

miles being formed and metalled road, two miles by formed unmetalled road, quarter-mile by formed horse-track, and the remainder by surveyed but unformed road. The access to the other two sections is either from Martinborough, twenty-eight miles distant—twenty-four miles by formed road and four miles by surveyed unformed road up to the bed of the Cape Stream—or from the White Rock landing on the sea-coast, fourteen miles distant, of which ten are by formed road. This block was originally all under bush, but fires have swept through from time to time and destroyed all but about 4,500 acres of it. The spurs have been burnt fairly clean, but most of the gullies and shady sidings have a second growth of makomako scrub. The greater portion of the burnt area has never been sown, and is now covered with native grass and tauhinu on the spurs and makomako scrub in the gullies. The soil is of a loose rocky nature resting on brown rock formation, and should hold the grass well up to 2,000 ft. altitude. The altitude of the block ranges from 425 ft., in the Cape Stream, to 3,200 ft., along the Mt. Ross and Te Manga Ranges, but a considerable portion of the area lies between 600 ft. and 2,000 ft. altitude. The bush on the lower slopes comprises rimu, miro, hinau, a few matai, titoki, rewarewa with a thick undergrowth of the usual kind. Towards the 2,000 ft. level red-birch predominates, with horopito undergrowth, and on the Mt. Ross and Te Manga Ranges the forest is principally silver-birch.

There is a fairly heavy rainfall along the Te Manga and Mt. Ross Ranges, and during the winter snow falls frequently. Numerous small streams provide the block with an excellent water-supply.

Many of the fences, especially along the Stony Creek and White Rock boundaries, have been put up off the true lines. None of them are, however, included in the values of the sections.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eighteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

R. HEATON RHODES,
For Minister of Lands.

Opening National Endowment Land in Auckland Land District for Selection.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1908, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the national endowment land described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Monday, the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, at the rental mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said land shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—WHANGAREI COUNTY.—OPUA-WHANGA SURVEY DISTRICT.

Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Capital Value.	Half-yearly Rental.
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		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
32	XII	270	0	39	330	0	0	6	12	0

Altitude, 400 ft. to 900 ft. above sea-level. Undulating to hilly land, 15 to 20 acres fern, balance mixed forest comprising rimu, totara, rata, towai, kohekohe, rewarewa, mamaku &c., with medium undergrowth of puka, hangehange, mahoe, kohutuhutu, raureka, punga, nikau, kiekie, supplejack, &c. Soil fair clay, on decomposed rock formation; well watered by streams. Distant nine miles from Hikurangi Railway-station, eight miles of which is by formed and partly metalled cart-road, balance 6 ft. track, except about 20 chains, which is still unformed, but passable for horse traffic.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Warrant apportioning the Cost of maintaining Portions of the Dannevirke—Herbertville Main Road, Waione and Oporae Roads, in the Weber County.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and nine of the Public Works Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is provided that in any case where a road in one district is largely used by or for the purpose of traffic to or from any other district or districts, and affords access to or from such districts, and the Governor is of opinion that it is equitable that the latter district or districts should contribute towards the cost of constructing or maintaining the whole or any portion of such road in the former district, the Governor may from time to time apportion the cost of constructing or maintaining the whole or any portion of such road among the local authorities of the respective districts as he thinks fit; and for that purpose, and to enable effect to be given hereto, the provisions of section one hundred and nineteen hereof shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply in the case of the construction or reconstruction of the road, and the provisions of section one hundred and twenty in the case of the maintenance of the road:

And whereas a dispute has arisen between the local authorities hereinafter mentioned on the question of the maintenance of the roads hereinafter mentioned: And whereas by the said section one hundred and twenty it is, *inter alia*, provided that the Governor may, with a view of determining what proportion (if any) of the cost of maintaining any work should be borne by any local authority, direct any Magistrate or other person to be a Commissioner to inquire into and report to him upon any matter which he shall deem necessary to enable him to determine any such question as aforesaid:

And whereas a Commissioner was appointed for the purpose aforesaid, and an inquiry was duly held:

And whereas such Commissioner did report to the Governor, after due inquiry, his opinion thereon:

And whereas the Governor is of opinion that it is equitable that the cost of maintaining the roads mentioned in the Schedule hereto should be provided and paid in the manner and in the proportion hereinafter set forth:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority vested in me by the said Act, do hereby direct that, from and after the date of this Warrant, the Akitio County Council shall pay to the Weber County Council the sum of seventy-five pounds (£75) per annum towards the cost of maintaining the Dannevirke—Herbertville main road, fifty pounds (£50) per annum towards the cost of maintaining Waione Road, and twenty-five pounds (£25) per annum towards the cost of maintaining Oporae Road; and the Patangata County Council shall pay to the Weber County Council the sum of fifty pounds (£50) per annum towards the cost of maintaining the Dannevirke—Herbertville main road.

And I do hereby direct that any contributions hereby required to be made as aforesaid by the Akitio and Patangata County Councils shall be paid from time to time out of the funds of the said County Councils within a period of thirty days after demand in writing made by or on behalf of the Weber County Council; and such payments shall be made from time to time to the Clerk of the Weber County Council for and on account of the Akitio and Patangata County Councils.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that road in the Weber County known as the Dannevirke—Herbertville main road, commencing at the boundary of the Dannevirke and Weber Counties and running in a southeasterly direction generally to the boundary between the Weber and Patangata Counties.

Also all those roads in the Weber County known as the Waione and Oporae Roads, running in a southerly direction generally from the Dannevirke—Herbertville main road to the boundary of the Weber and Akitio Counties.

As the said roads are more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 33557, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works, at Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington, and thereon coloured blue.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this sixteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

W. FRASER,
Minister of Public Works.