

PINETOWN.

1. Pinetown is a small village on the main Durban - Pietermaritzburg road, about 12 miles from Durban. It is the centre of an area devoted to agriculture and market gardening.

2. The Pinetown Local Administration & Health Board submitted a Memorandum and plan and oral evidence was given in support.

3. It was alleged that there were 12 cases of acquisition of property by Indians in predominantly European areas since 1927 but of these only four, namely cases 1, 10, 11 and 20 in the schedule attached to the Board's Memorandum, were township lots.

4. We have stated elsewhere why we do not regard acquisitions of purely agricultural land not acquired or occupied for business or residential purposes to fall within the terms of reference of the Commission. We deal therefore only with the 4 plots referred to above.

5. Case 1. This is a small plot of land lying in the same block "A of K of Pinetown". There are about 6 residences on this block all of which were occupied by Indians before 1927. The Board (page 1909 of the evidence) admitted that the area must be regarded as non-European in 1927.

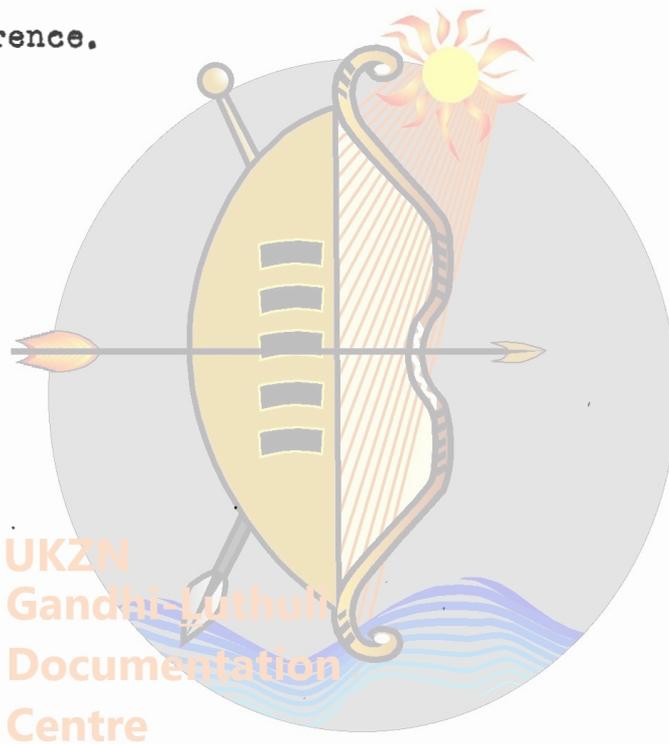
6. Cases 10 and 11. These are adjoining properties on the north side of the main Road running through Pinetown. They are owned and occupied by Indian teachers of the nearby Indian School. The Board admits that the buildings are among the best on the main road. The side on rear of these properties face across Bishop's Road to property owned by Indians before 1927. In view of this fact and in view of the proximity of the Indian school we do not consider that the area in question can be said to be predominantly European.

7. Case No. 20. This property is also on the main road and immediately adjoins a property that was in Indian ownership before 1927, and the property im-

mediately .

immediately behind was at one time Indian owned.

8. It seems clear that in this area there has not in fact been any very rigid division into European or non-European areas; property has tended to pass from one community to the other. In the circumstances we do not think that any of the cases cited fall within the Commission's terms of reference.



UKZN
Gandhi-Luthuli
Documentation
Centre