

Opening National Endowment Lands in Wellington 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 twenty-third day of June, 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.

PATEA COUNTY.—TE PARAPARA AND WHAKAIHUWAKA BLOCKS.—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

Momahaki Survey District.

SECTION 9, Block IV: Area, 1,147 acres; capital value, £3,010; half-yearly rental, £60 4s.

Taumatahahoe Survey District.

Section 6, Block I: Area, 843 acres; capital value, £2,470; half-yearly rental, £49 8s.

Situated on the watershed between the Wanganui and Waitotara Rivers. The altitude ranges from about 400 ft. to 2,100 ft. above sea-level. The soil is of good quality, resting mainly on papa formation, though there are outcrops of sandstone on one or two sections. The land is, generally speaking, rough and broken, and the streams are gorgy; but there is sufficient flat or easy land on each section for homestead-sites and horse-paddocks. The forest is heavy, comprising tawa, rata, hinau, a few rimus, tawhiro, and a little birch on the ridges; the undergrowth is thick, comprising karamu, supplejack, &c. The forest is of no value for milling purposes, but there is sufficient durable timber for fencing and general purposes. The block, on the whole, is well watered by branches of the Makakoho, Maungatainoka, and other streams. The access is from Waitotara, which is about thirty-five miles from the nearest point of the block. There is a formed and partly metalled dray-road to within about four miles of the block, the balance is a fair pack-track. It is proposed to construct a bridle-track along the Taunoka Road from Wanganui River near Te Mataha Rapid to end of road-formation. Horse-tracks have been cut by the surveyors when traversing the block. These tracks will be found useful until roads are formed, and selectors will be required to keep these pack-tracks open until other road access is provided.

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

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Opening Settlement Lands in Otago Land District for Selection.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1908, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and amendments, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the settlement lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of May, 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 Acts.

SCHEDULE.

BELLAMY SETTLEMENT.—TUAPEKA COUNTY.—BEAUMONT AND TUAPEKA WEST SURVEY DISTRICTS.

Section.	Area.	Capital Value.	Half-yearly Rent.
<i>First-class Land.</i>			
	A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1A	18 1 8	110 0 0	2 9 6
2A	91 2 0	430 0 0	9 13 6
3A	71 2 0	390 0 0	8 15 6
4A, 5A	84 0 32	480 0 0	10 16 0
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11A	6 2 32	80 0 0	1 16 0
17A	9 1 8	90 0 0	2 0 6
6A	141 1 16	1,010 0 0	22 14 6
<i>Second-class Land.</i>			
7A	507 1 0	1,720 0 0	38 14 0
8A	711 2 8	2,320 0 0	52 4 0
9A	441 0 0	2,430 0 0	54 13 6
10A	438 3 0	2,090 0 0	47 0 6
			†22 14 6

* Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £180. Repayable in cash, or in seven years by fourteen half-yearly instalments of £15 11s. 1d.; total half-yearly payment, £26 7s. 1d.

† Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £450. Repayable in cash, or in fourteen years by twenty-eight half-yearly instalments of £22 14s. 6d.; total half-yearly payment, £69 15s.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements which are included in the capital value of the land comprise fencing (also dip and yards on Section 10A) valued as follows: Section 1A, £11 11s.; Section 2A, £37 10s.; Section 3A, £19 10s.; Sections 4A and 5A, £39 2s.; Section 6A, £49 12s.; Section 7A, £137; Section 8A, £153 16s.; Section 9A, £205 13s. 6d.; Section 10A, £216 11s.; Section 11A, £2 16s.

On Section 8A there is a hut, valued at £7 10s., which is not included in the value of the section, and which must be paid for in cash.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Bellamy Settlement is situated on the main road from Lawrence to Roxburgh. The nearest section to Beaumont Railway-station is about half a mile distant, and the farthest about three miles away. The Town of Lawrence is about twelve miles from Beaumont (Dunkeld). The settlement comprises flats, ridges, spurs, and gullies. A good proportionate area of the ridges and spurs can be cultivated. There are patches of manuka scrub on some of the ridges and in some of the gullies. The soil is a black loam on a clay formation. Altitude, from 180 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level. The general quality of the land varies from very fair to very good.

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

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Opening Settlement Lands in Southland Land District for Selection.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1908, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and amendments, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the settlement lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Wednesday, the ninth day of June, 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 Acts.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SOUTHLAND COUNTY.—HOKONUI SURVEY DISTRICT.—ARLUSSA SETTLEMENT.

Mixed Agricultural and Pastoral Land.

SECTION 1, Blocks II and III: Area, 5,031 acres 1 rood 6 perches; rent per acre per annum, 1s.; total half-yearly rental, £125 15s. 8d.