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C. R. POLLEN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserve in Marlborough Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 1st December, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned reserve will be offered for lease by public auction at this office at 11 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 6th January, 1916, on the terms and conditions set forth below, under the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—PUHUPUHI SURVEY DISTRICT.
SECTIONS 18 and 19, Block XI: Area, 1,017 acres; upset annual rental, £120.

Weighted with £1,541, valuation for improvements consisting of house of five rooms, stable, trap-shed, garden, road, 100 acres bush felled, 300 acres ploughed and grassed, 150 acres surface-sown, 314 chains subdivisional fencing, and 510 chains boundary fencing, which must be paid for before possession is given. About 200 acres good agricultural land, flat and low undulating hills; about 250 acres of pastoral land; about 100 acres of rough gullies, with a good deal of mixed bush; and the balance consists of sandhills and shingle. Situated about thirty miles from the Ward Railway-station, and twenty-four miles from Kaikoura.

ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Possession will be given on 8th January, 1916.
2. Term of lease, fourteen years, without right of renewal.
3. The improvements on the land comprised in the lease shall in their entirety become the property of the Crown on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease.
4. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance. The value of the improvements must be paid in cash on the fall of the hammer, and the purchaser of the lease shall pay in two half-yearly instalments to the Receiver of Land Revenue at Blenheim the rental sum at which he purchases the lease, less the sum of £78 12s. 6d., the said sum of £78 12s. 6d. to be conceded yearly by the Crown in consideration of the improvements reverting in their entirety to the Crown on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease. In the event of the present owner of the improvements again becoming the lessee, the same amount of rental will be conceded to him.
5. The lessee shall not sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of his interest in the lease without the consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.
6. The lessee shall destroy all rabbits on the land, and he shall prevent their increase or spread to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
7. The lessee shall at all times during the currency of the lease keep the interior and exterior of all buildings on the land comprised in the lease in good order and condition (fair wear-and-tear and damage by fire and tempest excepted), and in a clean and sanitary condition, and he shall during the years 1920 and 1926 paint the exterior of the said buildings with at least two coats of paint to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and he shall on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease deliver up in their entirety the said buildings, so kept and painted, to the Crown.
8. The lessee shall insure and keep insured all buildings and erections at present existing on the land comprised in the lease, in the name of His Majesty the King, during the term of the lease, in some reputable insurance office approved by the Commissioner of Crown Lands (such insurance to be for the amount of the full insurable value), and he shall produce and deliver to the Commissioner the policies of such insurance and the receipts for the renewal premiums.
9. The lessee shall at all times during the term of the lease keep in good order and repair all fences now existing on the land comprised in the lease, and he shall on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease deliver up in their entirety the said fences, so kept, to the Crown.
10. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, sweetbrier, or other noxious weeds on the land comprised in the lease, and he shall with all reasonable de-

spatch remove, or cause to be removed, all noxious weeds or plants as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

11. The lessee for the first six years of his lease shall plant with marram-grass, lupins, lucerne, or other suitable vegetation an area of at least four acres per annum of the sandhills on Section 19, in a locality to the eastward of the main road to be indicated by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

12. The lessee shall depasture travelling stock at the following rates per head per night, viz.: Horses and cattle, 10 or under, 6d.; 11 to 50, 3d.; over 50, 1d. Sheep, 25 or under, 1d.; 25 to 250, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; over 250, $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

13. The lessee shall provide a paddock for horses with proper shelter, and supply accommodation for horses at a charge not to exceed 1s. 6d. for each horse-feed, and paddock-ing at a charge not exceeding 1s. per night.

14. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of the said lease within thirty days after the date on which the same ought to have been fulfilled.

H. G. PRICE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Marlborough Land District for Lease by Public Tender.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 1st December, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the 27th day of January, 1916, for leases of the undermentioned lands, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF WARD.

AN area of 2 acres 0 roods 29 perches between the main south road and the railway; minimum annual rent, £2 per annum; term, five years.

Soil fair. Practically flat; all in grass.

Lot 13 (locally known as Plantation Reserve): Area, 12 acres 1 rood; minimum annual rent, £7 per annum; term, five years.

About half area is occupied by plantation; balance in grass; good grazing.

ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Residence and improvements are not compulsory. No compensation shall be claimed by the lessee, nor shall any be allowed by the Government, on account of any improvements effected by the lessee, nor for any other cause.
 2. The lease shall be for the term of five years from 1st January, 1916.
 3. The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance.
 4. The lessee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land comprised in the lease without the consent of the Land Board.
 5. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbrier on the land comprised in the lease; and he shall with all reasonable despatch remove or cause to be removed all noxious weeds or plants as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
 6. The successful tenderer for Lot 13 shall take all care that the trees in the plantation are not cut, damaged, or destroyed by fire or interfered with in any other manner.
 7. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the said lease within thirty days after the date on which the same ought to have been fulfilled.
 8. Fences to be tended and left in good order and condition at the termination of the lease.
- Tenders, addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, must be accompanied by marked cheque or post-office order for six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease fee, and must be marked on the envelope "Tender for Lease."

Possession will be given on the day of acceptance of tender. The lands are described for the general information of intending tenderers, who are recommended, nevertheless, to make a personal inspection, as the Department is not responsible for the absolute accuracy of any description.

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H. G. PRICE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.