Town of Stratford.

Section 47: Area, 1 rood; upset annual rent, £2 10s. Comprises flat and easy sloping land, in grass.

Town of Manaia.

Sections 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-20, Block XXV: Area, 4 acres 2 roods; upset annual rent, £9 5s.
Comprises mostly good flat land, all in grass

Town of Manganui.

Sections 66 and 75: Area, 1 acre; upset annual rent. £1. Comprises flat land, in grass.

Town of Matiere.

Section 31, Block I: Area, 36 perches; upset annual

Comprises level swamp land, in raupo, flax, and manuka.

Village of Tatu.

Section 18, Block II: Area, 1 rood 14 perches; upset annual rent, 5s.

Comprises fairly dry level land, in heavy bush and second-

growth scrub.

Suburbs of Opunake.

Section 19: Area, 12 acres 3 roods; upset annual rent, £10. Comprises undulating to flat land, in grass; stony forma-

RURAL LAND.

Mahoe Survey District.

Section 1, Block IX: Area, 895 acres; upset annual rent,

Situated on the Tirohanga Road, about fifteen miles and a half from Whangamomona — by dray-road twelve miles, 6 ft. track two miles, balance unformed. The section comprises steep ridges falling to valley in the centre, with a little forest of tawa, rimu, tawhero, &c., and a dense undergrowth of mahoe, raurekau, supplejacks, ferns, &c. Soil of medium quality, on sandstone formation; well watered.

Omona Survey District.

Section 19, Block VII: Area, 300 acres; upset annual rent, £22 10s.

Weighted with £75, valuation for improvements consisting of 25 acres felled and in grass.

Situated on the Rawhitiroa Road. Access from Eltham, twenty-three miles distant by a good dray-road practically all metalled. The section comprises steep country falling to centre and rising to back boundary. Heavy forest of tawa, rimu, hinau, matai, miro, tawhero, &c., and a dense undergrowth of supplejacks, mahoe, raurekau, houhou, tawhiri, pongas, &c. Soil good quality, papa and sandstone formation; well watered.

Opaku Survey District.

Section 9, Block VIII: Area, 732 acres; upset annual

rent. £18 10s.

Situated on the Ngarahu Road. Access from Waverley, thirty miles distant, via Okotuku, Mataimoana, and Ahoroa Roads, formed dray-roads. The Ngarahu Road is unformed. The section comprises rough ridges and spurs, except at the extreme northern end, where the country is a little easier. The section is covered with a fairly heavy forest of tawa, rata, scattered rimu, &c., and a dense undergrowth of karamu, supplejacks, &c. The soil is of papa formation, and the section is well watered. Good grass country when felled.

ABSTRACT OF 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 is twenty-one years, with perpetual right of renewal for successive terms of twenty-one years at rents based on fresh valuations under the provisions of the Public Bodies' Leases Act, 1908.

3. No compensation for imprevements; but if lease is not renewed upon expiry, the new lease offered for disposal by public competition will be subject to payment by the incoming tenant of valuation for improvements effected by the original lessee with the consent of the Land Board; failing disposal, the land and improvements revert to the Crown without compensation.

4. No transfer, mortgage, sublease, or subdivision allowed

without consent.

5. Lessee to cultivate and improve the land and keep it clear of weeds.

6. Lessee to maintain in good substantial repair all buildings, fences, gates, and drains, and to keep clear all creeks, drains, ditches, and watercourses, to trim all live hedges, and to yield up all improvements in good order and condition at the expiration of the lease.
7. Rent payable half-yearly in advance, subject to penalty

at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for any period during

which it remains in arrear.

8. No gravel to be removed from land without consent of the Land Board.

 Lessee will not carry on any offensive trade.
 Lessee to give notice to Land Board before making improvements.

11. Lessee to pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.12. Lease is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

Improvements on Rural Lands .- Lessee is required to improve the land within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the capital value; within two years to the value of another 10 per cent. of the capital value; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the capital value. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to the value of £1 for every acre of first-class land and 10s. for every acre of second-

Note.--Possession will be given on the day of sale, except where otherwise noted.

Form of lease may be perused and full particulars obtained at this office.

> G. H. BULLARD. Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in Marlborough Land District open for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 1st October, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 21 of the
Land Laws Amendment Act, 1913, that the undermentioned land is open for sale or selection on the optional system; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 12th November, 1917.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—SOUNDS COUNTY.—ARAPAWA SURVEY DISTRICT.

Second-class Land.

Section 9, Block I: Area, 106 acres 1 rood 16 perches. Capital value, £110. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £2 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £2 4s.

Access by water, about an hour's run by launch from Picton. Has a fair frontage, though generally is steep and broken, and somewhat shady in the winter. Soil fair. About 80 acres cleared and sown in grass, but is in a neglected condition. Altitude, sea-level to 1,400 ft.

H. D. McKELLAR. Commissioner of Crown Lands.