

with valleys through the middle. Northern aspect; easy to work. About 80 acres on frontage flat or easy country. Forest heavy mixed, comprising tawa, rimu, matai, kahikatea, pukatea, rata, tawhero, totara, hinau, with a sprinkling of birch at the back, also a dense undergrowth of supplejacks, pongas, raurekau, mahoe, angeange, &c. Soil medium quality, on papa and sandstone formation; well watered.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eighteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands

Opening National Endowment Lands in Auckland 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 Monday, the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, 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.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Whangarei County.—Opunahanga Survey District.

SECTION 33, Block XI: Area, 552 acres 2 roods 10 perches; capital value, £720; half-yearly rent, £14 8s.

Altitude, 350 ft. to 900 ft. above sea-level. Undulating and hilly land, with broken gullies. About 100 acres fern, with rough feed in places; balance heavy mixed forest comprising kauri, totara, rimu, rata, mirau, towai, hinau, kohi-kohi, rewarea, &c., with thick undergrowth of kohutuhutu, hangehange, tautaramoa, punga, nikau, kiekie, supplejack, ferns, &c. Soil clay and rubbly clay of very fair quality, on sandstone formation; well watered by streams. Distant seven miles and a half from Hikurangi Railway-station—seven miles by good cart-road, balance by narrow bridle-track.

Matamata County.—Maungatautari Survey District.

Section 8, Block XII: Area, 175 acres 0 roods 16 perches; capital value, £265; half-yearly rent, £5 6s.

Section 9, Block XII: Area, 252 acres 0 roods 32 perches; capital value, £400; half-yearly rent, £8.

Altitude, from 450 ft. to 600 ft. above sea-level. Undulating to level country, covered with fern, rushes, manuka, and tutu. Soil of a light sandy nature, on a sandstone formation; poorly watered. Distant about eight miles from Putaruru Railway-station by good road, and two miles from Puketurua, where there is a cheese-factory and a school.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eighteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands

Opening National Endowment Lands in Nelson 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 and provide as follows, that is to say:—

1. The national endowment rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto are hereby set apart for selection on renewable lease on Wednesday, the twelfth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, at the respective rentals specified in the said Schedule, and shall be deemed to be "heavy-bush land."

2. No general rate shall be levied or collected by any local authority from the said lands for a period of four years from the date from which in each case respectively such lands are disposed of, and no local authority shall have power to levy or collect any such rate from such lands during such period.

3. 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 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.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—WAIMEA COUNTY.—WAIMEA SURVEY DISTRICT.

Second-class Heavy-bush Land.

(Exempt from Rent and Rates for Four Years.)

SECTION 11, Block XII: Area, 1,364 acres; capital value, £1,400; half-yearly rent, £28.

Fairly good light soil; well watered. About 100 acres open country of a mineral nature; balance broken bush land, principally birch, with a few totara. Altitude, 1,000 ft. to 2,000 ft. Distant about ten miles from Hope Post-office by formed road, bridle-track, and unformed road reserve.

Section 9, Block XV: Area, 1,008 acres; capital value, £960; half-yearly rent, £19 4s.

About 100 acres birch bush. The remainder is open land, about one-half showing mineral outcrop, and covered with rough vegetation; balance covered with native grass and manuka scrub. Fair soil. Altitude, 500 ft. to 1,900 ft. Distant about twelve miles from Hope Post-office by formed road and bridle-track.

Section 10, Block XV: Area, 656 acres; capital value, £580; half-yearly rent, £11 12s.

All birch bush of a light nature. Soil fairly good; well watered. Altitude, 500 ft. to 3,100 ft. Distant about thirteen miles from Hope Post-office by formed road and track.

Section 11, Block XV: Area, 1,470 acres; capital value, £1,290; half-yearly rent, £25 16s.

All bush, principally birch, with a little manuka. Soil fairly good; well watered. Altitude, 500 ft. to 3,100 ft. Distant about thirteen miles from Hope Post-office by formed road, track, and unformed road reserve.

Section 1, Block XVI: Area, 675 acres; capital value, £540; half-yearly rent, £10 16s.

Soil fairly good; well watered. About 150 acres covered with native grass and manuka scrub, remainder light birch bush. Altitude, 500 ft. to 2,500 ft. Distant about twelve miles from Hope Post-office by formed road and track.

Section 2, Block XVI: Area, 846 acres; capital value, £870; half-yearly rent, £17 8s.

Soil fairly good; well watered. Broken country, covered with birch, with a few totara. Altitude, 1,000 ft. to 3,000 ft. Distant about twelve miles from Hope Post-office by formed road, bridle-track, and unformed road reserve.

Section 3, Block XVI: Area, 1,340 acres; capital value, £1,180; half-yearly rent, £23 12s.

Soil fairly good; well watered. About 50 acres mineral outcrop; balance broken country, covered chiefly with birch, with a few rimu and scattered totara. Altitude, from 2,000 ft. to 4,000 ft. Distant about thirteen miles from Hope Post-office by formed road, bridle-track, and unformed road reserve.

Section 5, Block XVI: Area, 1,935 acres; capital value, £1,210; half-yearly rent, £24 4s.

About 800 acres fairly good soil; balance rough and broken country, covered with birch, two small mineral outcrops; well watered. Altitude, 600 ft. to 4,700 ft. Distant about fourteen miles from Hope Post-office by formed road, bridle-track, and unformed road reserve.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eighteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands

Opening National Endowment Land in Nelson 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 land described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Wednesday, the twelfth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and