

Section 7.—Five-roomed house (two-storey) and old barn; value, £280.

Block V.

Section 3.—Cook-house (eight rooms), with baker's oven, double brick chimney, and colonial oven, £330; stable and implement-shed combined, and loft, £150; concrete meat-safe, £20; total value, £500.

DESCRIPTIONS OF SECTIONS.

Block I.

Section 1.—500 acres. All easy rolling ridges and small flats; well watered; soil light loam on papa. Has almost all been ploughed, and is in young English grass.

Section 2.—539 acres. All easy rolling ridges and small flats; well watered; soil light sandy loam on papa. Nearly all has been ploughed and is in young English grass.

Section 3.—409 acres. All easy rolling ridges and small flats, nearly all ploughable; soil sandy loam; permanent water. About 200 acres are in young English grass, balance old pasture and native grasses.

Section 4.—480 acres. Easy ridges, nearly all ploughable; soil sandy loam; permanent water. In English and native grasses; has a small plantation of gum-trees.

Section 5.—435 acres. Easy rolling ridges and flats; soil loam on papa; permanent water. Almost all ploughable; in English and native grasses.

Section 6.—408 acres. All easy ridges and flats, nearly all ploughable; loamy soil; permanent water. About 230 acres are in young English grass, balance old pasture and native grasses.

Section 7.—203 acres. Almost all easy ploughable ridges and flats; loamy soil; permanent water. About 90 acres are in young English grass, balance old pasture and fallow ground. The occupier of this section has the right of obtaining water from the dam on the homestead block near the wool-shed.

Block V.

Section 2.—414 acres. All easy ridges, almost all ploughable; loamy soil on papa; permanent water. About 50 acres under oats, which will be removed before the 1st of March, 1916. About 280 acres are in old pasture and native grasses, balance fallow.

Section 3.—218 acres. All ploughable; loamy soil; permanent water; low ridges and flats. About 156 acres were under swedes last winter, and have not been reploughed or laid down in pasture; balance old grass.

Section 4.—647 acres. Easy rolling ridges and small flats, mostly all ploughable; permanent water; soil sandy loam. In old pasture and native grasses.

Section 5.—309 acres. Flats and low ridges; all ploughable; good loamy soil; permanent water. At present lying fallow.

Section 6.—813 acres. Easy ridges, large proportion ploughable; permanent water; soil sandy loam. In old pasture and native grasses.

Section 7.—480 acres. Easy hill and low ridges, mostly all ploughable; permanent water; good loamy soil. In good pasture and native grasses. A formed road runs through this section, and must be kept open for a period of twelve months.

Section 8.—456 acres. All easy rolling ridges and flats, in good pasture and native grasses; loamy soil; permanent water.

Section 9.—591 acres. Easy hills and terraces, with small flats; mostly all ploughable; soil sandy loam, well watered. In surface-sown English and native grasses. The Hawke's Bay County Council have the right of removing their roadman's whare from this section. A formed road runs through this section towards Otamauri Station, and must be kept open for a period of twelve months.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Otamauri Settlement is situated about thirty-one miles from Napier and twenty-eight miles from Hastings by good metalled motor-roads. It joins the Sherenden Settlement on the east, and Glenross and Whanawhana Estates on the north and west.

It consists mainly of low rolling ridges and small flats; the larger portion has been ploughed and laid down in English grasses.

The soil is of a sweet loamy nature, on papa and shingle.

The settlement as a whole is well watered, and by constructing dams in hollows and streams an ample supply can be obtained. At the same time care has been taken to give every section a supply of water that remained permanent through the dry weather last season.

Many of the fences are new, and all are in good order and of good material. Belonging to the settlement is a large wool-shed capable of housing 1,000 sheep, with stands for

eight shearers, large well-built yards, and good concrete dip. This stands on a reserve of 8 acres, which will give ample accommodation at shearing and dipping times.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eleventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

W. F. MASSEY,
Minister of Lands.

Opening Lands in Auckland Land District for Sale or 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, having received the report of the Under-Secretary in this behalf, as provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase, or on renewable lease; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

Opotiki County.—Waioeka South Survey District.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

SECTION 2, Block IV: Area, 1,654 acres. Approximate annual rent per acre, 9d. Cash price, £1,240. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £31. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £24 16s.

Altitude, 800 ft. to 3,100 ft. above sea-level. Rough and broken land, very steep for the most part; covered with mixed forest comprising tawa, rata, rimu, &c., and black-birch on ridges and tops of ranges, with thick undergrowth of vines and scrub. Soil of fair quality, of a sandy nature, but somewhat stony, on sandstone papa formation; well watered by several small streams. Distant eleven miles from Matawai Railway-station, of which five miles is by dray-road and six miles formed bridle-track; or thirty-five miles from Opotiki, of which fifteen miles is dray-road and twenty miles formed bridle-track.

Mangonui County.—Muriwhenua Survey District.

Section 5, Block XVI: Area, 61 acres 2 roods 24 perches. Approximate annual rent per acre, 1s. 1d. Cash price, £65. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £1 12s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £1 6s.

Altitude, 50 ft. to 100 ft. above sea-level. About half raupo swamp, balance level and undulating scrub land. Soil swamp loam, and of a light sandy nature on dry ground; well watered by stream. Distant twelve miles from Waihopo Landing by rough cart-road.

Hokianga County.—Putamoe Survey District.

Section 16, Block II: Area, 656 acres. Approximate annual rent per acre, 1s. 6d. Cash price, £985. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £24 12s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £19 14s.

Altitude, 800 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level. A few acres flat and undulating, balance broken; all covered with fairly heavy mixed forest comprising taraire, rata, tawa, nikau, punga, kohekohe, rimu, and a few kahikatea and totara trees, with dense undergrowth of kiekie, supplejack, ferns, &c. Soil of fair quality, on slate formation; well watered by streams. Distant twenty-five miles from Kaihu by cart-road.

Waitomo County.—Pirongia Survey District.

Section 10, Block XII: Area, 200 acres 0 roods 30 perches. Approximate annual rent per acre, 3s. Cash price, £600. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £15. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £12.

Altitude, 100 ft. to 250 ft. above sea-level. Undulating land, practically all ploughable; covered with fern and scrub, except a narrow swamp. Soil of fair second-class quality, on clay subsoil; poorly watered by springs and swamp. Distant seven miles and a half from Pirongia, seven miles of which is fair formed road, balance unformed but good access, and ten miles from Kawa Railway-station.