

Section 4, Block V: Area, 165 acres 3 roods; capital value, £85; half-yearly rent, £1 14s.

Altitude, 50 ft. to 500 ft. above sea-level. About 5 acres level, 30 acres undulating, balance broken. Worked-out kauri bush now in fern, with a little manuka scrub; badly infested with blackberry. Soil sandy loam on flat, clay or hills, on slate formation; well watered by a stream. Distant six miles from Whitianga by cart-road.

Coromandel County.—Wainuiototo Parish.

Section 1: Area, 78 acres; capital value, £40; half-yearly rent, 16s.

Altitude, 1 ft. to 500 ft. above sea-level. Broken land, covered with small scrub and fern. Soil poor clay, with stones, on sandstone formation; well watered by streams. Fronts sea-coast about four miles from Whangapoua.

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 Lands in Auckland Land District for Sale or 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, having received the report of the Under-Secretary in this behalf, as provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on Friday, the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase, or on renewable lease; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—HAURAKI PLAINS.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Purchase: Total Price.	Occupation with Right of Purchase: Half-yearly Rent.	Renewable Lease: Half-yearly Rent.
		A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
13	XI	50 1 33	760 0 0	19 0 0	15 4 0
14	"	49 3 38	750 0 0	18 15 0	15 0 0
15	"	49 3 39	730 0 0	18 5 0	14 12 0
16	"	49 3 39	700 0 0	17 10 0	14 0 0
17	"	49 3 39	680 0 0	17 0 0	13 12 0
20	"	55 0 0	720 0 0	18 0 0	14 8 0
21	"	55 0 0	690 0 0	17 5 0	13 16 0
22	"	55 0 0	660 0 0	16 10 0	13 4 0
23	"	59 1 5	710 0 0	17 15 0	14 4 0
25	"	75 3 33	1,060 0 0	26 10 0	21 4 0
26	"	63 3 27	860 0 0	21 10 0	17 4 0
27	"	63 3 33	830 0 0	20 15 0	16 12 0
28	"	63 3 22	800 0 0	20 0 0	16 0 0
29	"	68 0 13	820 0 0	20 10 0	16 8 0
30	"	53 3 20	640 0 0	16 0 0	12 16 0
31	"	50 2 0	630 0 0	15 15 0	12 12 0
32	"	50 2 30	610 0 0	15 5 0	12 4 0
33	"	60 1 9	750 0 0	18 15 0	15 0 0
34	"	85 0 22	1,230 0 0	30 15 0	24 12 0
1	XV	76 3 8	920 0 0	23 0 0	18 8 0
2	"	70 3 14	920 0 0	23 0 0	18 8 0
3	"	71 3 11	860 0 0	21 10 0	17 4 0
4	"	74 3 34	900 0 0	22 10 0	18 0 0
5	"	62 2 36	750 0 0	18 15 0	15 0 0
6	"	64 1 8	770 0 0	19 5 0	15 8 0
7	"	67 3 24	820 0 0	20 10 0	16 8 0

Thames County.—Waihou Survey District.

31	II	50 0 0	550 0 0	13 15 0	11 0 0
32	"	49 3 4	550 0 0	13 15 0	11 0 0

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The sections in this block lie to the south of Netherton, on the Waihou River, and form part of the Hauraki Plains. All the sections consist of partly drained swamp land.

Access is from Paeroa, six miles distant, by the Puke Road, of which distance five miles and a half are metalled. On this road the Waihou River is crossed by means of a ferry, but within a few weeks the ferry will be superseded by a bridge, which is completed with the exception of one approach. Netherton is also a point of access, as steamers from Auckland, sixty miles distant, call there daily. Netherton Wharf is one mile from the north end of the block, of which distance half is metalled. At Netherton there is a school, creamery, store, and a post and telegraph office.

The Netherton-Awaiti Road is formed for two miles within the block. The Awaiti West Road is formed for three-quarters of a mile from the main road, whilst the Pukahu Road has not yet been formed. These roads will be completed by the Department, and contracts are now being carried out on two of them.

The Pukahu Road will connect with the road along the Ngararahi Cut, and then proceed to the Puke Bridge. The distance from the block to Paeroa by this road is four miles and a quarter.

The land, with the exception of a strip in the west, was formerly covered with kahikatea bush, which, but for a few scattered clumps, has disappeared, the roots and trunks being embedded in the ground. The soil is all first-class, consisting of an alluvial clay deposit, intermingled in a few places with a small percentage of pumice sand. In certain sections there is shallow peat, which does not average more than 18 in., overlying the clay. The sections are covered with a heavy growth of raupo, flax, toitoi, scattered manuka, rushes, and cabbage-trees, while on most sections there is a lot of rough feed. The sections are all situated above sea-level. No fresh water on the sections, but in the adjacent country water suitable for stock has been obtained by sinking both artesian and ordinary wells.

The right to take a strip of land a chain wide for public purposes through each or any section without compensation is reserved. Should such strip of land be taken, a proportionate reduction of rent will be allowed.

There is a possibility that these lands may occasionally be flooded, until such time as the stop-banks along the Waihou River are completed. Should such flooding occur, the Crown does not accept any liability for possible damage done and inconvenience sustained, and the sections are offered for selection subject to this condition.

Sections 31 and 32, Block II, Waihou Survey District, are situated on the Orchard East Road, about mid-way between the Piako and Waihou Rivers. Access is from Wharepoa Railway-station, about seven miles distant—six miles metalled road. Access can also be obtained from Orchard on the Piako River, three miles distant, but this road is not formed throughout.

The nearest school, post and telegraph office, and store are at Turua, three miles and a half distant.

The land is of first-class quality, comprising as it does an alluvial clay deposit covered with a worked-out kahikatea bush and raupo. There is no water on the sections, but water can be obtained by boring.

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

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

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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, having received the report of the Under-Secretary in this behalf, as provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on Friday, the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase, or on renewable lease; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.