

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, Hokitika, on Wednesday, the 17th October, 1917, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

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

SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.—CROWN LAND AND NATIONAL ENDOWMENT SECOND-CLASS LAND.—WESTLAND MINING DISTRICT.—GREY COUNTY.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Capital Value.	Half-yearly Rental.
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Brunner Survey District.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2740	II	403	0	0	260	0	0	5	4	0
2757	"	376	0	0	240	0	0	4	16	0
2758	III	452	0	0	290	0	0	5	16	0
2759	"	467	0	0	380	0	0	7	12	0
2760	"	473	0	0	340	0	0	6	16	0
2763	"	524	0	0	340	0	0	6	16	0
2897	V	913	0	0	630	0	0	12	12	0

Kopara Survey District.

		A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2769	I	605	0	0	310	0	0	6	4	0
2797	"	497	0	0	320	0	0	6	8	0
2798	"	521	0	0	530	0	0	10	12	0
2767	"	351	0	0	440	0	0	8	16	0

These sections, comprising heavy-bush land from which most of the timber of commercial value has already been removed, have two sawmills at present working upon them, and are offered subject to the existing timber rights. The forest consists principally of rimu, kamahi, and miro, with a dense undergrowth of small kamahi, tanekaha, &c.; there are some patches of silver-pine. Practically the whole of Section 2767 and portion of Section 2798 carried kahikatea, with undergrowth of konini and horopito. The land consists of flat siding and terrace areas, varying in altitude from 330 ft. to 870 ft. above sea-level; suitable for pastoral purposes. The soil is of a sandy clay nature, resting on gravel, and is of from fair to good quality on the flats and along the creeks, but poorer and somewhat wet on the tops of the terraces. All of the sections are well watered by creeks. The Kotuku to Bell Hill Road, which is a metalled horse-track, provides access to the whole of the sections. The western corner of the block is distant one mile by metalled dray-road from Kotuku Railway-station on the Greymouth-Otira line. Post and telephone office and school are at Jack's sawmill, adjoining the western end of the block.

Portions of the block which were burnt during last summer have been sown in English grass, the areas in each section being—Section 2758, 2 acres; Section 2759, 22 acres; Section 2760, 30 acres; Section 2763, 7 acres; Section 2769, 2 acres; Section 2897, 38 acres; total, 101 acres.

Brunner Survey District.

Section 2899, Block V: Area, 653 acres; capital value, £410; half-yearly rent, £8 4s.

Weighted with £10, valuation for improvements consisting of 5 chains fencing, shed, and pig-sty.

Comprises about 100 acres dead timber and fern, the remainder being chiefly low flat spurs carrying heavy mixed bush consisting of rimu, kamahi, and kahikatea, from which the timber of commercial value has been cut by sawmillers. Soil is of a fair sandy nature, resting on clay and gravel subsoil. Altitude, 325 ft. to 550 ft. above sea-level. Well watered. Access by unformed road along Lake Brunner Sawmilling Company's main tramway-line from Ruru Railway-station, a distance of two miles.

Kanieri Survey District.

Section 3348, Block III: Area, 166 acres 2 roods; capital value, £170; half-yearly rent, £3 8s.

Level land, carrying rimu and kahikatea, practically worked out by sawmill, although some sawmilling timber left. Soil of fair quality, resting on gravel, wet in places; well watered by creeks. Access from Hokitika, about ten miles distant, and from Arahura Dairy Factory, about five miles distant, by good metalled dray-road. Arahura school within, say, four miles.

Waihero Survey District.

Section 2799, Block I: Area, 337 acres; capital value, £340; half-yearly rent, £6 16s.

Weighted with £102, valuation for improvements consisting of 85 chains of fencing.

Comprises approximately 300 acres of broken terrace and table bush-covered land, and 37 acres of fairly open land, the latter originally tailings, but now carrying a fair amount of feed. Soil of fair quality on the flat, but poor on the hillsides, resting on gravel. The bush is of a mixed quality, consisting of rimu, rata, kamahi, &c., with a thick undergrowth. Access from Greymouth, distant about twenty-one miles, and Barrytown, three miles. The first ten miles to Ten-mile Bluff is a good dray-road, the next mile and a half over the Bluff is a pack-horse track, whilst the nine miles and a half is a good dray-road. The section is well watered by several creeks.

Kopara Survey District.

Section 3206, Block VIII: Area, 153 acres; capital value, £80; half-yearly rent, £1 12s.

Comprises about 60 acres nigger-head swamp, very wet, but drainable; the remainder flat and terrace land covered with heavy bush, principally brown birch, carrying odd trees of miro and red-pine, also undergrowth of small scrub and birch scattered throughout the section. Land well watered by creeks. Altitude ranges from 500 ft. to 600 ft. above sea-level. Soil fair in places, of a sandy nature, and good in swamp when drained. The section is situated between Haupiri River and Haupiri-Kopara Pack-track. Access from Ahaura by twenty-three miles of good metalled road, and then by three miles of pack and dray track across plain.

Mawheraiti Survey District.

Section 3340, Block V: Area, 209 acres; capital value, £110; half-yearly rent, £2 4s.

Comprises a small area near creek of flat land, the remainder being flat terrace and sideling country, covered with dense bush. Soil of fair quality near creek, but poor on terrace, covered with dense rimu, rata, miro, and birch, the last noted being the principal timber. There is a slight undergrowth of small scrub, fern, &c. Access from Ahaura, six miles and a half, by pack-track, river-bed, and dray-road; from Blackball, eleven miles, by pack-track and good metalled road. Section well watered.

Mawheranui Survey District.

Section 2902, Block VII: Area, 332 acres 1 rood; capital value, £170; half-yearly rent, £3 8s.

Section 2750, Block VII: Area, 284 acres; capital value, £150; half-yearly rent, £3.

Mostly level land. Section 2902 contains about 60 acres of low hill country, and Section 2750 about 90 acres of dead timber through which fire has run, leaving a second undergrowth of fern and scrub. Soil of a heavy clayey nature, resting on gravel. The timber which has been worked by sawmill carries a few rimu, but principally consists of black and red birch. Altitude above sea-level, 200 ft. to 400 ft. Access from Ngahore, where there is a railway-station, two miles by the well-formed Ahaura Road. Area fairly well watered by creeks.

Sale posters and full particulars may be obtained from this office.

THOS. BROOK,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.