AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Ohinemuri County.-Waihou Survey District.-Hauraki Plains. SECTION 30, Block XIII: Area, 9 acres 1 rood 16 perches. Capital value, £150. Occupation with right of purchase : Half - yearly rent, £3 15s. Renewable lease : Half - yearly Weighted with £47, valuation for grassing, house, and

fencing.

Altitude, 50 ft. to 80 ft. above sea - level. Level land, originally flax swamp, now in grass. Soil dark loam of very good quality watered by drain on boundary. Distant twenty chains from Patetonga Post-office by tram-line.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Whakatane County .-- Rotoma Survey District.

Whakatane County.—Kotoma Survey District. Section 5, Block III: Area, 1,603 acres 1 rood. Capital value, £1,600. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £40. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £32. Weighted with £22 10s., valuation for fenoing. Altitude, 300 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level. Undulating to broken land, about 50 acres light mixed forest comprising tawa, rewarewa, mangeao, tawhero, makomako, &c., with thick undergrowth of scrub. Soil of fair quality of a sandy nature on numice formation well watered by Pikowai nature, on pumice formation; well watered by Pikowai Stream. Distant about fifteen miles from Matata by good formed road. The proposed route of the East Coast Railway will pass within ten miles of this section.

Rotorua County .-- Maketu Survey District.

Section 5, Block XVI: Area, 494 acres. Capital value, £370. Occupation with right of purchase : Half-yearly rent, £9 5s. Renewable lease : Half-yearly rent, £7 8s.

Altitude, 600 ft. above sea-level. Fern land, broken to undulating, with flat-topped ridges and deep dry valleys. Soil of a poor pumice sandy nature, on pumice formation; no water on section, and selector will have to depend on tanks for his water-supply. Distant about nine miles from Paengaroa by formed road.

Bay of Islands County .- Kawakawa Survey District.

Sections 75 and 76, Block XVI: Area, 94 acres 3 roods 1 perch. Capital value, £120. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £3. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £2 8s.

Altitude, 50 ft. to 230 ft. above sea-level. A few acres swamp, remainder undulating to hilly land covered with fern and manuka, a large part being ploughable. Soil of inferior quality, on clay subsoil; well watered by swampy streams. Distant half a mile from Kawakawa Railway station by formed cart-road.

West Taupo County .--- Wharepapa Survey District.

Section 1, Block II: Area, 480 acres. Capital value, £480. Section 1, Block II: Area, 480 acres. Capital value, £480. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £12. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £9 12s. Altitude, 400 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level. About one-third ploughable in patches; balance broken country, with

third ploughable in patches; balance block country, with outcrops of rhyolite or sandstone; all covered with fern and scrub. Soil of a light volcanic nature, of poor quality, on rhyolite and sandstone formation; well watered by small streams. Distant about seventeen miles from Kawa Rail-way-station, or about twenty-two miles from Te Awamutu, by formed dray-roads not metalled.

Rodney County .- Te Arai Parish.

Sections 31 and 32: Area, 260 acres. Capital value, £160. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £4. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 4s. Altitude, 50 ft. to 300 ft. above sea-level. About 25 acres

rush, flax, raupo, and manuka swamp, drainable; balance fern and manuka scrub, generally undulating, with small portion broken. Soil peaty in swamp, clay on balance of section; fairly watered by swampy gullies. Distant about four miles from Te Arai Post-office by cart-road.

Opotiki County .--- Urutawa Survey District.

Section 11, Block XIII: Area, 1,966 acres. Capital value,

Section 11, Block XIII: Area, 1,966 acres. Capital value, £1,720. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £43. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £34 8s. Section 12, Block XIV: Area, 1,275 acres. Capital value, £1,120. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £28. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £22 8s. Altitude, 650 ft. to 3,130 ft. above sea-level. Broken land, covered with heavy mixed forest comprising miro, tawa, tawhero, hinau, rata, rimu, and birch, with a thick under-growth of scrub, supplejack, punga, rangiora, &c. Clay soil

of good quality, on sandstone formation; well watered by Distant about sixteen to seventeen miles from the streams. Matawai-Gisborne Railway terminus by about sixteen miles of formed road, balance unformed.

Awakino County.-Maungamangero Survey District.

Section 3, Block X: Area, 605 acres 2 roods. Capital value, £900. Occupation with right of purchase : Half-yearly rent, £22 10s. Renewable lease : Half-yearly rent,

Altitude, 800 ft. to 1,600 ft. above sea - level. Broken country, covered with heavy mixed forest comprising tawa, tawhero, rata, rimu, matai, miro, &c., with heavy under-growth of supplejack, mahoe, konini, makomako, &c. Soil of medium quality, on papa and rubble formation; well watered by small streams. Distant about thirty-two miles from Te Kuiti, of which sixteen miles is metalled road, fifteen miles formed dray-road, and one mile pack-track.

Whangarei County.-Waikare Parish.

Sections 6, 7, 8, S. 9, 10, 11: Area, 480 acres 1 rood 35 perches. Capital value, £300. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £7 10s. Renewable lease: Halfyearly rent, £6. Altitude, 20 ft. to 500 ft. above sea-level.

About 50 acres rush swamp about 2 ft. deep: 100 acres undulating, balance broken, covered with fern and manuka, and about 7 acres light mixed forest comprising a few kauri-rickers and puriritrees, manuka, taraire, mahoe, &c., with light undergrowth of ferns and scrub. Soil of good quality on swamp, poor cay elsewhere, on clay subsoil; well watered by stream. Distant about four miles from Parua Bay by cart-road. The swamp is difficult to drain owing to drifting sand.

> As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this second day of October, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

> > F. H. D. BELL, For Minister of Lands.

Warrant apportioning the Cost of Maintenance of the Matapuna Combined Road and Railway Bridge over the Wanganui River at Matapuna.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

HEREAS by section one hundred and twenty of the Public Works Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), as amended by section thirteen of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1909, it is, *inter alia*, enacted that the Governor-General may, by Warrant under his hand publicly notified and gazetted, fix and determine whether all or any (and, if so, what) part of the cost, whether theretofore incurred or thereafter to be incurred, of maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing any combined road and railway bridge is to be provided and paid by any local autho-rity or local authorities, and, if so, by what local authority or local authorities; and may by any such Warrant as afore-said direct how, when, and to whom such payment is to be made:

And whereas by the said Act it is further enacted that the Governor-General may from time to time, with the view of determining the proportion in which it would be fair and reasonable to fix and determine the amount to be provided and paid by any local authority or local authorities for or towards the cost of maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing any combined road and railway bridge, direct any Magistrate or other person to be a Commissioner to inquire into and report to him upon any matter which he shall deem necessary to enable him to determine any such question as aforesaid :

question as a foresaid: And whereas a Commissioner was appointed under the provisions of section one hundred and twenty of the Public Works Act, 1908, and an inquiry was duly held, with a view to determine what proportion of the cost of maintaining, repairing, improving, or reconstructing the decking of the combined road and railway bridge described in the Schedule hereto, and hereinafter referred to as "the said bridge," ought to be paid by any (and, if so, which) local authority or local authorities: or local authorities :

And whereas such Commissioner did report to the Governor-General, after due inquiry, his opinion as to the matters re-specting which he was appointed to report :

And whereas it is expedient to make provision under the said Act for the purpose and in the manner hereinafter set forth :

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and autho-