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- Oct. 30. Ministry formed under leadership of Mr Whitaker.
- Nov. General Assembly accepted responsibility in Native affairs.
- Nov. 20. Defeat of Maoris at Rangiriri.
- Dec. 1. First New Zealand railway opened at Christchurch.
- Dec. 3. New Zealand Settlement Act passed, conferring power on Governor to confiscate land of rebels. Dec. 8. Occupation of Ngaruawahia.
- 1864. Feb. 22. Natives defeated at Rangiaohia.
 - April 2. Capture of Orakau Pa.
 - April 29. British repulsed in attack on Gate Pa, Tauranga.
 - May 13. Battle between friendly natives and rebel Hau-Haus at Moutua, island in Wanganua River. Discovery of gold on west coast of Middle Island.
 - Oct. 3. Wellington selected as seat of government.
 - Nov. 24. Mr. F. A. Weld formed Ministry, consequent on resignation of Whitaker government.
- 1865. March 6. Mr. Volckner, Church of England missionary, murdered by Hau-Haus at Obotiki.
 - June 8. Submission of Wiremu Tamihana (William Thompson).
 - Sept. 2. Peace proclaimed (end of Oakura war).
 - Oct. 16. On resignation of Weld Ministry, Mr. E. W. Stafford formed a Ministry.

Dec. 25. Rebels defeated at Wairoa.

1866. Jan. 4. Major-General Chute defeated natives at Okotuku Pa. He afterwards captured Putahi and Otapawa Pas, and then marched through the forest to New Plymouth.

March 29. Te Heu Heu submitted.

Opening of Panama steam mail service.

Cable laid across Cook's Strait.

Oct. 12. Rebels defeated at Omaranui.

1867. Oct. 10. Act passed dividing Colony into Maori electorates; one Maori member from each electorate in House of Representatives.

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