

are only temporary. The aspect is northerly. Situated five miles and a half from Ongaonga and fifteen miles and a half from Waipawa by good metalled road.

Section 12, Block III.—Altitude, 800 ft. to 950 ft. Open agricultural and pastoral land, similar to Section 11 as regards soil and disposition of land. Well watered by streams. About three-quarters of the section is ploughable. 47 acres have been ploughed and put down in grass and fenced. The section is fenced on three sides, with the exception of 14 chains near Section 11. The western boundary is partly fenced; the balance, about 49 chains on the east, is unfenced, which when completed will make three paddocks. The remainder of the section is in good native grass: small clumps of shelter-bush near the south-east boundary. Northerly aspect. Situated four miles and a half from Ongaonga and fourteen miles and a half from Waipawa by main metalled road.

Section 4, Block IV.—Altitude, 750 ft. to 800 ft. Flat land and low easy terraces; practically level, open, agricultural and pastoral land. About 99 acres have been ploughed, of which 89 acres are laid down in grass and 10 acres have been in rape. Balance of area is approximately half in native grass at the north near the water-race, and half in manuka scrub in the centre of the section. The soil is light, consisting of brown loam on shingle. Watered by the race and river and one well in paddock near the road. Ring-fenced and subdivided into four paddocks with post and wire fences. The river frontage is not stock-proof, but is fenced with wire in fair repair only. Situated four miles and a half from Ongaonga and fourteen miles and a half from Waipawa by main metalled road.

Section 5, Block IV.—Altitude, 750 ft. to 775 ft. Similar to Section 4 as regards description of land, soil, and water. About 450 acres have been ploughed, of which approximately 300 acres are grassed; balance has been in turnips and oats. The remaining area is in native grass, with the exception of a strip of manuka on the western boundary. Ring-fenced with the exception of the southern boundary of about 45 chains on the west side of the road. The section is divided into four paddocks on the east side of the by road which divides the property; fences are post and wire in fair and good repair. Situated four miles from Ongaonga and fourteen miles from Waipawa.

Section 6, Block IV (Springhill Homestead).—Altitude, 775 ft. to 950 ft. Open agricultural and pastoral land, comprising flats and undulating hills with easy faces and table-land tops suitable for agriculture. About 288 acres have been ploughed, of which approximately 222 acres have been laid down in grass, 16 acres have been in oats, and 50 acres in turnips. The balance is all in good native grass with a little scattered manuka in the south of the section, and about 50 acres of high manuka scrub near the turnip-paddock. The area north of the road is not watered, and is suitable for cropping; the area south of the road is well watered by main streams. The northern area is ring-fenced with the exception of 45 chains on the north boundary, and the section is ring-fenced south of the road with the exception of 71 chains bounding Section 7. The section is at present subdivided into four paddocks, but upon completion of the boundary-fencing described before eight paddocks will be obtained. The quality of the land throughout is good. Soil of brown and black loam, resting on shingle on flats and on clay on hills. Situated three miles and three-quarters from Ongaonga and thirteen miles and three-quarters from Waipawa by main metalled road.

Section 7, Block IV.—Similar to Section 6 as regards altitude, description of land, and soil, and is equally good agricultural and pastoral land. It is all ploughable, with the exception of one hill-face from the flat to the terrace-top. Well watered by main streams. On the north side of the road about 153 acres have been ploughed, of which 106 acres have been in rape and mustard, and 47 acres are laid down in grass. The creeks are protected by willow-trees which give good shelter. The area also contains a plantation of some 20 acres of mixed gums, pines, and wattles about seven or eight years of age. The whole is ring-fenced, with the exception of some 17 chains round Section 8. On the area south of the road about 133 acres have been ploughed, of which 100 acres have been in oats, 22 acres have been well grassed, and 11 acres have not yet been sown. The balance is in good native grass. The area is ring-fenced with the exception of 71 chains bounding Section 6. It is at present subdivided into five paddocks, but upon completion of above fencing nine will be obtained. Situated three miles to three miles and a quarter from Ongaonga and about thirteen miles from Waipawa by main metalled road.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Springhill Settlement is situated on the south bank of the Waipawa River, and is intersected by the main metalled road

from Waipawa via the Township of Ongaonga to Blackburn, and also by branch metalled road to Wakarara. The nearest point of the settlement is three miles and a quarter from Ongaonga and thirteen miles from Waipawa Railway-station, and the farthest section is eight miles from Ongaonga and eighteen miles from Waipawa. The property consists of flat land and terraces, for the most part ploughable, and of which considerable areas have already been cropped successfully with oats, swedes, and rape. The formation ranges from light shingly loam to rich loam, resting on clay; large portions have been sown down in English grasses, and the balance is well grassed with native grasses, except portions in manuka scrub. On some of the areas that have been ploughed Californian thistle is growing, but not to any appreciable extent. Elevation ranges from 700 ft. to 1,500 ft. above sea-level. The property is fairly well watered, but on some sections water will have to be obtained by sinking or conserved by dams. At present the nearest school is situated at the Township of Ongaonga, but a site for a school has been laid off on the estate. There is a bi-daily coach from Waipawa Railway-station to the rising Township of Ongaonga. The outside boundaries of the property are all fenced, and for the most part interior subdivisional fences are used as section-boundaries.

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

R. T. SADD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Otago Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 2nd February, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned land is open for selection on renewable lease under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and amendments; and applications will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 12th February, 1914.

Applicants will have to appear personally before the Land Board, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Dunedin, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Friday, 13th February, 1914, to answer any questions the Land Board may ask; but if any applicant so desires he may be examined by the Land Board of the land district in which he resides.

The ballot for the section, if there is more than one applicant, will be held at the District Lands and Survey Office, Dunedin, on Friday, 13th February, 1914, at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

Preference will be given to landless applicants who have children dependent on them, or who have within the preceding two years applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—CLUTHA COUNTY.—WAIPAHA SURVEY DISTRICT.—CONICAL HILLS SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

Section.	Flock.	Area.	Rent per annum an Acre (approximate).	Total Half-yearly Rental.
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A very good section, the greater part of which can be cultivated; has a good black soil, on a clay subsoil. A good graded road passes through the section. Probably there is permanent water in the gully that runs parallel with the road. Situated about five miles from Pomahaka Railway-siding, and about three miles and three-quarters from Conical Hills Siding. There is a temporary school at the homestead, about three miles distant.

The improvements, which go with the section, consist of half-value of 171 chains of boundary-fencing (western boundary netted), full value of 37 chains of subdivisional fencing, and one gate, of a total value of £21 10s. 6d.

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C. H. WILMOT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.