

## DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF SECTIONS.

*Block III.*

All the sections in this block comprise easy to fairly broken spurs, covered with fern and manuka, with a few scattered clumps of bush. These spurs are nearly all ploughable.

There are good flats along the Mangatarata and Waitakaruru Streams, which provide good permanent water. Sections not watered by these streams have springs which provide good water.]

*Block IV.*

Section 1.—Alluvial swamp land covered with kahikatea, cabbage-trees, flax, and scrub; water can be obtained from the drains.

Sections 2, 3, and 4 comprise shallow peat swamp of first-class quality, resting on timber and clay, covered with flax, raupo, rushes, manuka, and scrub; watered by drains.

Section 5.—About 20 acres easy to steep fern-covered slopes; balance shallow peat swamp, on timber and clay, covered with flax and rushes; watered by drains.

*Block VII.*

Sections 3, 4, 6, 16, 28, and 29 comprise easy to broken country, covered with fern and manuka, with occasional clumps of bush. The soil is light, and overlies clay and rock; watered by small streams.

Sections 5 and 21 comprise broken fern spurs, with mixed bush in gullies; well watered by streams.

Sections 7, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, and 19 comprise good flats along the Morrinsville-Waitakaruru Road, with easy ploughable spurs further back. All these sections have good shallow peat swamps in gullies, where good permanent water can be obtained.

Sections 22, 23, and 24 comprise broken fern country, partly ploughable, intersected by numerous creeks where permanent water can be obtained.

*Block XI.*

Sections 6, 7, and 11 comprise fairly broken mixed bush country, in altitude ranging to 1,200 ft. above sea-level. The bush comprises tawa, kohekohe, tawhero, manuka, rewarewa, rimu, kauri, totara, and puriri, with a thick undergrowth of scrub and supplejacks. Well watered by good streams.

Sections 8 and 10 are about half open, broken, fern country; balance mixed bush comprising manuka, rewarewa, rimu, kohekohe, and occasional puriri and kauri, with a thick undergrowth of scrub; well watered by good streams.

Section 9.—Broken fern country of poor quality, with occasional clumps of manuka; watered by good streams.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The sections included in the block are situated to the south-west of Waitakaruru, on the Hauraki Plains, and extend from the low-lying swamp country within three miles of Waitakaruru to the western watershed of the Thames Valley.

The main road access is from Waitakaruru, three miles distant from the northern end of the block, of which distance one mile is a shell bank suitable for all traffic, while the balance is only partially formed, but suitable for summer traffic.

The most distant point on the block is twelve miles from Waitakaruru, which has a regular bi-weekly launch service to Thames, twelve miles distant, whilst in addition launches run at irregular intervals. At Waitakaruru there is a post-office, with telephonic communication to Thames, two stores, and a saleyard, and before long a small township will be cut up in the vicinity.

From Waitakaruru there is a good road to Pipiroa, five miles and three-quarters distant on the Piako River, where there is a regular daily launch service to Thames. Of this road three miles and a quarter have been metalled, the balance being formed for dray traffic.

Access can also be obtained from Pokeno Railway-station, on the Main Trunk Railway, about twenty-four miles distant from the western boundary of the block, on the Pokeno Road, which is formed for dray traffic with the exception of the last mile.

Morrinsville Railway-station is thirty-five miles distant from the south end of the settlement, the whole distance being suitable for dray traffic. The last mile and a half of the road outside the block are not formed, but this work will be undertaken at an early date.

Ohinewai Railway-station can also be reached by means of the Kaihere Road, a distance of thirty miles, of which a mile and a half are unformed.

The nearest school is about half a mile outside the block, on the road to Waitakaruru, but a site has been reserved at the junction of the Cross Road with the Morrinsville-Waitakaruru Road in the centre of the block.

The country comprises low-lying swamp country, varying from alluvial flats covered with kahikatea bush to shallow peat swamp near Waitakaruru, easy rolling fern-covered ploughable hills, steep to broken fern spurs, and bush-covered hills in the west.

The altitude ranges from a few feet to 1,300 ft. above sea-level.

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

H. D. BELL,  
For Minister of Lands.

## Opening Settlement Lands 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, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and amendments, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the settlement lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Monday, the twenty-second day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, at the rentals mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said lands shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Acts.

## SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.—  
WAITAKARURU SETTLEMENT.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre per Annum (approximate).	Total Half-yearly Rental.
<i>Thames County.—Piako Survey District.</i>				
5	III	126 3 0	0 2 6	7 17 6
6	IV	139 2 0	0 2 3	7 17 6
7	"	122 2 0	0 4 5	13 14 6
8	"	103 2 37	0 2 6	6 10 6
<i>Ohinemuri County.—Piako Survey District.</i>				
*10	VII	149 2 32	0 2 5½	9 4 6
11	"	122 3 36	0 2 3	6 19 6
14	"	182 3 13	0 2 5½	11 5 0
20	"	162 2 0	0 2 6	10 2 6
1	VIII	124 2 0	0 2 3	6 19 6
2	"	67 1 22	0 4 7	7 13 0
3	"	80 1 23	0 4 6	9 0 0
4	"	237 0 0	0 4 0½	24 1 6
5	"	230 3 0	0 3 0½	23 8 0
6	"	268 1 0	0 3 7	24 1 6
7	"	181 2 0	0 3 7	16 4 0

\* Weighted with £20, valuation for hut.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements on the sections which are included in the price of the land are as follows: Section 7, Block IV—Half share in 46 chains of drain on eastern boundary. Section 2, Block VIII—18 chains of subdivisional drain, and half share in 25 chains of drain on north-eastern boundary. Section 3, Block VIII—Half share in 42 chains of drain on south-eastern boundary, and half share in 25 chains of drain on south-western boundary. Section 4, Block VIII—Half share in 64 chains of drain on north-western boundary, and half share in 40 chains of drain on north-eastern boundary. Section 5, Block VIII—2 chains of drain in south-western corner, and half share in 22 chains of drain on north-eastern boundary. Section 6, Block VIII—39 chains of drain in south-western corner, and half share in 20 chains of drain on north-eastern boundary. Section 10, Block VII—Half share in 26 chains of fencing on the boundaries with Section 26 in the north-west corner.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF SECTIONS.

*Block III.*

Section 5.—Easy sloping country, covered with fern and manuka; practically all ploughable; watered by small creek.

*Block IV.*

Section 6.—Steep to easy fern ridges, with small patches of bush; half ploughable; watered by springs.