

Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Purchase: Total Price.	Occupation with Right of Purchase: Half-yearly Rent.	Renewable Lease: Half-yearly Rent.
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The elevation ranges from about 800 ft. to 1,400 ft. above sea-level.

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Weighted with £28 14s. 5d., valuation for improvements consisting of 4 acres scrubbed, 40 acres grassed, and 24 chains of fencing, valued at £48 14s. 5d. Of this amount £20 is included in the capital value of the section. The balance must be paid for in cash by the selector.

Situated in the North Waimarino Block, the access being from Manunui, which is about three miles distant by a partly formed road. The present access is from Taumarunui, which is about eight miles and a half distant by the Tunakotete and Wanganui Valley Roads, which are formed as bridle-tracks for about two miles and a half, the remaining distance being by dray-road. Broken and undulating land, mostly in fern, manuka, and tutu, with good building-site near road. Soil of good quality, on pumice and papa formation. Elevation ranges from 250 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level.

25 | IX | 170 0 0 | 460 0 0 | 11 10 0 | 9 4 0
Weighted with £28 19s., valuation for improvements consisting of about 48 acres felled and grassed, 24 chains of fencing, and bridge, the whole valued at £134 12s. Of this amount £105 13s. is included in the capital value. The balance of £28 19s. must be paid for in cash by the selector.

Situated in the North Waimarino Block, the access being from Owango, which is about seven miles distant by the Hikamutu-Owango Road, which is formed as dray-road for about three miles, the balance being a bridle-track which is being widened into a dray-road. The section comprises about 25 acres of flat land; the remainder is hilly and broken. Soil is of good quality—pumiceous on the flat, resting on papa formation. The forest is moderately heavy, comprising rimu, matai, a few totara and birch on ridges, with thick undergrowth of usual kind.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Kaitieke County.—Manganui Survey District.

30 | VII | 338 0 0 | 680 0 0 | 17 0 0 | 13 12 0
Situated in the Kaitieke Block, the access being from Erua, which is about four miles distant, partly by dray-road and partly by bridle-track. The section comprises hilly and undulating land, with about 25 to 30 acres of flat. The soil is of fairly good quality, though somewhat light, on a sandstone and papa formation. The forest is fairly heavy, comprising rimu, matai, tawa, tawhero, with usual undergrowth. Elevation ranges from 2,500 ft. to 2,800 ft. above sea-level.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this second day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Amending Regulations relating to the Thames Drainage Board.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

IN exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the Mining Act, 1908, the Mining Amendment Act, 1911, and of all other powers and authorities in that behalf me thereunto enabling, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby alter and amend in manner appearing in the Schedule hereto contained the regulations made under the Order in Council of the nineteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, mentioned in section two hundred and fifty-three of the first-mentioned Act, and having reference to the Thames Drainage Board.

SCHEDULE.

1. REGULATION 5 is hereby deleted, and the following regulation substituted:—

The Board shall be elected annually on the last Saturday in January in each year, excepting when such Saturday shall fall on the 29th day of the month, in which case the election shall be held on the day immediately preceding. Members shall hold office until their successors are elected.

2. Regulation 9 is hereby deleted, and the following regulation substituted:—

It shall be the duty of the Board, not later than the last day of February in each year, to make an estimate of the amount required to defray all costs and charges for drainage purposes during the twelve months ending 31st December.

3. Regulation 10, paragraph (2), is altered and amended by adding, after the word "workings," the words—

The term "workings" shall be limited to workings actually in use at the time of making the assessment, or which are then capable of being used, and which in the opinion of the Board are being reserved for the future working of the claim.

4. Regulation 10, paragraph (3), is altered and amended by adding, after the word "works," the words—

This paragraph shall apply also to all ground not being worked or being held under protection from the Warden's Court, such ground not to be exempt from the provisions of this paragraph under the plea of no benefit being derived, provided the absence of benefit arises solely by reason of the non-working of the claim.

5. Regulation 11 is altered and amended by deleting the words "during the said month of January" in the second and third lines, and substituting therefor the words "not later than the last day of February."

6. Regulation 15 is amended by adding the following paragraph:—

An appeal shall not operate as a stay of proceedings, and every appellant, shall, notwithstanding his appeal, pay to the Board the rate assessed against him as from the 1st day of January in each year, at such time or times, at such place, in such instalments, and in such manner as the Board shall have prescribed by notice under Regulation 12: Provided always that if upon the hearing of his or any other appeal the assessment of any appellant shall be disallowed in whole or in part, or reduced in amount, such repayments and adjustments shall be forthwith made by the Board as shall give effect to the decision of the Warden's Court in the premises.

7. Regulation 20 is hereby deleted, and the following regulations substituted:—

At any time and from time to time in any year, whenever it shall appear to the Board that by reason of any miscalculation or underestimate of the amount required to defray the costs and charges for drainage purposes for that year, or by reason of any disallowance in whole or in part, or any reduction in any assessment or assessments made on appeal, or by reason of any other circumstance whatever it is necessary or expedient to raise a further or additional sum for the purposes of defraying the costs and charges for the year, it shall be competent for and the duty of the Board so to do by striking a supplementary drainage rate upon all the lands on which the ordinary rate was assessed; and such supplementary rate shall be levied on the basis of the assessment already made by the Board or fixed by the Court (if there has been an appeal), and all occupiers and owners of the said lands so assessed shall be liable for the amount of the supplementary rate so made and struck; and for the purpose of any and every such supplementary rate the Board may include and may suitably assess any lands within the drainage area taken up for mining purposes since the striking of the ordinary rate; but the owners and occupiers of any such newly assessed land shall have the same right of appeal as provided under Regulations 14 and 15 in the case of the original assessment. The provisions of the regulations as to notices by the Board and as to appeals by persons aggrieved both to the Board and to the Warden's Court in respect of the ordinary rate shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to every supplementary rate. If, however, the Board is of opinion that the circumstances have changed to such an extent since the ordinary assessment was made that it would be inequitable to adopt such assessment as a basis for the supplementary rate, then and in such case the Board may make a fresh assessment for the purpose of striking such supplementary rate, and the Board shall take into consideration, in addition to all such matters as it is directed to consider when making the assessment for the purposes of the ordinary rate, any special or additional benefit found to have accrued to all or any of the lands within the drainage area since the striking of the ordinary rate, and also all other circumstances which may seem to the Board to affect the equities as between the several owners or occupiers of lands liable to be assessed. Any such rate shall be payable either in one sum or by instalments, and at such time or times and place as the Board shall determine.

The following additional regulations are hereby made:—

8. Whenever it shall be necessary for the Board in exercise of its powers to strike a supplementary rate, any appellant or appellants whose assessment or assessments has or have been reduced or varied on appeal shall be liable for such supplementary rate in the same manner as a non-appellant, notwithstanding such reduction or variation.

9. Every assessment made by the Board when signed by the Chairman shall, subject to any alteration, reduction, or disallowance made on appeal, be conclusive evidence of the liability of each and every person named therein for the amount thereby purported to be charged against him.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

W. FRASER,
Minister of Mines.