

50 acres flat, balance undulating to steep faces; pastoral country, with the exception of about 60 acres which can be ploughed; limestone formation. Soil good in gullies, and fair to good on ridges; well watered. Altitude, 1,350 ft. to 2,900 ft. 25 acres open country, balance red and brown birch, with thick underscrub of birch, broadleaf, and horopito. About thirty-three miles from Reefton, partly by formed road and partly by pack-track, or sixty-two miles from Murchison by formed road.

Murchison County.—Burnett Survey District.

Section 15, Block VIII: Area, 160 acres; upset half-yearly rent, £2 10s.

Entirely bush-covered, the timber consisting of brown and red birch, with underscrub of horopito, broadleaf, and black-scrub in better parts. About half flat to undulating, balance fairly steep spurs. Soil good on flats, but swampy in places, inferior and mossy on spurs; well watered. Access by formed county road, thirty miles from Murchison, thence by about seventeen chains of unformed branch road.

ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. A half-year's rent at rate offered, and lease and registration fees (£2 2s.), to be paid on fall of hammer.
2. Term of lease, twenty-one years, with perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of twenty-one years.
3. Rent of renewal lease to be fixed by arbitration. If lessee does not desire new lease at end of any term, land to be leased by auction. The incoming lessee to pay the value of improvements, which is to be handed over to outgoing lessee, less any sums due to the Crown.
4. No transfer or sublease allowed without the consent of the Land Board.
5. Lessee to cultivate and improve land, and keep it clear of weeds. Creeks, drains, and watercourses to be kept open.
6. Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum to be paid on rent in arrear.
7. Buildings on land to be kept in good order, repair, and condition.
8. No gravel to be removed from the land without consent of the Land Board.
9. Lessee will not carry on any offensive trade.
10. Consent of Land Board to be obtained before making improvements.
11. Lessee to pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.
12. Lease is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

F. A. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Otanewainuku Forest Reserve, Auckland Land District, for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Auckland, 14th February, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Friday, 24th March, 1916, for a year-to-year lease of the open portions of the Otanewainuku Forest Reserve, in Block XII, Otanewainuku Survey District. The lease to be in accordance with the provisions of section 315 of the Land Act, 1908, and the State Forests Act, 1908, and subject to the following conditions:—

1. Minimum annual rental, £16.
2. Lease to be for grazing purposes only, and subject to resumption on three months' notice.
3. The lessee shall have no right to compensation, either for improvements put on the land or on account of the aforesaid resumption, or for any other cause; but he may on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease remove all buildings or fences erected by him, but not otherwise.
4. The lessee shall not sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of his interest in the lease without the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
5. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of all noxious weeds on the land, 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 lessee shall not be entitled to cut or make use of any timber on the land, and shall take all reasonable steps to preserve such timber from destruction by fire or otherwise.
7. The lessee shall grant to all persons duly authorized in that behalf free right of ingress, egress, and regress for any of the purposes of the State Forests Act, 1908, or for felling and removing from the land any trees or timber as aforesaid.
8. The lessee shall discharge all rates, taxes, charges, and other assessments that may become due and payable.
9. Rental payments in arrear for two calendar months shall render the lease liable to termination; or a breach of covenant in the lease, expressed or implied, shall entitle the Crown to re-enter and determine the lease.

10. Tenders to be endorsed on the outside "Tender for Lease," and to be accompanied by the first half-year's rent at the rate tendered, and lease fee £1 1s.

11. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Full particulars may be ascertained on application at this office.

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Runs in Southland Land District for License by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Invercargill, 16th February, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned pastoral runs will be offered for license by public auction for a term of twenty-one years at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, at 11 a.m. on Friday, the 31st day of March, 1916, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and its amendments.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SOUTHLAND COUNTY.

Otago University Endowment.—Class B.

LOT 4, part Section 132, Block III, Forest Hill Hundred: Area, 1,538 acres 1 rood 20 perches; annual rent per acre (approximate), 3d.; upset annual rent, £20.

LOT 5, parts Section 5, Blocks VI and VII, Lindhurst, and Section 132, Block III, Forest Hill Hundred: Area, 1,823 acres 2 roods; annual rent per acre (approximate), 3d.; upset annual rent, £23.

Possession will be given on day of sale.

Lot 5 is weighted with £88 4s., being half cost of 252 chains of fencing on the east boundary.

Lot 4 is weighted with £55 7s., being half cost of 184½ chains of fencing on the west boundary.

DESCRIPTION OF RUNS.

Lot 4 contains about 600 acres swamp land, which is capable of improvement by draining; balance is tussock, undulating, gravelly land, with some stunted manuka and fern.

Lot 5 contains about 723 acres swamp, which is capable of improvement by draining; balance is tussock, undulating gravelly land, with some stunted manuka and fern.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LICENSE.

1. Purchaser must be over twenty-one years of age.
2. One half-year's rent, rent for period between date of sale and 1st March, 1916, £1 1s. (license fee), valuation for improvements, and statutory declaration to be deposited by purchaser on the fall of the hammer. Rent commences from date of license.
3. No person may hold more than one run, except on the recommendation of the Land Board and with the approval of the Minister of Lands. If a husband holds a run, his wife is deemed to be a runholder, and *vice versa*.
4. Runs classified as pastoral lands (Class A) may not be resumed for settlement. Runs classified as pastoral-agricultural lands (Class B) may be so resumed without payment of compensation. Three hundred acres of any run may be resumed for grassing-experiments.
5. Rent is payable half-yearly, in advance, on 1st March and 1st September in each year. If not paid within thirty days of due date, a penalty of 10 per cent. is added.
6. Term of license to be as stated hereon, with contingent right of renewal over the whole or a subdivision of the run for a similar term.
7. Licensee to prevent destruction or burning of timber, burning of snow-tussock, burning of other tussock, except in July, August, and September; to prevent growth and spread of gorse, broom, sweetbrier, or other noxious weeds or plants; to keep down rabbits, and refrain from burning grass during such months as the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall from time to time determine.
8. Licensee to have no right to the timber or flax on the land comprised in the license.
9. With the permission of the Land Board, the licensee may—
 - (a.) Cultivate a portion of the run and grow winter feed thereon;
 - (b.) Plough and sow in grass any area not exceeding 3,000 acres;
 - (c.) Clear of bush or scrub any portion of the run, and sow same in grass;
 - (d.) Surface sow in grass any portion of the run.
 On expiry of license the value of licensee's improvements will be protected.
10. License is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

H. D. M. HASZARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.