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## A Day in New Zealand Parliament: June 15, 1881

In parliament  
the truth was told  
by William Swanson

“But do you think that, if the Maoris had known  
that we were going to legislate for and rule them  
as we have been doing, they would ever have allowed us to settle here?  
Do not believe it”

“They were just the men who,  
had they known what was to happen in the future,  
would have swept us into the sea”

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