

rough feed. Section 7 comprises easy to steep country, covered with a heavy forest of matai, kahikatea, totara, tawhero, rimu, &c., with a fairly heavy undergrowth. Soil on Sections 6 and 7 of good quality, on papa formation; while on Section 4 it is inferior on the flats, but good on the hilly portion, on papa formation. The sections are well watered. Elevation from 650 ft. to 1,872 ft. above sea-level.

Waitomo County.—Totoro Survey District.

Section 3, Block VIII: Area, 375 acres 3 roods 30 perches. Capital value, £940. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £23 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £18 16s.

Section 20, Block XI: Area, 291 acres 1 rood 30 perches. Capital value, £730. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £18 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £14 12s.

Situated on the Kohua Road. Access from Te Kuiti, about twenty-four miles distant, by dray-road to within half a mile of the land. Post and telephone office and store, &c., at Piopio, about nine miles distant. Easy sloping and rather steep country, a fair proportion of the open country being ploughable. Forest varies from fern, tutu, and manuka in the front to heavy bush at the back, comprising rata, pukatea, tawa, rewarewa, tawhero, rimu, hinau, &c., with a fairly dense undergrowth of pongas, mahoe, kotukutuku, raurekau, rangiora, makomako, ferns, supplejacks, &c. Soil varies from inferior to fair and good quality, resting on rhyolite and papa formation; well watered.

Section 7, Block X: Area, 44 acres 3 roods 24 perches. Capital value, £100. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £2 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £2.

Situated on the Ohura-Mokau Road, about four miles distant from Aria Township, by formed dray-road. There is a school two miles distant, and a post and telephone office (Kaeaea) about three miles distant. Nearly all level heavy land, swampy in places. Fair homestead-site in the south-western corner of the section, where the land is high and dry. Forest varies from very light to heavy, comprising kahikatea, matai, maire, lancewood, tawhiri, manuka, pongas, fern, and rough grass and raupo, with a fairly dense undergrowth of the usual scrubby nature found on wet bush land. Soil of good quality, on papa formation; well watered.

Section 1, Block XII: Area, 327 acres 0 roods 32 perches. Capital value, £820. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £20 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £16 8s.

Section 2, Block XII: Area, 155 acres 1 rood 21 perches. Capital value, £470. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £11 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £9 8s.

Situated on the Mokaiti Road, about seven miles from Aria Township and dairy factory. Post-office (Oniao) within a mile, and school within two miles. Access from Te Kuiti, about twenty-eight miles distant (via Aria Township)—twenty-seven miles dray-road, balance sledge-track; access also from Waimiha Railway-station, about seventeen miles distant—by dray-road for about thirteen miles, balance horse-track. Sections comprise flat, easy, and fairly steep country, swampy in places. About 100 acres of Section 1 under fern, scrub, and raupo; balance fairly heavy forest of tawa, hinau, rata, miro, tawhero, matai, rimu, kahikatea, and a fairly dense undergrowth of supplejacks, ferns, pongas, kotukutuku, raurekau, koromiko, matipo, &c. On Section 2 the forest is light, comprising fern, tutu, manuka, raupo, with small patches of tawa, and a fairly dense undergrowth. Soil from fair to good, on papa formation; well watered.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Ohura County.—Tangitu Survey District.

Section 8, Block X: Area, 744 acres. Capital value, £750. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £18 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £15.

Situated on the Ongarue Road. Access from Ongarue Railway-station, about three miles distant, by a formed dray-road. Comprises flat to easy and very steep country. Vegetation is very light, comprising fern, tutu, and manuka. Soil of indifferent quality, on papa and rhyolite formation; watered by streams; and there are crossings over railway-line to reach the flats near the river. The elevation ranges from 750 ft. to 1,600 ft. above sea-level.

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

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

Opening National-endowment Lands 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 lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Friday, the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, 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 Act.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Waitomo County.—Mapara Survey District.

SECTION 9, Block VII: Area, 463 acres; capital value, £1,280; half-yearly rent, £25 12s.

Situated on the Kurakura Road. Access from Kopaki Railway-station about eight miles distant—by dray-road for about five miles, horse-track remaining distance. Access also from Waimiha Railway-station about sixteen miles and a half distant—by dray-road for about fifteen miles, balance horse-track. Comprises very easy flat to undulating and rather steep ridges, a large area of the back portion being well adapted for dairying. The vegetation varies from fern and scrub to heavy bush, comprising tawa, rata, rimu, kahikatea, tawhero, hinau, matai, pukatea, rewarewa, &c., with a dense undergrowth of supplejacks, raurekau, pongas, mahoe, kotukutuku, &c. Soil varies from inferior to very good quality, resting on papa and sandstone formation; well watered.

Ohura County.—Piopio West Survey District.

Section 1, Block II: Area, 144 acres; capital value, £580; half-yearly rent, £11 12s.

Section 36, Block II: Area, 11 acres 3 roods 10 perches; capital value, £120; half-yearly rent, £2 8s.

Situated on the Kawae Road. Access from Taumarunui, from two miles and a quarter to two miles and a half distant—two miles by road formed for wheel traffic, balance surveyed road. Comprises flat to easy sloping and steep country. On Section 36 there is a narrow strip of ploughable land, with traces of pumice, between the Te Awakawae Stream and the road, balance being grazing-land. Forest on Section 36 is very light, comprising light bush, fern, and manuka. There is some fern and manuka on the south-eastern corner of Section 1, otherwise the section is covered with fairly heavy forest of tawa, tawhero, hinau, kahikatea, totara, matai, rimu, rata, &c., and a fairly dense undergrowth of supplejacks, mahoe, raurekau, kotukutuku, pongas, ferns, &c. Sections are well watered. Soil of good quality, on papa formation. Elevation from 800 ft. to 1,500 ft. above sea-level.

Section 33, Block II: Area, 16 acres 1 rood 36 perches; capital value, £330; half-yearly rent, £6 12s.

Section 34, Block II: Area, 18 acres 1 rood 21 perches; capital value, £300; half-yearly rent, £6.

Section 35, Block II: Area, 219 acres; capital value, £880; half-yearly rent, £17 12s.

Section 33 is weighted with £60, valuation for improvements consisting of three-roomed house of sawn timber, with iron roof, two chimneys, and a cooking-stove.

Section 34 is weighted with £23 2s. 6d., valuation for improvements consisting of five chains of fencing, and a two-roomed house of sawn timber, iron roof, and chimney.

Situated on the Kururau Road. Access from Taumarunui, from two to three miles distant by a road formed for wheel traffic. Comprises flat to easy sloping and steep country. Section 33 is nearly all ploughable; very suitable for a market garden. On Sections 33 and 34 the vegetation is very light, comprising fern, manuka, and rough grass, and a little light bush. There is also some rough grass in the south-eastern corner of Section 35, otherwise Section 35 is covered with a fairly heavy forest of tawa, tawhero, hinau, kahikatea, totara, matai, rimu, rata, &c., with a fairly dense undergrowth of supplejacks, mahoe, raurekau, kotukutuku, pongas, ferns, &c. Sections are well watered. Soil of good quality, on papa formation, with traces of pumice. Elevation, from 800 ft. to 1,700 ft. above sea-level.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Ohura County.—Waro Survey District.

Section 2, Block XII: Area, 511 acres; capital value, £1,030; half-yearly rent, £20 12s.