

The ballot will be held at the District Lands and Survey Office, Hokitika, on Wednesday, the 19th May, 1915, at 2.30 p.m.

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT, SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Grey County.—Mawheranui Survey District.

SECTION 2717, Block X: Area, 302 acres; capital value, £230; half-yearly rent, £4 12s.

Heavy bush land, broken by gullies. Forest consists of red and white pine, birch, beech, &c., from which the timber of commercial value has been removed, with a fairly thick undergrowth of mixed scrub. Soil on part of the section of fair quality, wet in places, remainder being good, the whole resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access by main Grey-Reefton Road from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office, a distance of one mile.

Section 2718, Block X: Area, 363 acres; capital value, £280; half-yearly rent, £5 12s.

Fairly flat land, carrying heavy mixed bush consisting of red and white pine, birch, beech, &c., from which the timber of commercial value has practically been removed, with a fairly thick undergrowth of mixed scrub. Soil of fair quality, wet in places, resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access by main Grey-Reefton Road from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office, a distance of one mile and a quarter.

Section 2720, Block X: Area, 357 acres; capital value, £230; half-yearly rent, £4 12s.

100 acres open silver-pine country covered with fern, the remainder carrying heavy mixed bush consisting of red and white pine, birch, beech, &c., from which the timber of commercial value has been removed, with a thick undergrowth of mixed scrub. Soil on part of section of medium to inferior quality, and on remainder fairly good, the whole resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access by main Grey-Reefton Road a distance of one mile, and thence one mile by Grey-Kotuku Road, from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office.

Section 2721, Block X: Area, 482 acres; capital value, £250; half-yearly rent, £5.

All flat land, 380 acres worked-out silver-pine country covered with fern, the remainder carrying heavy mixed bush consisting of birch and beech of no commercial value. Soil on bushland part of section of good quality, but on the remainder inferior, the whole resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access by main Grey-Reefton Road a distance of one mile, and thence one mile by Grey-Kotuku Road, from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office.

Section 2723, Block XIII: Area, 425 acres; capital value, £220; half-yearly rent, £4 8s.

All open, burnt silver-pine country, with an undergrowth of manuka and mixed scrub. Soil on section is generally inferior, of a wet peaty nature, with some fair land along Piper's Creek, the whole resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office by main Grey-Reefton Road a distance of one mile, and thence two miles by Grey-Kotuku Road.

Section 2724, Block X: Area, 482 acres; capital value, £310; half-yearly rent, £6 4s.

330 acres wet silver-pine country covered with rushes and bracken fern, the remainder carrying heavy mixed bush consisting of red and white pine, birch, &c., from which the timber of commercial value has been removed, with a thick undergrowth of mixed scrub. Soil on part of section is inferior, of a wet and swampy nature, but on bushland portion good, the whole resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office by main Grey-Reefton Road a distance of one mile, and thence two miles by Grey-Kotuku Road.

Section 2725, Block XIII: Area, 433 acres; capital value, £330; half-yearly rent, £6 12s.

230 acres flat and terrace silver-pine country, the remainder carrying heavy mixed bush consisting of red and white pine, birch, beech, &c., from which the timber of commercial value has practically been removed, with a thick undergrowth of fern and manuka scrub. Soil on part of section is of inferior quality, but on bushland portion good, the whole resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office by main Grey-Reefton Road a distance of one mile, and thence two miles and a half by Grey-Kotuku Road, which is formed for two miles.

Section 2731, Block XIII: Area, 390 acres; capital value, £300; half-yearly rent, £6.

210 acres silver-pine country, covered with rushes and bracken fern, the remainder carrying heavy mixed bush consisting of red and white pine, birch, beech, &c., from which the timber of commercial value has practically been removed, with a second growth of mixed scrub. Soil on part of section is of inferior quality, but on bushland portion good, the whole resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office by main Grey-Reefton Road a distance of one mile, and thence three miles by Grey-Kotuku Road which is formed for two miles, or by pack-track from No Town a distance of three miles.

Grey County.—Brunner Survey District.

Section 2738, Block I: Area, 628 acres; capital value, £550; half-yearly rent, £11.

Weighted with £140 5s., valuation for grassing and fencing.

All flat land, with some small terraces, the whole being worked-out burnt bush country with a second growth of mixed scrub. Soil is of fair quality, resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Access from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office by main Grey-Reefton Road a distance of one mile, and thence four miles and three-quarters by Grey-Kotuku Road which is formed for two miles.

Section 2741, Block II: Area, 540 acres; capital value, £410; half-yearly rent, £8 4s.

25 acres of milling-bush, the remainder partly open silver-pine land and partly burnt bush country from which the timber of commercial value has been removed, with an undergrowth of mixed scrub. Soil is of fair quality, wet in places, resting on gravel subsoil; well watered. Distant one mile from Stillwater Junction Railway-station and post and telephone office by main Grey-Reefton Road, and thence five miles and a half by Grey-Kotuku Road formed for two miles.

ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. Term of license, twenty-one years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of twenty-one years; but without right of purchase.
2. Rent payable in advance on 1st January and 1st July in each year.
3. Applicants to be seventeen years of age and upwards.
4. No person is eligible to hold more than one license.
5. Applicants to furnish statutory declaration with applications; and, on being declared successful, deposit £1 ls. license fee and a half-year's rent. Rent for the broken period between date of lease and 1st January or 1st July following is also payable.
6. Applications made on the same day are deemed to be simultaneous.
7. Order of selection is decided by ballot, preference being given to landless applicants with children dependent on them, or who have within preceding two years been twice unsuccessful at former ballots.
8. Successful applicant to execute license within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.
9. Residence is to commence within four years in bush land or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, and to be continuous.
10. *Improvements.*—Licensee is required to improve the land within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the price; within two years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to the value of £1 for every acre of first-class land, 10s. for every acre of second-class land, and 2s. 6d. for every acre of third-class land.
11. Licensee to pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.
12. Transfer not allowed until completion of two years' continuous residence, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only with permission.
13. Licensee has no right to dispose of sawmilling timber or silver-pine.
14. The right is reserved to the Crown to grant licenses to cut timber and other rights appurtenant thereto, and free right of access must be allowed to the holders of such licenses and their employees.
15. Holders of miners' rights have right to prospect.
16. The Warden may grant mining privileges subject to compensation for improvements only.
17. The licensee has no claim to compensation on account of any injury to stock resulting from sawmilling or mining operations.
18. License is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

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