

Situated on the Weraroa Road. Access from the Town of Ohura, about eight miles and a half distant—by dray-road for about seven miles and a half, horse-track remaining distance. Comprises fairly steep ridges and spurs, with narrow strip of very easy to flat land along the Weraroa Stream. The forest is heavy, comprising rata, rimu, miro, matai, totara, kahikatea, tawa, tawhero, hinau, &c., with a dense undergrowth of raureka, karamu, kotukutuku, mahoe, papapa, supplejacks, pongas, &c. Soil of fair quality, resting on papa and sandstone formation; well watered. Elevation, from 1,300 ft. to 1,850 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 Settlement Land in Otago 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 land described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Monday, the tenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, 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 Acts.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—WAITAKI COUNTY.—OAMARU SURVEY DISTRICT.—TOTARA SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

SECTION 19A: Area, 104 acres 2 roods 20 perches; capital value, £2,000; half-yearly rent, £45.

Weighted with £291 9s., valuation for improvements.

Level, agricultural and dairying land. Soil of rich black loam, on clay subsoil. Altitude, 120 ft. above sea-level. Very well watered by permanent springs and by a windmill. Situated about a mile and a half from Totara Railway-siding, about the same distance from a creamery, and about two miles from a school.

The improvements which are included in the capital value of the land are valued at £17 7s. 6d., and comprise fencing and gates on western and southern boundaries.

The improvements which must be paid for by the selector are valued at £291 9s., and comprise buildings, windmill, well, tank, 40 acres in English grass, half value of fencing on northern and eastern boundaries and subdivisional fencing.

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.

Powers delegated to the Pongaroa 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,—

CHARLES REDDERS BURLING,
CHARLES WILLIAM COOK,
REV. JOHN CARADOG DAVIES,
FREDERICK WILLIAM GREGORY,
ARTHUR CHARLES HERBERT,
MAX KAYSER,
ROBERT WILLIAM MORRIS, and
ARTHUR HERBERT RIDD,

who are hereby constituted for that purpose a special Board by the name of the Pongaroa 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 at Pongaroa on the first Saturday in the months of March, June, September, and December in each year, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board. The first meeting shall be held at 3 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

2. The members of the Board shall at their first meeting, and thereafter at the annual meeting hereinafter mentioned, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion and shall have an original as well as a casting vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

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 five 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.

6. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the members present shall choose some one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.

7. If, by resignation, death, incapacity, or otherwise, the seat of any member shall be or become vacant, or if any member absents himself, without reasonable cause, from three consecutive meetings of the Board, the Governor shall have power to appoint any other person to be a member of the Board in his stead.

8. The Board shall prepare and submit at an annual meeting to be held in the month of April in each year a report of the proceedings of the Board for the previous year ending on the thirty-first day of March, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Board for such year. A copy of every such report and statement certified by the Chairman to be correct shall be sent to the Minister in Charge of Scenery Preservation as soon as possible after each annual meeting.

9. The Board shall control the said reserve in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and of the regulations made thereunder.

SCHEDULE.

PONGAROA SCENIC RESERVE.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 5 acres 1 rood 35 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 1 to 12, Block IV, Town of Pongaroa. Bounded towards the north-east by Piwakawaka Street, towards the south-east by Korora Street, towards the south-west by Rewarewa Street, and towards the north-west by Huiru Street.

All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 2 acres 3 roods 11 perches, more or less, being Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, Block VII, Town of Pongaroa. Bounded towards the north-east by Piwakawaka Street; towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 17, 16, 15, 14, and 4, Block VII, Town of Pongaroa; towards the south-west by Rewarewa Street; and towards the north-west by Korora Street.

All that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 48 acres 1 rood 15 perches, more or less, being part of Section No. 5 and Sections Nos. 6 to 16, inclusive, Block XII; parts of Sections Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and Sections Nos. 11, 13, and part of Section No. 14, Block XIII; part of Section No. 16 and Sections Nos. 14 and 18 to 24, inclusive, Block IX, Town of Pongaroa; Section No. 14, Suburbs of Pongaroa; and roads within the above area stopped by Proclamation dated 18th February, 1908, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 12, of the 20th February, 1908, page 608. Bounded towards the north-east by Piwakawaka Street, the abutment of the said street, and by Section No. 43, Pongaroa Village Settlement; towards the south-east by Sections Nos. 14 and 2, Block IX, Mount Cerberus Survey District; towards the south-west and again towards the south-east by Section No. 15, Suburbs of Pongaroa; towards the west generally by the Pongaroa River-bank Road, the Taraingahuata Stream, Sections Nos. 2 and 3, Block XIII, Town of Pongaroa, again by the said stream, by part Section No. 1, Block XII, Town of Pongaroa, and again by the said stream.

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 in Charge of Scenery Preservation.