

Section 4, Block V: Area, 172 acres 3 roods 21 perches; capital value, £1,640. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £41. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £32 16s.

Situated seven miles from Dannevirke and a mile and a half from Oringi Railway-station, to which latter it has access by formed dray-road, of which about a mile is metalled. Open country, mostly undulating, with a few acres of flat land in the north-eastern and south-western corners. About one-half of the area is in native and exotic grasses, and the remainder manuka and mingi scrub and red rushes. The hilly country is poor, with a clay subsoil and an outcrop of stones in places. There are some 118 chains of old fencing on the ground of little value at the present time, and which goes with the land.

Section 5, Block VI: Area, 80 acres 1 rood 37 perches; capital value, £1,560. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £39. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £31.

First-class dairying land, all ploughable. Distant four miles from Dannevirke by good metalled dray-road. Has eleven chains frontage to main Dannevirke-Woodville coach-road, and forty-eight chains frontage to Dannevirke-Kiritaki Road. Water can probably be obtained by sinking. Good loamy soil, on shingle formation. Originally covered in mixed bush, which has been felled and cleared, and the land sown in native and exotic grasses. Altitude, about 630 ft. above sea-level. The following improvements are included in the price of the land: Boundary and subdivisional fencing, valued at £18 15s.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Opening Lands in Nelson Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

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 and provide as follows, that is to say:—

The rural lands enumerated in the Schedules hereto are hereby set apart for selection on renewable lease on Wednesday, the tenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, at the respective rentals specified in the said Schedules. The lands enumerated in the First Schedule shall be deemed to be "heavy bush land," and the lands in the Second Schedule shall be deemed to be "scrub land."

After the first half-year's rent has been paid by the selector the further instalments of rent payable by him for a period of four years in the case of "heavy bush lands," and two years in the case of "scrub land," shall not be demanded; provided that if at any time during the first five years of his occupancy the selector disposes of his interest in the land, the rent so conceded shall be paid by him in full, and thereupon the Land Board may remit such instalments of rent payable by the incoming tenant, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of rent previously conceded to the selector, as the Board shall think fit.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

SECOND-CLASS HEAVY BUSH LAND.

(Exempt from Rent for Four Years.)

Buller County.—Kongahu Survey District.

SECTION 34, Block II: Area, 303 acres; capital value, £155; half-yearly rent, £3 4s.

Weighted with £48, valuation for improvements consisting of a drain 32 chains long.

All flat low-lying swampy land, covered with small flax, tottoi, and light scrub. Soil is good, but requires draining. Situated four miles and a half from Port of Karamea by a good dray-road, thence 52 chains by a good bridle-track, and thence two miles and three-quarters by an unformed road.

Waimea County.—Tadmor Survey District.

Section 9, Block XV: Area, 1,000 acres; capital value, £750; half-yearly rent, £15.

Broken pastoral country, well watered; covered with forest of birch and cedar, with a little rimu, rata, and totara. Fair soil. Altitude, 1,200 ft. to 2,000 ft. Seven miles and a half from Glenhope Railway-station—seven miles by main road, balance unformed road; or eight miles from Kohatu

Railway-station—seven miles and a half by main road, balance unformed road.

Section 10, Block XV: Area, 1,018 acres; capital value, £620; half-yearly rent, £12 8s.

Broken pastoral country, well watered; covered with forest consisting of birch, with a little rimu and totara. Fair soil. Altitude, 1,200 ft. to 2,000 ft. Four miles from Kaka Railway-station—half a mile formed road, balance unformed road along river-bank.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

SECOND-CLASS SCRUB LAND.

(Exempt from Rent for Two Years.)

Inangahua County.—Inangahua Survey District.

Section 1 of 54, Block IV: Area, 589 acres; capital value, £400; half-yearly rent, £8.

Distant about a mile and three-quarters from Inangahua Junction by the main Reef-ton-Inangahua Junction Road. About 40 acres flat, and of fair to good quality. The forest is chiefly silver-birch, the remainder being brown and red birch with a few miro and white and red pines. The balance of the area ranges from easy sloping spurs to very steep sidelings; it is good pastoral country, and the formation is limestone and marls principally; on the lower terraces bands of sandstone overlie the limestone marls; the forest is brown, silver, and red birch, with a few very large totara; rimu, white-pine, and miro are scattered about the spurs and gullies.

Waimea County.—Motueka Survey District.

Section 9, Block I: Area, 313 acres; capital value, £160; half-yearly rent, £3 4s.

All hill, covered with mixed bush of no commercial value; suitable for pastoral purposes only; limestone formation. About twelve miles and a half from Motueka, five miles and a quarter being by level metalled road, balance well-graded track.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this twenty-eighth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.

Powers delegated to the Otari Scenic Board under the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by section thirteen of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand doth hereby vest the control of the reserve described in the Schedule below (being land reserved under the said Act), for the period of three years from the date hereof (unless previously altered or revoked under the said Act), in the undermentioned persons, namely,—

Martin Chapman, K.C., Wellington;
Leonard Cockayne, Ph.D., F.R.S., Wellington;
Boulton Merlin Molineaux, Wellington;
William Russell Morris, Wellington;
Leonard Owen Howard Tripp, Wellington;
The Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Wellington Land District (*ex officio*);
The Chairman, Reserves Committee of the Wellington City Council (*ex officio*);

who are hereby constituted for that purpose a special Board by the name of the Otari Scenic Board (herein referred to as "the Board"), in trust, for the preservation of scenery, and with the powers and subject to the conditions hereinafter contained, that is to say,—

1. The Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Monday in each month, at four o'clock p.m., at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held on Monday, the fourth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

2. The Commissioner of Crown Lands shall be the Chairman of the Board, and shall have an original as well as a casting vote.

3. Special meetings may be convened by the Chairman, provided that two days' notice of such meeting be given to each member, specifying the business to be transacted at such special meeting; and no other business than that so specified shall be transacted at such meeting.

4. Any four members of the Board shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.

5. All questions shall be determined by the majority of votes of the members of the Board present at a meeting.