

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the aforesaid powers and authorities, doth hereby declare that it is his intention to grant in fee-simple the area of Crown land described in the First Schedule hereto in exchange for the fee-simple of the area of land described in the Second Schedule, upon payment by the owner thereof of the sum of money hereinbefore referred to by way of equality of exchange.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF CROWN LAND AUTHORIZED TO BE EXCHANGED.

ALL that area in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement an estimated area of 100 acres, more or less, being Section 2, Block XII, Mohaka Survey District. As the same is delineated on the plan marked L and S. 16/101, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered red.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS TO BE OBTAINED IN EXCHANGE THEREFOR.

ALL those severed areas in the Hawke's Bay Land District, containing by admeasurement 34 perches, 5 perches, and 10 acres 1 rood 18 perches, more or less, between the old and new Napier-Wairoa Roads, Block XII, Mohaka Survey District, being parts of Block 72, Mohaka Crown-grant District. As the same is delineated on the plan marked L and S. 16/101, deposited in the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, at Wellington, and thereon bordered green.

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

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

Opening Lands in Auckland Land District for Selection by Discharged Soldiers on Optional System.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

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-General 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, which have been set apart for selection by discharged soldiers, shall be open for selection by discharged soldiers on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen; 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, and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Waitemata County.—Waipareira Parish.

SECTION 211: Area, 19 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £180. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £4 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 12s.

Altitude, 40 ft. to 250 ft. above sea-level. Fern and manuka country, undulating, about three-fourths ploughable. Brown soil, of fair quality, on clay subsoil; fairly watered by swampy stream. Distant about two and a half miles from Swanson by good cart-road.

Section 212: Area, 16 acres 3 roods 34 perches. Capital value, £170. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £4 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 8s.

Altitude, 100 ft. to 300 ft. above sea-level. Undulating land, nearly all ploughable, covered with short fern and manuka. Brown soil, of fair quality, on clay subsoil; poorly watered by swampy gullies. Distant about two miles from Swanson by good formed road.

Section 226: Area, 11 acres 0 roods 7 perches. Capital value, £130. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-

yearly rent, £3 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £2 12s.

Altitude, 50 ft. to 250 ft. above sea-level. Undulating land, all ploughable, covered with light manuka and fern. Grey soil, of medium quality, on clay subsoil; fairly watered by swampy stream. Distant about two miles from Swanson by good cart-road.

Waitemata County.—Paremoremo Parish.

Section 295: Area, 29 acres 0 roods 3 perches. Capital value, £90. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £2 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £1 16s.

Altitude, 100 ft. to 150 ft. above sea-level. Undulating to broken fern and manuka country, ploughable in parts. Soil brown loam, of poor quality, on clay subsoil; water can only be obtained by sinking. Distant about three and a half miles from Albany by formed road.

Section 307: Area, 28 acres 1 rood 36 perches. Capital value, £170. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £4 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 8s.

Undulating land, covered with light manuka scrub, partly burnt, about one-third ploughable. Soil brown loam, fair to medium in quality, on sandstone formation; not watered, but water can be obtained by sinking. Distant about six miles from Takapuna by coach-road partly metalled.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Tauranga County.—Te Puna Parish.

Section 234: Area, 261 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £230. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £5 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £4 12s.

Altitude, 60 ft. to 400 ft. above sea-level. Undulating land, with broken country on south side, covered with fern and manuka scrub. Fair soil, of a sandy nature, on pumice formation; well watered by Ruangarara Stream. Distant about seven miles from Tauranga by formed road, except the last seven chains, which is unformed.

Bay of Islands County.—Kawakawa Survey District.

Section 4, Block XV: Area, 116 acres 3 roods 16 perches. Capital value, £130. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £3 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £2 12s.

Altitude, 60 ft. to 220 ft. above sea-level. A few acres swamp; balance level, undulating, and hilly land, covered with fern and scrub. Soil mostly of inferior second-class quality, on clay subsoil; well watered by streams. Distant about two miles from Kawakawa Railway-station by formed cart-road.

Rotorua and Whakatane Counties.—Rotoma Survey District.

Section 1, Block III: Area, 1,046 acres 2 roods. Capital value, £1,050. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £23 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £21.

Altitude, 300 ft. to 700 ft. above sea-level. Undulating land, intersected by broken gullies, running north and south. All covered with fern and scrub. Fair soil, of a sandy nature, on pumice formation; fairly well watered by Whakahaupapa Stream. Distant about twelve miles from Matata by good formed road. The East Coast Railway is about seven miles north of section, and has been constructed to that point. About 160 chains of fencing has been erected by adjoining owner, who will be entitled to recover half the value from incoming tenant.

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

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

Vesting the Control of a Scenic Reserve in the Orari Gorge Scenic Board under the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by section thirteen of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand doth hereby vest the control of the reserve described in the Schedule below (being land reserved under the said Act), for the period of three years from the date hereof (unless previously altered or revoked under the said Act), in the undermentioned persons, namely,—

ARTHUR JOHN BLAKISTON,
WILLIAM MCLEOD,
JAMES BURT,
ROBERT YATES, and
WILLIAM ALEXANDER HEWSON,

who are hereby constituted for that purpose a special Board by the name of the Orari Gorge Scenic Board (herein referred