

the Land Board may ask; but if any applicant so desires he may be examined by the Land Board of the district in which he resides.

The ballot will be held at the Courthouse, Waimate, at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

Preference will be given to soldiers (either discharged or on active service), and to landless applicants who have children dependent on them or who have within the preceding two years applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully.

Immediate possession will be given.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—WAIMATE COUNTY.—WAIHAO SURVEY DISTRICT.—KOWHATU SETTLEMENT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Capital Value.			Approximate Rent per Acre, per Annum.	Renewable Lease: Half-yearly Rent.		
			£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1	XVI	502 0 0	4,040	0	0	7	3	90 18 0	
2	XV	632 0 0	4,080	0	0	5	10	39 0 0*	
2A	XVI							91 16 0	
3	XI	681 0 0	4,060	0	0	5	4	91 7 0	
3A	XV								
4	XV	585 0 0	2,970	0	0	4	7	66 16 6	
4A	XI								
5	XI & XII	1,315 0 0	4,890	0	0	3	4	110 0 6	
5A	XV								

* Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £1,000; payable in cash, or in twenty-one years by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £39: total half-yearly payment, £129 18s.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements that go with the land are: Section 1, 614 chains fencing, &c., valued at £129 12s. 6d.; Section 2, 150 chains fencing, &c., valued at £18 15s.; Section 2A, 154 chains fencing, &c., valued at £25 12s. 6d.; Section 3, 244 chains fencing, &c., valued at £37; Section 3A, 184 chains fencing, &c., valued at £33 7s. 6d.; Section 4, 343 chains fencing, &c., valued at £58 7s. 6d.; Section 4A, 28 chains fencing, &c., valued at £5 7s. 6d.; Section 5, 510 chains fencing, &c., valued at £81 5s.; Section 5A, 25 chains fencing, &c., valued at £3 2s. 6d.

DESCRIPTIONS OF SECTIONS.

Section 1.—The homestead section. Mostly rolling downs. About 400 acres have been ploughed and laid down in English grass, remainder tussock and scrub. Soil is good loam, on clay; well watered by Stony Creek. Altitude, 500 ft. to 900 ft. Access by good road from Waihaio Forks Railway-station, about five miles. Weighted with £1,000, valuation for buildings consisting of house, implement-shed, two stables, chaff-house, wool-shed, and hut, which are to be paid for in cash or by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £39.

Section 2.—All tussock land, rolling downs, and steep rocky faces. The soil on the downs is good loam, on clay, and two-thirds of it can be ploughed for rape or turnips; well-watered by branch of Stony Creek. Altitude, 1,000 ft. to 1,570 ft.

Section 2A.—Homestead block for Section 2. Mostly rolling downs, two-thirds of which have been ploughed and laid down in English grass. Soil is good loam on clay; well watered by a branch of Stony Creek. Altitude, 800 ft. to 1,200 ft. Access by good road from Waihaio Forks Railway-station, about six miles.

Section 3.—All rolling tussock downs, two-thirds of which are ploughable. Soil good loam, on clay; watered by Stony Creek, and dams could readily be made in the small streams. Altitude, 1,400 ft. to 1,800 ft.

Section 3A.—Homestead block for Section 3. All rolling downs, about two thirds in English grass, remainder tussock. Soil is good loam, on clay; watered by a spring and a branch of Stony Creek. Altitude, 700 ft. to 1,100 ft. Access by good road from Waihaio Forks Railway-station, about six miles and a half.

Section 4.—Mostly rolling downs, with a few rocky faces; partly in English grass, remainder tussock. Soil is good loam, on clay; watered by small streams and springs, and there is also permanent water in a branch of Stony Creek on the small strip of this section north of the road. Altitude, 1,100 ft. to 1,600 ft.

Section 4A.—Homestead block for Section 4. All good, sweet, tussock faces on somewhat stony, shallow soil; well

watered by Waihaio River. Altitude, 1,100 ft. to 1,160 ft. Access from Waihaio Forks Railway-station by formed road, about nine miles.

Section 5.—All rough broken hills, carrying good tussock, except on the very rocky faces; well watered by Stony Creek; altitude, 800 ft. to 2,000 ft.

Section 5A.—Homestead block for Section 5. Good tussock slopes, with flats along the stream for homestead-site. Soil is good loam, on clay; well watered by branch of Stony Creek. Access from Waihaio Forks Railway-station by good road, about seven miles.

C. R. POLLEN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Nelson Land District for Disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,

Nelson, 17th January, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that the undermentioned land will be disposed of under the provisions of the said Act on or after Thursday, the 20th day of April, 1916.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

ALL that area containing 7 acres 3 roods, more or less, and being the portion of the Mokihinui Township lying between the railway and the roads forming the north-western boundaries of Section 1, Block XI, Mokihinui Survey District, and Section 9, Block X, of the said district.

F. A. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Auckland Land District for Disposal under the Land Act, 1908.

District Lands and Survey Office,

Auckland, 17th January, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance of section 326 of the Land Act, 1908, that the undermentioned land will be disposed of under the provisions of the said Act on or after Thursday, 20th April, 1916.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—OTAMATEA COUNTY.—MARBRETT PARISH.

SECTION 180: Area, 64 acres.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Education Reserves in Nelson Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,

Nelson, 7th February, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned education reserves will be offered for lease by public auction, for terms of twenty-one years, with perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of twenty-one years, at this office on Thursday, 13th April, 1916, at 11 o'clock a.m., under the provisions of the Education Reserves Act, 1908, and amendments, and the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

Murchison County.—Rahu Survey District.

SECTION 3, Block XVI: Area, 895 acres; upset half-yearly rent, £20 5s.

200 acres flat, balance varying from gentle slopes to steep pastoral country, with some ploughable land; limestone formation. Soil good in gullies, but ridges are rather bare. Altitude, 1,500 ft. to 2,800 ft. 50 acres open country comprising river-flats, balance red and brown birch with heavy underscrub of broadleaf and horopito. About thirty-four miles from Reefton, partly by formed road and partly by pack-track, or sixty-three miles from Murchison by formed road.

Part Section 10, Block XVI: Area, 871 acres; upset half-yearly rent, £17 10s.