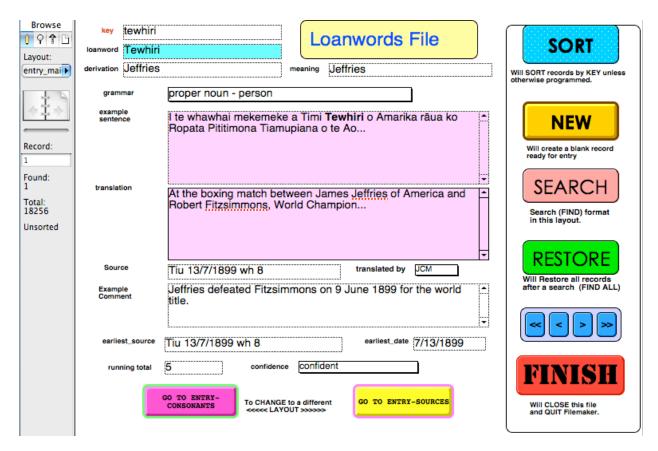
Modern orthographic conventions are used, as exemplified in *He Pātaka Kupu*, the monolingual Māori dictionary. Macrons have been added to show long vowels, including headwords and examples for the Paipera Tapu. Corrections have been made where it is obvious that there are misspellings and misprints. All loanwords encountered in the sources have been included.

## Determining the meanings of the loanwords

Various methods have been used to determine meanings and derivations. The bilingual newspapers often enabled the research team to define these with certainty, while the English Bible provided the source for the meanings of the large number of loanwords of the Paipera Tapu. One of the reasons for including the collection of loanwords from the Paipera Tapu was to help determine the meanings of some of the loanwords used in other sources.

Of the 18,256 headwords in the database, there are 300 loanwords whose meaning or derivation we are unsure of. Most of these are the names of people, places, horses and ships. Unfortunately, we may never be able to discover the meanings and derivations of some of these, but with further research the number of entries currently marked as 'unsure' will be reduced.

Where an English translation is not available, context has played an important part in determining the meaning of the loanwords. Often the loanword was used in relation to an historical event. In these cases it was often possible to determine the loanword for a place name or historical figure by searching through accounts of the event, although at times this could be a time-consuming and frustrating exercise.



**Figure 5**. The entry for the loanword 'Tewhiri'.

An example to illustrate such a search is the name *Tewhiri*, which occurs five times in the sources. It is used in the sentence: *I te whawhai mekemeke a Timi Tewhiri o Amarika rāua ko* 

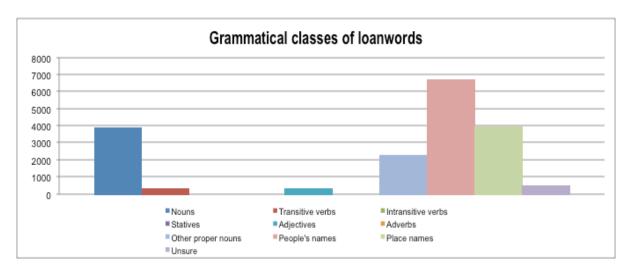
Ropata Pititimona Tiamupiana o Te Ao...<sup>36</sup> By checking boxing bouts of 1899 just prior to the publication of the particular issue of the newspaper it was revealed that James J. Jeffries defeated Robert Fitzsimmons on 9 June 1899 for the world heavyweight boxing title (see Figure 5).

Thus this search provided sound evidence for the meanings of all six loanwords used in the example sentence. Often, as in this case, the content of the article in which the loanword occurs provides further corroborative evidence. Thus an accurate translation could be made, i.e. 'At the boxing match between James Jeffries of America and Robert Fitzsimmons, World Champion...'

## **Grammatical categories**

The loanwords were classified according to the grammatical category as used in the sources. All the loanwords collected are what are called 'bases', with a few interjections.<sup>37</sup> There is no evidence of any new categories having been created. Separate entries have been made for the same word being used in a different grammatical category or with a different meaning.

As can be seen from the bar graph, the largest category contained the loanwords for people's names (6761), many of which were found in the Paipera Tapu. The second largest group was for place names (3989), including names of countries. Other proper nouns (2308), including loanwords of nationalities, ships, horses, etc., make up the fourth largest group.



**Figure 6**. Bar graph of the grammatical classes of loanwords found in the sources 1842-1952.

Together these three categories of proper nouns make up a total of 13,058. The remaining categories total 5198. Of these by far the largest group are nouns (3903). The other categories are relatively small, but there are loanwords for all the grammatical categories of bases as follows:

<sup>37</sup> For further discussion on classes of words see: B. Biggs, *Let's Learn Maori*, Auckland, 1998, p. 4; R. Harlow, *A Māori Reference Grammar*, Auckland, 2001, pp. 41, 112; J. Moorfield, *Te Whanake 2 Te Pihinga*, (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) Auckland, 2001, pp. 54-55, 107-108, 148-149; J. Moorfield, *Te Whanake 2 Te Pihinga Pukapuka Tātaki Study Guide*, Auckland, 2003, p. 71.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Te Tiupiri, 13/7/1899 p. 8.

Transitive verbs: 368 Intransitive verbs: 122

Statives: 113 Adjectives: 349 Adverbs: 43 Unsure: 300

The unsure category contains a few words that are interjections.

## Word meanings

When words have been borrowed from English and other languages into Māori the meanings and connotations often change. A simple example is *wāina*, which derives from 'vine' and/or 'wine' but is used in the sources for other meanings including 'vinegar', 'grape', and the surname 'Vine', so that it is not used only as a noun. Words that might belong in one grammatical category in the source language may change, so *wāina* is also used as a personal noun and as a stative (sometimes also called neuter verbs) with the meaning 'be turned into wine'. Another example is the noun *tākuta* (doctor), which occurs 72 times in the sources with this meaning. However, it is also used five times as a transitive verb, with a passive ending of *-tia*, meaning 'to practise medicine'; five times as an intransitive verb meaning 'to become a doctor, practise as a doctor'; and five times as a derived noun *tākutatanga* meaning 'the practice of being a doctor, position of a doctor', e.g.

*E rua ōna tau ki Ōtepoti ka tākuta nei ia.* <sup>38</sup> He had five years in Dunedin, and then he became a doctor.

There are many examples of words, once adopted, being used in the same ways as the other words of Māori. This means they have been adapted to the grammatical system of Māori, as well as to Māori phonology. A further example is *tuari*, derived from the word 'steward', which is used not only as a noun but also as a transitive verb with the passive ending *-tia* meaning 'to dispense, deal out, present', e.g.

*E hoa, tēnā koe, te reo o te manu o te whakaoranga e tuari nei koe i te kupu o te Atua.* <sup>39</sup> Dear friend, the voice of the bird of salvation from which you dispense the word of God.

Likewise, *parakena*, derived from 'blacken', is used as a noun for 'boot polish' but also as a transitive verb meaning 'to shine (shoes)', e.g.

...e rua ngā rā i ia wiki i ia wiki, ka mahi tahi hoki ia me rātou, arā, he **parakena** hū, he pupuri hōiho, he tahi i ngā tiriti.  $^{40}$ 

...two days a week, he worked alongside them, that is, shining shoes, holding horses and sweeping the streets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> *Te Pipiwharauroa*, 1904, No. 3, p. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> *Huia Tangata Kotahi*, 1898, No. 11, p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> *Te Pipiwharauroa*, 1908, No. 4, p. 6.

### Grammatical features of loanwords

As discussed earlier in this article, previous studies have described the semantics and phonology of loanwords, but little has been written about how they adapt to the grammatical system of Māori.

Both prefixes and suffixes are used with loanwords. The most commonly used prefixes are kai-, whaka- and  $\bar{a}$ -, while passive endings (usually -tia) and derived noun endings (usually -tanga) feature. In addition, kore is used in the same way as with non-loanwords. It would seem that loanwords are completely adapted to the grammatical system of Māori.

### kai-

The prefix *kai*- is added to verbs in the same way that the suffix '-er' in English is added to verbs in English to denote the person who does an action. There are 28 different examples from the loanwords collected from the sources that are prefixed by *kai*- with 17 of these occurring more than twice in the sources. These are (with the number of occurrences in parentheses): *kaiparau* (ploughman) (5), *kairūri* (surveyor) (60), *kairīwhi* (successor, substitute) (16), *kaipōti* (voter) (20), *kaipeita* (painter) (20), *kaimākete* (auctioneer) (9), *kairīhi* (lessee/lessor) (9), *kairēti* (lessee) (8), *kaimōtini* (nominator of a motion) (4), *kaihaeana hōiho* (farrier) (18), *kaiperēhi* (printer) (9), *kaiwāriu* (valuer) (3), *kairēhita* (registrar) (42), *kaiwea* (surveyor) (5), *kaiwira* (bequeather/will writer) (3), *kaipitihana* (petitioner) (5) and *kaikutikuti* (shearer) (3).

#### whaka-

Whaka- is used with loanwords in the same way that it occurs with traditional words:

1. The most common use of *whaka*- is when it combines with a stative (sometimes called a neuter verb), adjectives, intransitive verbs and nouns to create a new transitive verb. <sup>41</sup> In these cases the meaning of *whaka*- is 'to cause to be...'. Such words may also be used as nouns. Consequently, they all take passive endings and can be used in the  $n\bar{a}$  ... i ... and  $m\bar{a}$  ... e ... (or actor emphatic) sentence patterns, unlike statives and nouns which cannot.

Examples of these occurring more than twice in the sources include: whakahōnore (-tia) (to make honourable, honour) (61), whakakorōria (-tia) (to praise, give glory, honour, glorify) (40), whakaoati (-tia) (place under oath, take an oath, swear in) (35), whakaporopiti (to make a prophet, make prophesies) (3) whakawhairūma (-tia) (to divide into rooms) (4), whakakīngi (to make a king) (12), whakaminita (-tia) (to ordain, make a minister) (12), whakakawhena (-tia) (to reserve) (8), whakataikiu (-tia) (to thank) (4), whakakawenata (-tia) (to bind in a volume, publish, print, make a covenant) (4), whakapōhara (-tia) (to impoverish) (5), whakamoni (-a) (to count as money, calculate money) (9), whakakaporeihana (-tia) (to form into a corporation) (12), whakanaiti (-tia) (to knight) (3). Even whakapita (to be like St. Peter) occurs!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> For a full explanation of the use of *whaka-* see Moorfield, 2005, p.195 (or the online Te Aka dictionary at <a href="http://www.maoridictionary.co.nz/">http://www.maoridictionary.co.nz/</a>); J. Moorfield, *Te Whanake 1 Te Kākano*, Auckland, 2001, pp. 111-112; or Harlow, 2001, pp.121-125.

Many of these are also used as nouns and/or adjectives, while some have been used with - tanga to form derived nouns, e.g. whakapīhopatanga (ordination as bishop) (2), whakakīngitanga (coronation) (8), whakahōnoretanga (honouring) (11), whakakaraunatanga (coronation, crowning) (2), whakarīkonatanga (ordination as deacon) (3).

2. The use of *whaka*- to show direction towards is also attested, e.g. *whaka*-*Pōneke* (towards Wellington) (1), *whaka*-*Piritōria* (towards Pretoria) (2), *whaka*-*te*-*nōta* (northward) (3), *whaka*-*te*-*hāhi* (towards the church, church going) (1) and *whaka*-*te*-*rēwera* (towards the devil) (1).

As well as the derived noun suffix -tanga discussed above, passive endings are also used with verbs, with -tia being the usual one used with loanwords, e.g. in the following example sentence the word whaina (to fine) has been used with the normal addition of its passive ending -tia.

I **whainatia** te rangatira o te Kāpene Kūki Hōtēra i Tanītini e toru pauna £3 me ngā utu mō te kōti, mō tāna hokonga waipiro i te Rātapu.<sup>42</sup>

The manager of the Captain Cook Hotel in Dunedin was fined three pounds plus court costs for selling liquor on a Sunday.

## ā-

There are also a few examples from the database of  $\bar{a}$ - used with loanwords. This precedes nouns to form a modifier, following a verb, to indicate the manner or means by which something is done, e.g.

Ko ngā take e pā ana ki ngā takiwā, ki ngā hapū rānei kei te whakamārama **ā- pukapuka** atu au i ia wā ki ngā tāngata nā rātau ngā take...

The matters affecting districts or  $hap\bar{u}$ , I explain each time by letter to the people concerned.

## kore

Used before or after nouns *kore* indicates the absence or lack of that thing and can be translated as 'without', '-less' or 'lacking'. It is sometimes written as a separate word, sometimes joined or hyphenated, e.g.

He wāhi kore wai tērā moutere.

That island is a place lacking water.

Loanwords can be used in the same way. Examples from the database include: *koremoni* (lack of money), *turekore* (lawless), *rēwanakore* (unleavened), *hōnorekore* (dishonour) and *hīrikore* (unsealed, open).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Te Tiupiri, 1/3/1898 p. 2.

These examples of the addition of prefixes and suffixes and the use of *kore* further illustrate how the loanwords are not only adapted to the phonology of Māori, but are also integrated into the grammatical classes of bases so that they function in the same way as other bases that are not loanwords.



**Figure 7**. A page of advertisements from *Te Korimako* of January, 1887.

However, there is a possible innovation that reflects an English word order that is not normally used in Māori. Nouns following nouns as modifiers are common in Māori. The second noun functions as an adjective. This word order of a noun followed by a modifier, or an adjective, is also followed when loanwords are involved. Examples using loanwords are: *pouaka pī* (beehive), *karepe maroke* (dried grape, raisin) and *mīhini petipeti* (betting machine, totalisator). There are a few modifiers that do precede their headwords, but these are restricted to *āta* (deliberately, carefully), *āhua* (somewhat, quite, fairly), *mātua* (firstly, first), *tata* (nearly, almost) and *tino* (very, essential). There are a few other words that are sometimes used this way, i.e. *tere* (quickly), *paku* (a little) and *kaha* (strong). The loanword *pīki* (big) seems to be an addition to the first group where the words are only ever used preceding the words they modify.

However, there are a significant number of examples in the loanwords data where the English word order of modifier plus head is followed, e.g.

Modifier + base	Derivation/meaning	Modifier + base	Derivation/meaning
parai mīti	fried meat	parāone pepa	brown paper
kerei paipa	clay pipe	pareme nōti	promissory note
petekoha ohonga	pentecostal event	pīki pāhi	big boss
pirini kākahu	printed cloth	rūmātiki pīwa	rheumatic fever
purū hāte	blue shirt	purū puka	blue book
purū rīpene	blue ribbon, temperance	ригū-рера	blue paper
tāone hōro	town hall	kōura pou	goal post
pōhi māhita	post master	pōhi nōti	postal note
pēke taiepa	back fence	piurara hate	bowler hat
eweri tāima	every time		

This feature is also attested in Samoan.<sup>43</sup> There are two possible explanations for this English word order being used in Māori. It is possible that non-native speakers created these, although this seems unlikely, especially as some have high numbers of occurrences in the sources, and examples continue to be used in modern Māori. It is more likely that the English words from which the loanwords derive were treated as compound words, even if many are written as two words in the sources.

Some two-word loans are hybrid forms, i.e. one of the two words is not a loanword, although they may be written as one word. Examples of this feature are  $p\bar{a}parak\bar{a}uta$  (public house, hotel), huripara (wheelbarrow),  $\bar{a}whetau$  (half-yearly), kura  $m\bar{a}hita$  (school master, teacher), toru-koata (three-quarter caste, three-quarters – rugby), toru-kapa (threepence), puruk $\bar{a}ta$  (pull-cart, draught horse), peka rohi/peka rohira (baker, loaf baker), pane ku $\bar{i}$ ni and pane k $\bar{i}$ ngi (postage stamp), whare reta (envelope), waea uira (electricity) and kaipaipa (to smoke). Some are more open to debate, e.g. Hanaraiti (Sunlight) as used in the following sentence:

I puta ngā kōrero whakakino ingoa a ētahi nūpepa o Rānana mō Lever Brothers, kamupene mahi hopi **Hanaraiti**. <sup>44</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> U. Mosel, 'Borrowing in Samoan', in J. Tent & P. Geraghty (eds), *Borrowing a Pacific Perspective*. Canberra: Pacific Linguistics, 2004, p. 227.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> *Te Pipiwharauroa*, 11/1907, p. 9.

Slanderous allegations about Lever Brothers, the company that makes Sunlight soap, were made by some London newspapers.

An argument could be made that the *Hana*- of *Hanaraiti* derives from the Māori word that means 'to shine, glow' and as a noun meaning 'flame, gleam, glow'. However, it is more likely that it is transliterated from 'sun' as exemplified in the use of *-hana* for surnames ending in '-son' discussed below.

## Adaptation of loanwords to the phonology of Māori

This article will revisit some of the details of the adaptation of the loans to the phonology of Māori, although several publications have discussed this feature of Māori loanwords, or aspects of it, including Harlow<sup>45</sup>, Ryan<sup>46</sup>, Schutz<sup>47</sup> and Kearns<sup>48</sup>. It will be obvious to those who know some Māori that:

- there are a significant number of English phonemes that have no direct equivalent in Māori;
- there are no consonant clusters and every consonant must be followed by a vowel.

Here are some of the more obvious patterns of phonological changes that are apparent from the database when words have been borrowed from other languages into Māori.

## How does Māori cater for English phonemes that have no direct equivalent in Māori?

Unlike some other Polynesian languages (e.g. Samoan<sup>49</sup>), new sounds have not been borrowed into Māori.

1. The voiced plosive /b/ in English becomes the voiceless /p/ in Māori.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
parakipere	blackberry	Parahiri	Brazil
pateri	badger	Hāku Pei, Hāki Pei	Hawkes Bay
peihana	basin	Pānapa	Barnabas
parata	brother	Pēri	Barry
pīwhi	beef	Papurona	Babylon
pēke	bag, sack, bank	paki	buggy
piriti	bridge	parakimete	blacksmith
puhera	bushel	Pukēria	Bulgaria
tūpara	two barrelled, double	Piritini, Piritana, Piritene,	Britain
	barrelled shotgun	Piriteni, Piritani	
pia	beer	pūtu	boot
pata	butter	pihikete	biscuit
parani	brand	paraihe	brush
paraikete	blanket	pire	bill

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> 2004.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> 1972

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> A. Shutz, 'Accent and accent units in Māori', *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, 1985, 94:5-26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> K. Kearns, 'A note on the glottal fricative in Maori', *Te Reo* 1990, 33:65-81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Mosel, pp. 224-225.

pāre	barley	parani	brandy
pēne	band	paraire	bridle

2. Voiced stops in English usually become voiceless ones in Māori. /z/ becomes /h/ or /t/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation	Loanword	Derivation
paitini, paihana	poison	Hakaraia	Zachariah
tarautete	trousers	Hiona	Zion
hepara	zebra	Heperi	Zebedee
tingiki	zinc	Tutimi	Zuzim
tā, hā	tsar	Tipeona	Zibeon
makahini	magazine	Niu Tīreni	New Zealand
kahera	gazelle	Amahona, Amahana	Amazon
pahā, pihā	bazaar	Iharaira	Israel
kāhiti	gazette	Ataria	Azaliah
taihana	dozen	Tūru, Hūru	Zulu

- 3. /ʒ/ also becomes /h/, e.g. *mēhua*, *meiha* (measure).
- **4.** a. The English sibilants /s/ and  $/\int$ / usually become the Māori /h/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
hekere	shekel	Himiona	Simeon
heramana	sailorman, sailor	Hana Parahiko	San Francisco
hīri	seal	Hakarameto	Sacramento
hipi	sheep	Hahara	Sahara
hapira	sapphire	Hera	Sarah
hōpane	saucepan	Huhana	Susan, Susannah
hupa	soup	Нā	Sir
hōro	shawl, hall	Hātarei	Saturday
hanawiti	sandwich	Hōtereni	Shortland
hōia	soldier	Hamahona	Samson
hāmana, hāmene	summons	Hekipia, Hakipia	Shakespeare
hamaroka	shamrock	Hāmiora, Hāmuera	Samuel
hopi	soap	Herewini	Selwyn
herengi, hereni	shilling	Hakiona, Hakiana	Saxon
$har{u}$	shoe	Hāmi	Sam
huka	sugar	Hingapoa	Singapore
hāpati	sabbath	Hāmoa	Samoa
hikipene	sixpence	Hangahai	Shanghai
hōta	shot	Hātana	Satan, heathen
hāte	shirt	Huītini	Sweden
hekeretari	secretary	hīnota	synod

hea	share	hūpirimi kōti	supreme court
haina (-tia)	to sign	hiraka	silk
hiriwa	silver	hakarameta	sacrament
hēpara	shepherd	hapa	supper, tea
hūtu	suit	hoari	sword
hīti	sheet	tatana	satin
hēra	sail	hekana	second
hūmeke, hūmeka	shoemaker	hēteri	sentry
hikamoa	sycamore	hōura	soda
wehikē	whisky	tēnehi	tennis
pāriha	parish	hāpara	shovel
nākahi	nagash, python, serpent	hāmana	salmon),
haute	shout	kaporeihana	corporation
mōtini	motion	pirinihehe	princess
āteha	assessor		

**b.** In a few cases /s/ becomes the Māori /t/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
tote	salt	Τā	Sir
tekihana, tekiona	section	tāmana	summons
āteha	assessor	Tātana	Sutton
tera	saddle	tōtiti	sausage

A couple of exceptions to this are: kipa (spur) and ropere (strawberry).

## 5. The English /l/ becomes a Māori /r/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
repara	leper, be a leper	rūri	ruler, length
raiona	lion	Ruka	Luke, Lucas
rīhi	lease	Rititana	Lyttleton
rōia	lawyer	Rānana	London
raka	lock	Horomona	Solomon
pire	bill	raima	lime, mortar, concrete
rūtene	lieutenant	paraka	block
reimana	layman	rīnena	linen
reme	lamb	raihana	license
rare	lolly, sweet	ritani	litany
rātana	lantern	rāti	lance, harpoon
rēmana	lemon	riki	leek, onion
rērewē	railway	rētihi	lettuce

Although unusual, there are a few exceptions to this, e.g. waipere (library) and namunēra (lemonade).

## **6.** a. The English /d/ becomes a Māori /t/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
tiuka	duke	Tīhema	December
tākuta	doctor	Tanara	Donald
terei	dray (two-wheeled cart)	Tanītana	Dunedin
tina	dinner, lunch	Tanupi	Danube
tīti	deed	Tenemāka	Denmark
taramu	drum	Taniera	Daniel, Daniels
taimana	diamond	Tepora	Deborah
teputi	deputy	Tiuteronomi	Deuteronomy
tāra	dollar	Tati	Dutch
toroa	drawer	Teri	Delhi
tia	deer	Tiki	Dick
taraiwa	driver	toronaihi	draw-knife, sickle
tominiana	dominion	taria	dahlia
tikinare	dictionary	haratei	holiday
atimara	admiral		

# **b.** Although tallies of occurrences are lower, the English /d/ may also be voiced as a Māori /r/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
rīhi	dish, pan	Rāniera	Daniel, Daniels
raria	dahlia	Rāwiri	David
rēwera	devil	Rewi	Dave, Davie
harirū	How do you do, greet, shake hands	Rēweti	Davis, Davies, David
rakiraki	duck	rīri	deed
hararei	holiday	rīkona	deacon

## 7. a. The affricate /tf/ becomes the Māori /t/, and often /ti/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
tere	cherry	Tikāto	Chicago
māti	match	Taina	China
tiamana	chairman	Tainamana	Chinaman
tiamupiana	champion	tīhi	cheese
tiaki	cheque	tumera, timera	chimney

## **b.** The English /**t**/ may also become /h/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
hāriata	chariot	Hāre	Charles, Charlie
heamana	chairman	Hainamana	Chinaman
hāhi	church	Haina	China

8. a. The English /dʒ/ becomes /t/, and often /ti/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
tianara	general	Teoti	George
kāpeti	cabbage	Tiapanihi	Japanese
tinitia pia	ginger beer	karāti	garage
tīni	gin	tiokarewhi	geography
tioke	jockey	piriti	bridge
tiati	judge	tiamu	jam
tiakete	jacket	tiupirī	jubilee
tiaka	jug		

**b.** The English /dʒ/ may also become /h/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
haki	jack	Hurae	Jew, July
haihana	sergeant	Hōri	George
hākete	jacket	Ihipa	Egypt
hūri	jury	Ihipiana	Egyptian
Hēmi	James	Hone, Hoani	John, Johnny
Hohepa	Joseph	Hānuere	January

- c. The English /dʒ/ may also become /ri/, e.g. *kariri* (cartridge), *Hōri* (George) and *tāriana* (sergeant).
- 9. The English /g/ becomes the Māori /k/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation	Loanword	Derivation
kēmu	game	hikareti	cigarette
ōkena	organ (music)	kāwana	governor
karāhe, karaihe, karaehe	glass, grass, class	karāti	grant
kōura	gold, goal	kiki	gig
kāone	gown	kāri	garden
korōria	glory	kuihi	goose
karono, karona, karani	gallon	kēti	gate
karapu	glove	karepe	grape
kēhi, kāhi	gas	kēmu	game
korowha	golf	kāhiti	gazette
pirikatia	brigadier	kūpere, kuihipere	gooseberry
rekureihana	regulation		

## **10.** /v/ becomes /w/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
rēwera	devil	Wikitōria	Victoria

ōriwa	olive	Rāwiri	David
paraiweti	private (army)	Rewi	Dave
taraiwa	driver	Rēweti	Davis, Davies, David
pīwa	fever	hiriwa	silver
kāwana	governor	winika	vinegar
wāriu	value	wānihi	varnish
wereweti	velvet		

Exceptions: pōti (vote) and parani (verandah)

## 11. $\theta$ and $\delta$ become /t/ in Māori, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
Taitei, Tāite	Thursday	Tiopera, Tiopira	Theophilus
torōna	throne	Takerei	Thackeray
tiata	theatre	Tātana, Toatana	Thornton
taikiu	thank you	tamomita	thermometer

## 12. The /j/ sound written in English as <y> becomes the vowel /i/ in Māori, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation	Loanword	Derivation
iāri	yard	Ianga	Young
taikiu	thank you	Niu Ia	New Year
īhi	yeast	Niu Ioka	New York
iata	yacht	ioka	yoke, York

The following table summarizes the Māori phonemes that usually substitute for the English consonants that do not exist in Māori when loanwords are created.

English consonant(s)	Māori phoneme(s)
/b/	/p/
/s, <b>3</b> , ∫,	/h, t/
/1/	/r/
/ dʒ/	/h, t, ri/
/g/	/k/
/v/	/w/
/θ, ð/	/t/
/j/	/i/

# How does Māori cater for English consonant clusters and the rule that every consonant must be followed by a vowel?

- 1. Because every consonant in Māori must be followed by a vowel, loanwords from English words that end in a consonant sound have a vowel added.
  - a. This terminal vowel is often the same as the penultimate vowel of the loanword, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation	Loanword	Derivation
witi	wheat	heramana	sailorman, sailor
kāpene	captain	karaehe	class, glass, grass
poaka	pork, pig	poropiti	prophet
wiki	week	peihana	basin
wīhara	weasel	hepara	shepherd
merekara	miracle	pene	pen
hāta	hart	kīngi	king
hīmene	hymn	hōro	shawl, hall
parakimete	blacksmith	rūрара	rhubarb
paraikete	blanket	kihi	kiss
takihi	circus	pāka	box
tīti	deed	pēne	band
pūtu	boot	kerēme	claim
rīhi	lease	rēpara	leopard
kānara	colonel	inihi	inch
pōraka, paraka	block	karahipi	scholarship
pātene	batten	tīhi	cheese
rīwhi	relief	kāta	cart
wūru	wool	hīti	sheet
tatana	satin	pākete	bucket
peara	pearl	tiamana	diamond
ngira	needle	keke	cake
tēpara	stable, staple, table	putupōro	football
kirikiti	cricket (sport)	pītiti	peach
āporo	apple	kuini	quince
terewhono	telephone	pahikara, paihikara	bicycle
rātana	lantern	atimara	admiral
pāremete, pāramete	parliament	karepe	grape
mīti	meat	miūru	mule
kānara	candle	kāpiti	cabbage
miraka	milk	uniana	union
wīhara	whistle	taraka	truck
iniki	ink	pirihimana	policeman
wāna	swan		

**b.** However, there are a significant number of examples where the final vowel of the loanword is different from the penultimate vowel, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
parāhi	brass, bronze	pereti	plate
rūma	room	wīra	wheel
kapu	cup	pīkake	peacock
nākahi	nagash, python, serpent	hōpane	saucepan
kāreti, kāroti	carrot	mohikena	moleskin
poti	boat	hāwhe	half

pāmu	farm	pōti	vote
rēwera	devil	wati	watch
raiona	lion	karāti	garage
mira	mill	kaunihera	council
purukamu	bluegum	eropereina	aeroplane
hāmupeina	champagne	ōriwa	olive
anaterope	antelope	haki	jack, flag
kōti	coach (transport)	tāora	towel
nēra	nail	pihikete	biscuit
kanataraki	contract	hēra	sail
tāpōrena	tarpaulin, raincoat	perohuka	bill-hook
kēna	can, billy	rore	lord
paramu	plum	tiaki	cheque
rauna	round	paraiweti	private (army)
hopi	soap	kāpehu	compass
kēmeti, kēmehi	chemist	tāke	tax
panikena	pannikin		

**c.** If the final consonant of the loanword is preceded by the diphthong /ai/ or  $/\bar{a}i/$  the final vowel is likely to be /a/, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
raina	line	taraiwa	driver
tāima	time	wāina	wine, vine, grape
motopaika	motorbike	taika	tank

An exception is paraihe (prize).

**2.** When /s/ is followed by another consonant at the beginning of the English word, the sibilant is dropped and the next consonant starts the loanword, e.g.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
tōpere	strawberry	Tīpene	Stephen
toa	store	Taute	Stout
tari	study, office	$Tar{a}$	Star (newspaper)
tokiāri	stockyard	Peina	Spain
piringi	spring	taewa	Stivers, potato
tiriti	street	Kotarana, Kotarani	Scotland
tima	steamer, ship	Wanihana, Wanitana	Swanson
tīreti	steerage	Mete	Smith
tōne	stone (weight)	Pāniora, Pānioro	Spaniard
tarapu	stirrup	Wītana	Sweden
tēpara	stable	tūru	stool, chair, pew, bench
tāriana	stallion, boar	tēpara	staple (fencing)
tōkena	stocking, sock	tanapu	stand up
tuari	steward, Stewart	purutōne	bluestone, sulphate of copper

tāpu	stop	neke	snake, serpent
wāna	swan	warou	swallow, welcome swallow
pune, pūnu	spoon	karaipiture	scripture
karahipi	scholarship	karaipi	scribe
teihana	station		

This also seems to apply to /s/ when it is not at the beginning of the English word but is followed by a consonant as the second part of the consonant cluster, e.g.  $P\bar{e}ti$  (Best), minita (minister), katoroera (castor oil), niupepa,  $n\bar{u}pepa$  (newspaper). Sometimes vowel insertion takes place instead.

**3.** Kearns has analysed the insertion of vowels to adapt English consonant clusters to the Māori sound system (i.e. epenthetic vowels). She has demonstrated that where an English sibilant is realized as /h/, the adjacent epenthetic vowel will usually be /i/. The following are some examples from our database.

Loanword	Derivation/meaning	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
kaunihera	council	Perehipitīriana	Presbyterian
takihī	taxi	Ahitereiria	Australia
tekihana	section	rōnihi	launch
wehikē	whisky	māhita	master
pirihimana	policeman	hōhipera	hospital
		Wikitōria	Victoria

Exceptions to this include: anahera (angel) and wuruhi (wolf).

Ryan has pointed out that the syllables /wo, wu, who, whu/ do not seem to have been present in Māori prior to contact with European languages.<sup>51</sup> These have become part of the language, as the following loanwords exemplify:

Loanword	Derivation	Loanword	Derivation/meaning
wuruhi, wuruwhi	wolf	Wūnu	Woon
wūru	wool	Wūru	Wood
wūruheti	woolshed	Wopereki	Warbrick
whutupōro, whutupaoro	football, rugby	Wōkuru	Vogel
whūrupēke	fullback	whurutu	fruit
whonokarāwhe	phonograph		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> K Kearns 1990, pp. 68-80.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> J. Ryan, p.144.

## KO TE METE RAUA KO KAUWHE, Nama 239 Kuini Tiriti,

AKARANA.

NUMAKETE HOKI.

#### IWI $_{ m K\,I}$ NGAMAORI.

E BOA MA,—I tenei tukunga atu ki a koutou, ta maua PANUI i te tahituhinga hou o a Maua TAONGA mo te HOTOKE, ka whakapuakina atu ki a koutou to maua nei whaka-whetai. Te take kua nui nos mai ta koutou whakahoa ki a maua, i nga TAONGA i hekehokona, i nga wa kua mahawa aka nai. ara i ta maua tima-

hoko;—mea ai ratou, no to ratou timatanga hoko ki a maua, kua kore e maumau-noa i te TAIMA tae noa ki nga MONI. Ko a maua TAKAI, meatia ai ki te Kanawehi, a, tukua atu ana i te utu kore a te tangata, ki ia awa, ki ia awa, ki nga Rerewe Teihana i Niu Tireni e taea atu ana i Akarana Mo te Takai, kacre e hoki iho te utu i te £1 tenet kupu. Ko nga TAKAI, kacre e painga e nga kai-hoko, e pai ana kia whakahokia mai. Kaore he TAKAI-TAONGA e tukua atu ana i mna mai o te utunga.

6 iari Kah'mia, pai, pango, 60 inihi te whanui 10 iari Kanpe Bangati, Piriri Kaone ra nei 1 Potse Wahine, wit, pango (Whakaaturia mai te ahua o nga ripine) 2 Himi Wahine, pai atu te hanga 1 Toehi (Whakiaturia mai te mehua) 2 pas Tokena Wahine Ko te Alkiha-hiraka, pai atu, me hoatu nos.

TAKAI-TAONGA NAMA 101.

KO "TE TAKAI-RANGATIRA" TE INGOA O TENEI TAKAI-TAONGA.

Te Utu, £1 13s. 6d.

1 Hniti, he puru-rangatu, Koti, Tarau, kouma hoki 1 Potao-tane, he perati ngawari korerotia mai te

nul 1 Habe ma, koi te tuara nga patene 1 Hate marore, mo te mahl 1 pea Tokena-tane, Katene ra nei, Wuru ra nei 1 pouaka Kara-pukapuka

Ko enei katoa e riro ana mo te £1 13a 6d. Ka tukua nostin atu te aikiha-hiraka, abua

1 pos Peraŭete, ngawari, shun pai hoki; te roa o totahi o nga Paraŭkete, e 2 iari, me te awhe Ki te pal. ka rivskitie nga Paraŭkete nei ki te Roku nul whal-tarra e Paraŭkete nei ki te la sari Pirin kaone, kaore e mawhe i te horeinga 1 Tarau-mohikene, marero 6 iari Paranene, he Wurn katoa 6 iari Rareko-ma, matotoru

Enei katoa mo nga moni, 41 19s. 6d. Ko te Afkiha nui, biraka, ka tukua nostia atu

TENEI AND ENEI TAONGA.

TENET ANO ENER TAONGA.

Tarno-mobilismo, kaha, 5/11, 6/11, 7/11, 8/6

Raiti Tano, Pere-aranga, Hulti hoki, 21/, 27/8, 5/11, 5/12, 5/

EF Ko nga TAONGA kotoa i roto i tenei tukinga ka tukua atu i runga i te ritenga o nga TAKAI-TAONGA. He ki alu tenei, me whirishiri e te tangata nga msa e matarahi ana te utu, te take ka pei hoki ra nga Zaonga e nui ake ana te utu; a, tera e paingia nuilia tenei hanga, te TAONGA mamau.

TE METE RAUA KO KAUWHE,

Nama 239 Kuini Tiriti, Akarana, KEI NUMAKETE HOKI.

He men ta e Henare Perete, mo te rangatira o tenei supepa, Te No, i Hotereni-ticiti, Akarana, i te 16 o sga ra o Pepuere, 1886.

**Figure 8.** A full-page Smith and Caughy advertisement in *Te Korimako*, February 16, 1885.

## Other features of loanwords

Because of the limited number of phonemes in Māori a particular loanword may have several different derivations and meanings. An example from the database is *tīni* (see Figure 9):

Māori word	Grammatical category	Number of occurrences	Derivation	Meaning
tīni	noun	52	chain	chain
tīni	noun	4	change	change (money)
tīni	noun	2	gin	gin
tīni (-tia)	transitive verb	18	change	to change
tīni (-tia)	transitive verb	4	chain	to mark off, survey
tīni	adjective	5	tin	tinned

Figure 9. Derivations and meanings of the loanword *tīni*.

## Personal names

Some patterns emerge with the transliterations of people's names (sometimes called personals). In the following lists the number of recorded occurrences in the database are given in parentheses.

1. Names ending in '-son' will often end with *-hana* or *-hona* but other variations are possible, as the following examples illustrate:

Personal name	Loanwords
Atkinson	Atikena (3), Atikinihana (50), Atakinihana (3), Atikinihana (6), $\bar{A}$ kitihana (1),
	Atikina (48), Akihana (1)
Carson	Kātene (5)
Davidson	<i>Rēwitihana</i> (1)
Dawson	Tōtana (3), Rahona (3), Torotana (3)
Ellison	Erihana (40), Eritana (4)
Ferguson	Pōkihana (1), Pākuhana (1)
Gibson	Kipihona (28), Rikihana (12), Kihipene (1)
Hanson	Hanahona (1), Hanihina (1), Hanihona (4)
Harrison	Harihana (2), Harihona (6)
Henderson	Henahana (1), Henehana (5), Hanatini (1), Henihana (3), Hanihana (1), Anehana (1), Henetana (1)
Hobson	Hopehana (10), Hopihana (38), Hopihona (52), Hopiona (3)
Hodgkinson	Hokihora (4), Hohikina (1), Hohikihihana (1)
Hutchinson	Hutihana (2), Hatihana (2)
Jackson	Hakihona (5), Tiakitene (1), Tiakihana (1), Tiakihana (8), Tiekihana (1), Hakehana (1), Hakihana (2)
Jameson/Jamieson	Hēmihana (3)
Johnston/Johnson	Honetene (1), Honatana (1), Honetana (1), Honetone (1), Honitana (15), Honiana (46), Honihana (12), Honehana (24), Tionehana (2), Honetana (3), Honihona (2), Honahana (2), Hanihana (10)
Mason	Meihana (53)

Mitchelson	Mitirihana (1), Miterehana (2), Mitirihana (1), Miterehana (1)
Morrison	Morihana (27)
Parkinson	Pakihana (1)
Paterson	Patihana (8), Patehana (3), Patahona (1)
Richardson	Riharihana (1), Ritihana (18), Riharihona (4), Retitana (1), Rititana (1), Retitana
	(1)
Robertson	Ropihana (41), Ropitana (1), Ropitini (2), Rapatini (1), Rapitana (1)
Rolleston	Roritana (6), Roretana (31), Roritone (3)
Simpson	Timihana (6), Himihona (1), Himikini (1)
Stephenson	Tēpene (1), Tīwene (1), Tīpene (1), Tīpeni (4)
Thompson	Tamihana (53), Tamehana (54)
Watson	Watene (3), Watihana (6)
Williamson	Wiremuhana (1)
Wilson	Wirihana (65), Wirihona (3), Wiriana (2), Wherihana (1)

**2.** Names in English ending in '-ton' usually end in *-tana*, *-tene*, *-tona*, *-tone* or *-tini* in the Māori transliteration.

Personal name	Loanwords
Ashton	Ahitana (23)
Barton	Pātene (71), Pātana (1), Patena (3)
Broughton	Porotene (10), Paratene (59), Parotene (1)
Burton	Peretini (18), Paratana (1), Patene (1)
Carrington	Karingitone (1), Karingitana (3), Karitana (6)
Hamilton	Hamiritona (1), Hamiritana (3), Hamutini (5), Hamutana (28), Hamiratana (1)
Hardington	Haringatona (1)
Hutton	Hatene (1), Hutana (4), Hatana (1)
Kingston	Kīngitona (1), Rikitena (1)
Langton	Rangitone (1)
Milton	Miritana (1), Miritona (1)
Morton	Mōtene (1)
Rolleston	Roritana (6), Roretana (31), Roritone (3)

**3.** Names in English ending in '-man' end in -mana in the Māori transliteration.

Personal name	Loanwords
Coleman	Korumana (29), Kouramana (15), Korimana (1), Koremana (1)
Hillman	Hirimana (4)
Newman	$N\bar{u}mana$ (45)

**4.** Names beginning with 'Mc-' or 'Mac-' begin with one of the following: *Mako*- (1), *Maki*- (308), *Maka*- (134), *Māka*- (74), *Miki*- (7), *Make*- (45), *Meke*- (7), *Ma*- (218), *Me*- (53) or *Meka*- (1)

However, if 'Mc-' or 'Mac-' are followed by /k/ usually *Ma*- precedes the transliteration of the remainder of the English name, e.g.

Personal name	Loanword
McColl	Makoro
McKinnon	Makina
McKaskill	Makahiki
Mackay	Make
Macguire	Makoaea
Macarthy	Makāti

**5.** Names in English ending in '-house' usually end in *-tauhi*, *-hauhi* or *-haute* in the Māori transliteration.

Personal name	Loanword(s)
Hursthouse	Hatatauihi (4), Hātihauhi (1)
Moorhouse	Moahauhi (2)
Whitehouse	Waitehaute (4)

**6.** Names in English ending in '-land' usually end in *-rana*, *-rani*, *-rangi* or *-ranga* in the Māori transliteration.

Personal name	Loanword(s)
Holland	Horana (1)
Ireland	Īrana (1), Aerana (7), Aerani (17), Airana (32), Airani (6), Aiarana (11), Airangi
	(2), Aearana (1), Airanga (1), Airingi (1)
Kirkland	Katerini (1), Katerani (2), Kakarana (1)
Sutherland	Hatarana (10), Hatarangi (1)

## Biblical tribal names

The large number of biblical personal names shows another interesting pattern. Many of these also have an equivalent tribal name that reflects the personal name but with an ending changed to -i. For example:

Ko ngā tama a Kara, i ō rātou hapū: nā **Tepono**, ko te hapū o ngā **Teponi**; nā **Haki**, ko te hapū o ngā **Haki**; nā **Huni**, ko te hapū o ngā **Huni**. <sup>52</sup>

The sons of Gad according to their families were: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites.

Nā kei te tuhituhi a Rehumu kaitiaki ture, a Himihai kaituhituhi, rātou ko ērā atu o ō rāua hoa, ko ngā **Rinai**, ko ngā **Aparahataki**, ko ngā **Taraperi**, ko ngā **Aparahi**, ko ngā **Arakewi**, ko ngā tāngata o Papurona, ko ngā **Huhanaki**, ko ngā **Rehawi**, ko ngā **Erami**, ...<sup>53</sup>

<sup>53</sup> Paipera Tapu, Etera 4:9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Paipera Tapu, Tauanga 26:15. Italics, macrons and bolding added.

Then wrote Rehbum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates - the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites, ...

Notice in these examples that if the personal name (or place name) ends in '-i', the name is the same for the person and the tribal name. Of the 200 tribal names in the Paipera Tapu only fifteen do not end in -i. The following list is a sample from the Paipera Tapu of this feature:

English Bible personal name	Paipera Tapu personal name	English Bible tribal name	Paipera Tapu tribal name
Elon	Erono	Elonite	Eroni
Jahleel	Iahareere	Jahleelite	Iahareeri
Sered	Herete	Sardite	Hereti
Shimeath	Himeata	Shimeathite	Himeati
Gershon	Kerehona	Gershonite	Kerehoni
Heber	Hepere	Heberite	Heperi
Malchiel	Marakiere	Malchielite	Marakieri
Kohath	Kohata	Kohathite	Kohati
Shimron	Himirono	Shimronite	Himironi
Shillem	Hireme	Shillemite	Hiremi
Shuthelah	Hutera	Shuthelahite	Huteri
Becher	Pekere	Bachrite	Pekeri
Tahan	Tahana	Tahanite	Tahani
Beriah	Peria	Beriite	Perii
Jimna, Imna, Imnah	Imina	Jimnite	Imini
Benjamin	Pineamine	Benjamite	Pineamini
Dedan	Rerana	Dedanite	Reranimi
Pallu	Paru	Palluite	Parui
Israel	Iharaira	Israelite	Iharairi

Figure 9. Comparison of a sample of personal names with tribal names from the Paipera Tapu

It will be obvious that the translation of the Bible was a more deliberately planned process than the writing of the Māori language newspapers. Thus the Paipera Tapu reflects this with more systematic results and very few typographical errors. Occasionally the translators had variations for the same word, e.g. *Iokopeta* from Tauanga 32:35 (Numbers 32:35) and *Iokopeha* from Kaiwhakariterite 8:11 (Judges 8:11) for the place name Jogbehah. *Peniere* for Penuel occurs in Kenehi 32:30 (Genesis 32:30) and *Penuere* is used in the very next verse. Because of their close proximity, in this case it is likely that *Peniere* is a typographical error.

## The online loanwords dictionary

Although a hard copy dictionary of the loanwords is planned, the free to access online dictionary is a sub-dictionary of the main online dictionary called *Te Aka*. Access to the database is via the historical loanwords link at <a href="http://www.maoridictionary.co.nz">http://www.maoridictionary.co.nz</a>.

The dictionary contains headwords together with other information useful to learners and speakers of Māori. For each headword this includes: its part of speech; the meaning and/or explanation; the word's derivation; sources where the word occurs; an indication of its frequency of use; one or more examples of the word in a sentence, with the source of each example; and words of the same or similar meaning. Where there are several meanings of the word, these will be listed numerically, and each may have its own example.

Inconsistencies in the Māori newspapers abound. Consequently, modern orthography has been used for the Māori in the dictionary, including the marking of long vowels with macrons, in both the headwords and the example phrases and sentences. The consistent marking of long vowels of written Māori was not a practice during the 19<sup>th</sup> and first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Double vowels were used occasionally, but only for a few words in both the Māori newspapers and the Paipera Tapu. In addition, the Paipera Tapu also uses double vowels in the Māori where they occur for names in the English Bible. An example of this is illustrated in Figure 9 above for the Bible names Jahleel and Jahleelite, which become *Iahareere* and *Iahareeri* respectively. The names of the Paipera Tapu have not been given macrons in the dictionary, unless there is certainty about the vowel lengths. Any double vowels of these Biblical names have been retained.

Some of the more common features of the Māori newspapers that have been changed in the dictionary include the following:

- Prefixes such as *tua*-, *kai* are often written separately or with a hyphen in the Māori newspapers, but these have been changed to follow modern orthographic conventions, e.g. *kairūri* (surveyor) and *tuaono* (sixth).
- In keeping with modern orthographic conventions, tribal names are written with the tribal designation  $Ng\bar{a}ti$ ,  $Ng\bar{a}$  and  $Ng\bar{a}i$  separately, e.g.  $Ng\bar{a}$  Puhi where Ngapuhi is often used in the newspapers.
- There is, by modern conventions, an overuse of capitals in the newspapers, so capitals are removed where appropriate, e.g. *Hāmonia* is changed to *hāmonia* (harmonium).
- In the loanwords dictionary italics are used for ship names, even if they were not used in the original text.
- Glottal stops have been inserted where appropriate, e.g. 'Hawai'i' for 'Hawaii'.
- In the example sentences words that are joined together in the originals are separated if that is the modern Māori convention, e.g. *a ia* (he/she) for *aia*; *ki a* (to) for *kia*.
- Words that are written as one in modern Māori have been changed, e.g. *te kau* to *tekau* (ten); *rongo nui* to *rongonui* (famous).
- Following modern convention, an upper-case 'P' is used for Pākehā.

- Following modern convention, an upper-case 'T' is used for *Te* (Mr) before people's names, e.g. *Te Pōkiha* (Mr Fox).
- Where me he mea (if) has been used in the newspapers it has been changed to mehemea.
- In example sentences from the Paipera Tapu the original punctuation has been retained, including the lack of speech marks.
- In the newspapers the English gloss for the loanwords in the Māori is sometimes given in parentheses after the loanword, usually in italics. These have been removed from the Māori example sentences and phrases.

### Conclusion

In the 100-year period that the database covers, there is no doubt that borrowed vocabulary enables people to talk in Māori about things that the language traditionally had no names for, or the need to talk about. Borrowings have enriched the Māori language in the same way that borrowings have enriched English and many other languages.

In this article we have discussed the Kupu Arotau loanwords project and some of the findings. It has been shown that words borrowed into Māori adapt to not only the phonological system but also the grammatical system of Māori. As expected, a loanword is not likely to have the same connotations as the foreign word from which it has been borrowed. It may have more restricted meanings or have taken on new meanings and connotations not encompassed by the foreign word from which it is derived.

The primary outcome of the project has been the collection of a large database of loanwords from the Māori-language newspapers, the Paipera Tapu and a few other 19<sup>th</sup> century sources. This database has been converted to an historical loanwords dictionary now available free online.

The focus of the project now shifts to the collection of loanwords from the period 1952 to the present.

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Te Karere o Poneke (1857-8)
Te Whetu o te Tau (1858)
Te Manuhiri Tuarangi and Maori Intelligencer (1861)

Te Karere Maori or Maori Messenger (1861-3)

*Ko Aotearoa or the Maori Recorder* (1861-2)

*Te Haeata* (1859-61)

*Te Hokioi o Niu Tireni e Rere atu na* (1863)

Te Pihoihoi Mokemoke i runga i te Tuanui (1863)

Te Waka Maori o Ahuriri (1863-71)

*Te Waka Maori o Niu Tirani* (1871-9)

Nga Hua o te Mohiotanga ma nga Tangata Maori (1874)

*Te Wananga* (1874-8)

Te Matariki (1881)

*Takitimu* (1883)

Te Waka Maori o Aotearoa (1884)

*Te Korimako* (1882-8)

Te Korimako Hou (1889-90)

*Te Hoa Maori* (1885-97? 1910?)

*Te Paki o Matariki* (1892-1935?)

Ko te Panui o Aotearoa (1894-6)

Nga Hiiringa i te Whitu (1896)

Aotearoa (1892)

Huia Tangata Kotahi (1893-5)

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