

vote will be divided according to the amounts thus augmented; but no library will receive credit for a larger income than £75—that is, in no case will the augmented amount on which distribution is based exceed £100.

3. The whole of the subsidy must be expended without delay in the purchase of books for the library.

4. It is particularly enjoined upon the authorities in charge of the public libraries concerned that a due proportion of the books purchased shall be books having a permanent value; that is on books of more than merely passing interest.

5. Application to share in the distribution must be by means of a statutory declaration by the Chairman, or Secretary, or Treasurer of the institution on behalf of which it is made, and must be accompanied by a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1913; and such declaration must be on the form provided for the purpose, which form shall be as follows:—

DECLARATION.

I, [Name], of [Place of abode], [Occupation], do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am Chairman [or Secretary, or Treasurer] of the [Name of institution]; that during the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1913, the receipts of the aforesaid institution for the maintenance of the library only were as follows: From rates levied by a local governing body under Part I of the Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes Act, 1908, or the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, pounds shillings and pence; from the subscriptions of members, pounds shillings and pence; and

from voluntary contributions other than members' subscriptions, pounds shillings and pence; that the library is public in the sense of belonging to the public, and is not under the control of an association, society, or club whose membership is composed of a section of the community only; that the information hereinafter furnished by me in the appendix hereto is correct in every particular; that the abstract of accounts is a true statement of the receipts and expenditure of the institution for the year herein specified; that the whole of the subsidy received during the year was expended in the purchase of books for the library; [and that by the rules of the library it is open to the public free of charge].

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908.

Declared at _____, this _____ day of _____, 191____, before me— _____, Justice of the Peace [or Solicitor, or Notary Public].

[Here affix and cancel a stamp at 2s. 6d.]

[NOTE.—The words relating to last year's subsidy and to free admission may be struck out if they are not applicable. The words in brackets are not part of the form, but indicate matter to be inserted or substituted.]

6. Copies of the form of application may be obtained from the Secretary for Education, Wellington, and from the Secretary of any Education Board.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Education.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in Nelson Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 24th November, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases of the undermentioned lands having been forfeited by resolution of the Nelson Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

Tenure.	Section.	Block.	District.	Area.			Formerly held by
				A.	R.	P.	
L.I.P.	14 and 16	VI	Wangapeka	219	2	0	David McKee Wright.
R.L.	11	I	Inangahua	329	0	0	Edward Jno. Scanlebury.

H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Reserves in Canterbury Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 24th November, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned reserve will be offered for lease, in two lots, by public auction at this office at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, 14th January, 1914, under the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—OXFORD SURVEY DISTRICT.—RESERVE 2718.

Lot.	Block.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.			Term.
			£	s.	d.	
1	VIII	27 0 0	6	15	0	7 years.
2	"	27 0 0	6	15	0	7 "

Reserve 2718 is situated on the north bank of the Eyre River, immediately to the south-west of the Township of West Oxford, and comprises old river-bed land of fair quality.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The lease shall be for the term specified, without right of renewal, and subject to resumption by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by the Crown.

2. The lessee shall have no claim for compensation, either for any improvements that may be placed upon the land, or on account of the aforesaid possible resumption, or for any other cause; but he may, on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease, remove any buildings or fencing erected by him, but not otherwise.

3. The land comprised in the lease shall be used for grazing purposes only, and shall not be broken up or cropped.

4. The purchaser of the lease shall, immediately upon the fall of the hammer, deposit an amount equal to six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease fee.

5. Possession will be given on the day of sale.

6. The lessee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the whole or any portion of the land comprised in the lease, except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

7. The lessee shall destroy all rabbits on the land, and he shall prevent their increase or spread to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

8. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbrier on the land comprised in the lease, and he shall with all reasonable despatch remove, or cause to be removed, all noxious weeds or plants as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

9. The lessee shall once a year during the said term, and at the proper season of the year, properly cut and trim all live fences now on the demised land, or which may be planted thereon during the said term.

10. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance, free from all deductions whatsoever.