

A separate ballot will be taken of the contributors who belong to the Post and Telegraph Department, of the contributors who belong to the Police Force, and of the contributors who belong to other Departments of the Public Service.

Nominations will be received by the Returning Officer, in the form prescribed by Regulation 46, under the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act, 1908, until Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1914, at 5 o'clock p.m. The voting-lists will be closed on the same date.

The poll will be closed at 5 o'clock p.m. on the 2nd March, 1914. Ballot-papers posted to the Returning Officer must reach him not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on the fifteenth day after the date of the closing of the poll. Ballot-papers, if delivered to the Returning Officer, must be so delivered in a sealed envelope not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on the day of the closing of the poll.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of December, 1913.

WILLIAM M. WRIGHT,
Returning Officer.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Land in Auckland Land District for Disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 22nd December, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that the undermentioned land will be disposed of under the provisions of the said Act on or after Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1914.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

WAIPA County, Waipa Parish: Section 45, 9 acres.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Tara Settlement, Canterbury Land District, for Selection on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 22nd December, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for selection on renewable lease, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908; and applications will be received at this office on Monday, 9th March, 1914.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—WAIMATE COUNTY.—WAIHAO SURVEY DISTRICT.—TARA SETTLEMENT.

Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Annum an Acre (approximate)		Total Half-yearly Rental.
			s.	d.	
1	XIV	355 0 0	7	3½	£ 64 16 0
2	"	450 0 0	7	6½	84 16 6
3	"	427 0 0	7	9	82 16 0
4	"	398 0 0	9	3	* 92 0 2 4 13 8
5	"	593 0 0	9	11	† 147 3 0 27 7 6
6	XV	468 0 0	8	8	100 16 0
7	XIV and XV	520 0 0	8	6½	110 18 6
8	XIV	412 0 0	7	2½	74 5 0

* Interest and sinking fund on cottage valued at £120, payable in cash or in twenty-one years by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £4 13s. 8d.; total half-yearly payment, £96 14s. 2d. The cottage is at present on Section 5, and must be removed to Section 4 by the lessee of the latter section at his own expense.

† Interest and sinking fund on buildings and improvements valued at £702, payable in cash or in twenty-one years by half-yearly instalments of £27 7s. 6d.; total half-yearly payment, £174 10s. 6d.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements which go with the sections are as follows: Section 1—320 chains of fencing, valued at

£120. Section 2—375 chains of fencing, valued at £110. Section 3—434 chains of fencing, valued at £150. Section 4—344 chains of fencing, valued at £145. Section 5—652 chains of fencing, valued at £249. Section 6—374 chains of fencing, valued at £137. Section 7—343 chains of fencing, valued at £119. Section 8—365 chains of fencing, valued at £126.

The improvements which do not go with the sections, but which must be paid for separately, consist of: Section 4—Cottage (at present on Section 5), valued at £120. Section 5—Dwellinghouse of five rooms, wool-shed, men's quarters, stable, dips and windmill, iron shed, and cow-bail, the whole valued at £702.

DESCRIPTIONS.

Section 1.—Altitude, 1,150 ft. to 1,450 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral country; watered by springs and creeks in gullies. Access by formed road, eleven miles from Waihao Downs Railway-station.

Section 2.—Altitude, 1,120 ft. to 1,440 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral country; watered by permanent stream. Access by good road, ten miles and a half from Waihao Downs Railway-station.

Section 3.—Altitude, 1,050 ft. to 1,335 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral country; small portion in tussock; watered by Waihaorunga Stream and springs. Access by good road, eleven miles from Waihao Downs Railway-station.

Section 4.—Altitude, 1,100 ft. to 1,400 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral country; small portion in tussock; watered by springs. Access by good road, nine miles from Waihao Downs Railway-station.

Section 5.—Altitude, 1,050 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral land; watered by springs. Access by good road, eight miles from Waihao Downs Railway-station. The cottage marked A on plan is to be removed to Section 4.

Section 6.—Altitude, 750 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral country; watered by Waihaorunga Stream. Access by good road, seven miles from Waihao Downs Railway-station.

Section 7.—Altitude, 800 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral country; watered by Waihaorunga Stream. Access by good road, eight miles from Waihao Downs Railway-station.

Section 8.—Altitude, 1,100 ft. to 1,470 ft. above sea-level. Rolling downs, nearly all ploughable; good agricultural and pastoral country; watered by dam and creeks in gullies. Access by good road, nine miles from Waihao Downs Railway-station.

Full particulars may be ascertained and plans obtained at this office.

C. R. POLLEN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Fortification Hill Settlement, Southland Land District, for Selection on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 22nd December, 1913.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for selection on renewable lease, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908; and applications will be received at this office on Thursday, 26th February, 1914.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—TOETOES SURVEY DISTRICT.

Mixed Agricultural and Pastoral Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Annum an Acre (approximately).		Total Half-yearly Rental.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1	III	645 2 10	0	2 1½	£ 34 8 6
2	"	706 1 20	0	2 8½	48 3 0
3	"	895 1 30	0	2 7¼	58 5 6
4	"	472 0 20	0	4 3	50 3 6
5	"	555 2 30	0	4 8½	65 14 0
6	"	325 2 20	0	4 8½	38 9 6