

6. Should any dispute arise as to the boundaries, the decision of the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall be final.

7. In the event of the above lot not being disposed of, applications may be received and dealt with at any time within six months from date of sale (unless previously formally withdrawn); provided, however, that the amount offered is not less than the upset price stated herein.

Plans and conditions of sale may be seen at the Thames Post-office, or at the Lands and Survey Office, Auckland.

H. M. SKEET,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Timber in Wellington Land District for Sale by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Wellington, 21st December, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that the right to cut and remove the timber on the undermentioned lands will be offered for sale by public auction, in one lot, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, at 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd February, 1916, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and the Timber Regulations thereunder.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

PARTS Sections 1, 3, 5, 6, Block I; part Section 1 and Section 2, Block V, Karioi Survey District.

Area of milling-timber: About 734½ acres.

This lot fronts the Main Trunk Railway, and is situated about a mile to the east of Ohakune Railway-station.

Timber: Matai, 1,773,800 sup. ft.; rimu, miro, 11,239,700 sup. ft.; kahikatea, 290,000 sup. ft.: total (estimated), 13,303,500 sup. ft.

Upset price: £7,466.

Weighted with £1,047 12s. 8d., cost of railway-siding.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. The right to cut and remove the timber will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, the Timber Regulations made thereunder, and the following conditions, and may contain such additional conditions as the Commissioner in his discretion considers necessary in the interests of the Crown or of the public.

2. The quantities of the various timbers set forth in the above Schedule are approximate only, and are furnished for the information of intending purchasers, who are expected, previous to the sale, to make their own estimates of the quantities. No contract for purchase shall be voidable, nor shall the licensee be entitled to any abatement in price, by reason of the said timber being of less quantity, quality, and kind than as stated herein, nor shall any extra sum be claimed by the Crown if for any reason the quantity of timber is found to be in excess of that stated herein.

3. The successful bidder shall purchase the whole of the timber, and shall, on the fall of the hammer, pay in cash a deposit of 10 per centum of the amount bid, together with £1 ls. license fee, and the amount of loading for railway-siding, and shall deposit fourteen promissory notes, each for one-fourteenth of the balance of purchase-money, each payable on demand, and endorsed by two persons to be approved by the Commissioner. These promissory notes will be presented—the first at an interval of nine months from the date of sale, and the others at subsequent intervals of six months; but they may be presented for payment at earlier dates if more than a due proportion of timber is found to be cut, or should any breach of the conditions occur, or if in the opinion of the Commissioner the interest of the Crown is jeopardized.

4. The purchaser shall have the right to cut and remove all timber on the lands comprised in the license during a period of eight years from the date of sale. The license shall be only for the cutting and removal of the timber, and shall give no right to the use of the land.

5. The license shall be subject to any rights of tramway or of water-races, &c., that may hereafter be granted over (or already granted over) the lands comprised therein; and the Land Board may authorize the laying-down and working of tram-lines by other persons than the licensee. Every care is to be taken by the licensee that no damage is caused by his operations to the Railway Department's water-pipe line in Section 2, Block V, Karioi Survey District.

6. The licensee shall not put, throw, or place, or allow to be put, thrown, or placed, into any river, stream, watercourse, or into any place where it may be washed into any river, stream, or watercourse, any sawdust or other sawmill refuse, and shall destroy all sawdust and other mill debris to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

7. If the timber is unsold at auction the right to cut it at the upset price will remain open for application until further notice.

8. The lot will be sold generally in accordance with the area and boundaries as shown on the sale map at the District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington.

9. No compensation will be given, nor shall any be claimed, for any error, discrepancy, or misdescription whatever in respect of this lot or in these conditions.

10. The licensee will require to enter into an agreement with the Railway Department for the use of the private siding at an annual rent of £25.

Full particulars may be ascertained and copies of the Timber Regulations obtained at this office.

G. H. M. McCLURE,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

*Lands in Marlborough Land District for Lease by Public Tender.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Blenheim, 1st December, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the 27th day of January, 1916, for leases of the undermentioned lands, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

TOWN OF WARD.

AN area of 2 acres 0 roods 29 perches between the main south road and the railway; minimum annual rent, £2 per annum; term, five years.

Soil fair. Practically flat; all in grass.

Lot 13 (locally known as Plantation Reserve): Area, 12 acres 1 rood; minimum annual rent, £7 per annum; term, five years.

About half area is occupied by plantation; balance in grass; good grazing.

ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Residence and improvements are not compulsory. 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, nor for any other cause.

2. The lease shall be for the term of five years from 1st January, 1916.

3. The rent shall be paid half-yearly in advance.

4. The lessee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the land comprised in the lease without the consent of the Land Board.

5. 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 noxious weeds or plants as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

6. The successful tenderer for Lot 13 shall take all care that the trees in the plantation are not cut, damaged, or destroyed by fire or interfered with in any other manner.

7. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the said lease within thirty days after the date on which the same ought to have been fulfilled.

8. Fences to be tended and left in good order and condition at the termination of the lease.

Tenders, addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, must be accompanied by marked cheque or post-office order for six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease fee, and must be marked on the envelope "Tender for Lease."

Possession will be given on the day of acceptance of tender. The lands are described for the general information of intending tenderers, who are recommended, nevertheless, to make a personal inspection, as the Department is not responsible for the absolute accuracy of any description.

Full particulars may be obtained at this office.

H. G. PRICE,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NATIVE LAND COURT NOTICES.

*Notice of Withdrawal of Appeal.*

Office of the Native Land Court,  
Waiariki District, Rotorua.

In the matter of an appeal by Mou te Hapuku against the partition of Waiohau No. 1A No. 2 Block.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above appeal has, with the consent of the Chief Judge, been withdrawn by the appellant therein.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1916.

H. S. KING,  
Registrar.