

Section 55 consists of rich peat country, resting on timber and clay. Sections 56 and 57 are poorer, the peat being deeper. These sections are covered with wivi, flax, and rough feed.

The sections are all situated about 15 ft. to 20 ft. above sea-level, and are also above all flood-levels.

All necessary main drains have been constructed, whilst the roads as before mentioned are under construction. There are main outlet drains along each road, and, in addition, there are large outlet drains on the northern boundary of Sections 1, 2, and 3, and on the back boundary of Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, and also on the back boundary between Sections 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 57, Block XIII. These outlet drains serve as outlets for several creeks that rise in the adjoining hills, and, with the exception of the Waikaka Tramway Road drain, carry fresh water throughout the year.

At Waikaka, or, as it is now known, Patetonga, there is a store and post-office, which has telephonic communication with Thames over a private line. A village has been subdivided here, and will be offered for sale at an early date. A school is being erected in Patetonga Village, and should be completed within a few months. At present all cream from the district is shipped by launch from Patetonga Landing, but creamery sites have been laid off at both Patetonga and Ngarua. At Ngarua a village has been subdivided, and will in future be known as Kaihere Village. These subdivisions will be offered for sale at an early date. At Ngarua there is a temporary school, but a building has been promised by the Education Board.

Section 13, Block XVI, Piaka Survey District, is situated on the Morrinsville-Waitakaruru Road, between Kaihere and Patetonga Villages, distant about a mile from the former and three and a half miles from the latter. Comprises about 25 acres of shallow peat swamp, covered with wivi, raupo, and flax; whilst the balance is low-lying undulating country, covered with fern and manuka. All ploughable. Permanent water in two small gullies that intersect the section.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements which are included in the capital value of the sections are as follows:—

Block IX, Waihou Survey District.

Section 1—Half share in 22 chains of drain on northern boundary. Section 2—Half share in 26½ chains of drain on northern boundary. Section 3—Half share in 33½ chains of drain on northern boundary. Section 4—Half share in 26½ chains of drain on southern boundary. Section 5—Half share in 26½ chains of drain on southern boundary. Section 6—Half share in 27 chains of drain on southern boundary. Section 7—Half share in 26½ chains of drain on northern boundary. Section 8—Half share in 26½ chains of drain on northern boundary. Section 9—Half share in 27 chains of drain on northern boundary.

Block XIII, Waihou Survey District.

Section 52—Half share in 18 chains of drain on southern boundary. Section 53—Half share in 17½ chains of drain on southern boundary. Section 54—Half share in 27 chains of drain on southern boundary. Section 55—Half share in 18 chains of drain on northern boundary. Section 56—Half share in 17½ chains of drain on northern boundary. Section 57—Half share in 27½ chains of drain on northern boundary.

Block XVI, Piako Survey District.

Section 13—Half share in 20 chains of drain on eastern boundary.

Plans and full particulars may be obtained at this office.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserve in Nelson Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Nelson, 8th February, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned reserve will be offered for lease by public auction at this office on Tuesday, 30th March, 1915, at 11 o'clock a.m., under the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—TOWN OF MURCHISON.

PART Section 94A, Square 170: Area, 9 acres 1 rood; upset annual rental, £7.

Description of Reserve.

All flat land of good quality, suitable for grazing or pastoral purposes. There is a considerable amount of blackberry on the land.

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Terms and Conditions of Lease.

1. The highest bidder shall be the purchaser, and shall deposit one half-year's rent, together with rent for the broken period between the date of sale and the 1st day of July, 1915, and £1 1s. lease fee.

2. The lease shall be for the term of fourteen years, without right of renewal, but shall be subject to termination at any time by twelve months' notice in the event of the land being required by the Government.

3. 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, or on account of the aforesaid possible resumption or for any other cause.

4. Possession will be given on the day of the sale.

5. The rent shall be payable half-yearly, in advance, on the 1st day of January and July in each year.

6. The lessee will have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land comprised in the lease, except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.

7. 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 gorse, sweetbrier, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

8. The lease will 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 be fulfilled.

F. A. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Auckland Land District for Disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 8th December, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that Section 7, Block I, Mangaorongo Survey District, Auckland Land District, containing 3 acres, will be disposed of under the provisions of the said Act on or after Thursday, the 11th day of March, 1915.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Wellington Land District for Disposal.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Wellington, 12th January, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that Section 12, Block IX, Kaitieke Survey District, containing 6 acres 0 roods 14 perches, will be disposed of under the provisions of section 14 of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1912, on or after Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1915.

T. N. BRODRICK,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Run in Hawke's Bay Land District for License by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 8th February, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral run will be offered for license by public auction at this office, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 30th March, 1915, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—Wairoa County.—
WAITARA SURVEY DISTRICT.

Class A.

RUN No. 3, Block V: Area, 5,326 acres; upset annual rental, £33 6s.; term, twenty-one years.

Comprises open fern and manuka land; portions in native and self-sown English grasses; light pumiceous soil. Fronts Mohaka River. Elevation, from 500 ft. to 3,000 ft. above sea-level.

W. H. SKINNER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.