

there is a homestead-site on the northern boundary. Covered with a heavy forest of tawa, hinau, pukatea, rata, rimu, totara, and kahikatea in the valleys, and birch, tawhero, and rewarewa on the ridges, with a mixed undergrowth of karamu, kotukutuku, raurekau, wharangi, pongas, makomako, mahoe, toroa, supplejacks, &c. Soil of good quality in valleys and gullies, but poorer on ridges, resting on a papa and sandstone formation; well watered. Elevation, 600 ft. to 1,400 ft. above sea-level.

Whangamomona County.—Mahoe Survey District.

Section 6, Block XI: Area, 536 acres. Cash purchase: Total price, £980. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £24 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £19 12s.

Situated on the Whangamomona Road and river. Access from Whangamomona Railway-station, about fourteen miles distant, by dray-road for twelve miles, balance bridle-road. Broken and undulating country, with flats along the river. The southern portion was burnt many years ago, and is now covered with a heavy second growth of young tawhero, mahoe, konini, hoho, raurekau, karamu, &c. The remainder is covered with a heavy forest of tawa, rimu, tawhero, rata, &c., and a dense undergrowth of makomako, mahoe, raurekau, karamu, pongas, &c. Soil of good quality, on papa formation; well watered.

Section 8, Block XI: Area, 907 acres. Cash purchase: Total price, £1,370. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £34 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £27 8s.

Situated on the Tahunaroa Road, about a mile from the Wanganui River, where there is a landing-stage and cargo-shed. Access from Whangamomona Railway-station, about fifteen miles distant, by dray-road for twelve miles, balance being bridle-road. Broken and undulating country, with steep sidelings. There is a small tableland with homestead-site in the north-western corner near road. In the north-eastern corner near road there are the remains of an old burn, with some towhai growing thereon; the balance of the section is covered with a heavy bush of tawa, tawhero, rata, rimu, &c., and a dense undergrowth of mahoe, kotukutuku, karamu, raurekau, hoho, pongas, supplejacks, kiekie, &c. Soil of good quality, on papa formation; well watered.

Clifton County.—Waitara Survey District.

Section 12, Block VIII: Area, 525 acres. Cash purchase: Total price, £1,050. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £26 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £21.

Situated on the Kohangamo Road. Access from Urenui, about six miles and a half distant, six miles of which is by formed dray-road, most of which is metalled; balance by formed track not in very good order. Comprises fairly easy slopes to steep and rough country, covered with a medium to heavy forest of tawa, rata, rimu, with some towhai, and a fairly dense undergrowth of supplejacks, ferns, &c. Fair soil, on papa formation; fairly well watered. There has been an old clearing on the section, but it is now covered with second growth.

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

H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Opening National Endowment Land in Taranaki 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 Tuesday, the twenty-second day of September, 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.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—WAITOMO COUNTY.—TOTORO SURVEY DISTRICT.

First-class Land.

SECTION 1, Block III: Area, 140 acres 3 roods; capital value, £290; half-yearly rental, £5 16s.

Situated on the Kahuwera Road, one mile from Piopio, where there is a post and telephone office, store, accommodation-houses, &c. The access is from Te Kuiti, about seventeen miles distant—by formed coach-road for sixteen miles, the remaining mile being a good cart-road. There is a triweekly coach service from Te Kuiti to Piopio. The section comprises low-lying fernhills, sloping from the road on the eastern boundary to the Mokau River on the west, more than half being ploughable. There is practically no forest on the section, but a little fern and manuka. The soil is of medium quality on a rhyolite formation, and the section is fairly well watered. Elevation ranges from about 400 ft. to 650 ft. above sea-level.

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

H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Warrant apportioning the Annual Payments in respect of a certain Portion of the Heao and other Bridges Loan between the Wanganui County Council and the Wanganui Borough Council.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

WHEREAS by section five of the Local Bodies' Loans Amendment Act, 1912, it is, *inter alia*, provided that where part only of any area over which a special rate is made as security for a loan is merged or included within the district of a local authority other than the local authority that made the rate, then the whole of the liability in respect of the loan shall continue to be a liability of the local authority that raised the loan, but the Governor may, upon the written application of that local authority or of the Minister of Finance, by Warrant under his hand, direct that any local authority in whose district part of such area has been merged or included shall pay annually to the first-mentioned local authority during the currency of the loan, on such date as is specified, such amount as he considers a duly proportionate part of the interest and other charges payable in respect of the loan: And whereas it is further provided by the said section that the preceding provisions shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply in any case where part of any such area is again merged or included in the district of another local authority:

And whereas the Wanganui County Council on or about the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred, raised a loan of two thousand one hundred and ninety-six pounds one shilling and fivepence (£2,196 1s. 5d.), known as "The Heao and other Bridges Loan," in terms of the Government Loans to Local Bodies Act, 1886:

And whereas portion of the district or area forming part of the Wanganui County over which the rate was levied for the repayment of the said loan and the interest and other charges payable in connection therewith was on the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seven, severed from the district of the Wanganui County Council, and constituted a borough under the title of the Borough of Eastbrook: And whereas on such severance and constitution of the said Borough of Eastbrook the said loan was apportioned by the Governor in Council in manner following—namely, two hundred and ninety-two pounds sixteen shillings and two pence (£292 16s. 2d.) to the Borough of Eastbrook, and one thousand nine hundred and three pounds five shillings and threepence (£1,903 5s. 3d.) to the Wanganui County Council: And whereas the Borough of Eastbrook subsequently became known as the Borough of Wanganui East:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twelfth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, at page 2700, portion of the area originally severed from the Wanganui County and forming part of the Borough of Eastbrook (Borough of Wanganui East) was excluded from the said Borough of Wanganui East, and by a Proclamation dated the eighteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the nineteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, at page 2732, was merged in the Wanganui County (being included in the Kauhatea and Mangawhero Ridings of the said county):

And whereas by Proclamation of the nineteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the nineteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, Number 92, at page 3617, the Boroughs of Wanganui and Wanganui East were constituted one united borough under the designation of the Borough of Wanganui: