

The domain is described for the general information of intending bidders, 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 ascertained at this office.

W. H. SKINNER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Hilderthorpe Settlement, Otago Land District, open for Selection on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 28th February, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for selection on renewable lease under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908; and applications will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 17th April, 1916.

Applicants will have to appear before the Land Board at the Courthouse, Oamaru, at 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 19th April, 1916.

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

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

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—WAITAKI COUNTY.—PAPAKAIO SURVEY DISTRICT.—HILDERTHORPE SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

SECTION 1A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £190; half-yearly rent, £4 5s. 6d.

Section 2A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £210; half-yearly rent, £4 14s. 6d.

Section 3A: Area, 9 acres 2 roods 16 perches; capital value, £200; half-yearly rent, £4 10s.

Section 4A: Area, 11 acres 2 roods 29 perches; capital value, £245; half-yearly rent, £5 10s. 3d.

Section 5A: Area, 11 acres 1 rood 34 perches; capital value, £240; half-yearly rent, £5 8s.; interest and sinking fund, £9 4s. 11d.*

* Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £107; payable in cash, or in seven years by fourteen half-yearly payments of £9 4s. 11d.: total half-yearly payment, £14 12s. 11d.

Section 6A: Area, 9 acres 0 roods 13 perches; capital value, £190; half-yearly rent, £4 5s. 6d.

Section 7A: Area, 9 acres 0 roods 13 perches; capital value, £190; half-yearly rent, £4 5s. 6d.

Section 8A: Area, 9 acres 0 roods 13 perches; capital value, £190; half-yearly rent, £4 5s. 6d.

Section 9A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £210; half-yearly rent, £4 14s. 6d.

Section 10A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £210; half-yearly rent, £4 14s. 6d.

Section 11A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £210; half-yearly rent, £4 14s. 6d.

Section 12A: Area, 9 acres; capital value, £180; half-yearly rent, £4 1s.

Section 13A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £200; half-yearly rent, £4 10s.

Section 14A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £195; half-yearly rent, £4 7s. 9d.

Section 15A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £195; half-yearly rent, £4 7s. 9d.

Section 16A: Area, 10 acres; capital value, £190; half-yearly rent, £4 5s. 6d.

Section 17A: Area, 15 acres; capital value, £285; half-yearly rent, £6 8s. 3d.

Section 18A: Area, 24 acres 2 roods 32 perches; capital value, £445; half-yearly rent, £10 0s. 3d.

Section 19A: Area, 15 acres; capital value, £255; half-yearly rent, £5 14s. 9d.

Section 20A: Area, 24 acres 3 roods 11 perches; capital value, £425; half-yearly rent, £9 11s. 3d.

Section 21A: Area, 209 acres 2 roods 24 perches; capital value, £1,950; half-yearly rent, £43 17s. 6d.

Second-class Land.

Section 22A: Area, 233 acres 1 rood 13 perches; capital value, £1,820; half-yearly rent, £40 19s.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements included in the capital values of the sections consist of fencing, valued as follows: Section 1A, £3 10s.; Section 2A, £1 2s.; Section 3A, £3 15s.; Sec-

tion 4A, £4 15s.; Section 5A, £4 15s.; Section 6A, £3 10s.; Section 7A, £1; Section 8A, £1 2s. 6d.; Section 12A, 15s.; Section 13A, 15s.; Section 14A, 15s.; Section 15A, 15s.; Section 17A, £1 10s.; Section 18A, £6 12s.; Section 19A, £4 5s.; Section 20A, £3 8s.; Section 21A, £23 9s.; Section 22A, £23 17s.

The improvements which are not included in the capital value, and which must be paid for separately, are on Section 5A, and comprise dwellinghouse, stable and shearing-shed, and hut, the whole being valued at £107.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The settlement is situated about a mile and a half from Hilderthorpe Railway-station and post-office. The railway-station is on the main Dunedin-Christchurch line, about eight miles and a half from Oamaru. At Pukeuri Junction, which is about three miles distant, there are important freezing-works. Access is by very good roads. The settlement has been divided into twenty-two allotments, twenty of which are well suited for holdings for workers and two are suitable for ordinary farms. The land is flat, and is about 50 ft. above sea-level. Sections 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A are in wheat stubble. The small sections comprise land of good quality, resting on a clay formation; but there is a little shingle in places. The farms comprise land of fair quality, with a good deal of shingle in places.

Immediate possession will be given.

D. M. CALDER,
Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Puketoi Runs, Otago Land District, open for Lease and License.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Dunedin, 28th February, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the small grazing-run mentioned in the First Schedule hereto is open for lease, and that the pastoral runs mentioned in the Second Schedule are open for license, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and amendments; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Dunedin, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 11th April, 1916.

Applicants will have to appear personally before the Land Board at the District Lands and Survey Office, Dunedin, on Wednesday the 12th day of April, 1916, at 10 o'clock a.m., to answer any questions the Land Board may ask.

The ballot will be held at the same place at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

Preference for the small grazing-run 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.

The pastoral runs will be disposed of under the provisions of section 8 (c) of the Land Laws Amendment Act, 1914, which empowers the Land Board to dispose of high pastoral country to persons already in occupation of low country.

SCHEDULES.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—PART OF PUKETOI STATION.—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

First Schedule.—Small Grazing-run.

Maniototo County.—Upper Taieri and Upper Taieriside Survey District.

RUN 308M: Area, 3,985 acres; half-yearly rental, £50; valuation for improvements, £159.

Situated on a series of sharp ridges which rise rather abruptly from an elevation of 1,300 ft. on the flat to about 2,800 ft., but towards the western end the rise is more gradual till the elevation reaches about 3,200 ft. The steeper easterly spurs are somewhat bare, but the vegetation improves towards the western boundary, where the country is clad with good tussock and native grasses. The run contains a proportion of flat land of fair quality at the western end, so that a good homestead-site can be obtained. There is always water in Totera Creek and also in Stony Creek, except in very dry seasons. In such seasons Stony Creek is apt to lose the water when approaching the open flats. Access is by good roads. The distance from Ranfurly Railway-station is about eighteen miles, from Waipiata Railway-station about sixteen miles, and from Patearoa Post-office about eight miles and three-quarters. The improvements consist of half value of 70 chains of fencing on Linnburn freehold boundary, at £1 per chain, £35; half value of 152 chains of fencing on western boundary, at 7s. per chain, £26 12s.; full value of 36 chains of subdivisional fencing at 7s. 6d. per chain, and of 42 chains (at sheep-yards) at 9s. per chain, £32 8s.; sheep-yards, £25; hut, £40; total, £159.

NOTE.—The northern boundary is subject to alteration so as to secure a better fencing-line.