

Details.—The lighthouse from which the group occulting red light was exhibited has been destroyed by fire. A temporary light, as undermentioned, will be exhibited at the light-station until further notice:—

An occulting red light every nine seconds—thus, light 6 secs., eclipse 3 secs.

Note.—The following note is to be inserted on the charts: "Temporary Lt. Occ. Red."

JAPAN.

SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT.—LIGHTED WRECK-BUOY MOORED.

Notice is hereby given that the following lighted buoy has been moored to mark the wrecked steamer "Daini Sakihana Maru," which lies sunk in the east entrance to Shimonoseki Strait, Inland Sea.

Shimonoseki Kwaikyo Higashi-guchi Lighted Wreck-buoy.

Description.—Iron frustum of cone in shape, painted green, surmounted by a lattice-work supporting a lantern.

Height of Light.—10 shaku above the water.

Character of Light.—Pintch gas occulting green, light 4 seconds, eclipse 4 seconds.

Illuminated Arc.—The whole horizon.

Visible Distance.—4 nautical miles in clear night.

Depth of Water.—About 7 fathoms at L.W.S.T.

Magnetic Bearings taken from the Buoy.—He-saki Light-house, S. 44° 40' W.; Kanabuse Beacon light, N. 85° 10' W.; south extreme of Kanju-shima, N. 42° 30' W.

FIJI ISLANDS.

GREEN WHARF-LIGHTS, SUVA HARBOUR.

Notice is hereby given that on and after the night of the 31st March, 1917, there will be exhibited at each end of the Receiving-shed on the new Government Wharf, Suva, a fixed light showing green over the harbour.

The lights will be placed 250 ft. apart and 20 ft. above the level of the wharf.

On and after the night of the 31st March, 1917, the fixed green lights on the Queen's Wharf, Suva, will be discontinued.

Officiating Ministers for 1917.—Notice No. 12.

Registrar-General's Office,
Wellington, 26th March, 1917.

PURSUANT to the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1908, the following names of Officiating Ministers within the meaning of the said Act are published for general information:—

Roman Catholic Church.
The Reverend EDWARD PHELAN.

Free Methodist Church.
Mr. FRANCIS PATON.

W. W. COOK,
Registrar-General

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in Taranaki Land District for Sale or Lease to Discharged Soldiers.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 26th March, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for sale or lease to discharged soldiers under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and the regulations thereunder; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1917.

The lands may be purchased for cash or on deferred payments, or selected on lease for thirty-three years, with right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years and a right to acquire the freehold.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1917, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—STRATFORD COUNTY.—NGATI-MARU SURVEY DISTRICT.—TUTUTAWA SETTLEMENT.

First-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Capital Value.	Annual Instalment on Deferred Payment (without Interest).	Renewable Lease: Half-yearly Rent.
1s	XIII	£ s. d. 183 0 0	£ 2,970	£ s. d. 148 10 0	£ s. d. 66 16 6
2s	..	198 0 0	2,615	130 15 0	58 16 9
3s	..	345 0 0	3,750	187 10 0	84 7 6
			250*	13 15 0†	13 15 0†

* Buildings.

† Interest and sinking fund on buildings valued at £250; payable in cash, or in fourteen years by half-yearly instalments of £13 15s.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements included in the capital values of the sections are as follows:—

Section 1s.—123 chains of fencing (half value boundary and all internal and road fences), £80.

Section 2s.—152 chains fencing (half boundary and all internal and road fences), £100.

Section 3s.—285 chains fencing (half boundary and all internal and road fences), £180.

The following improvements are not included in the capital value of the section, and have to be paid for separately: Section 3s, six-roomed dwellinghouse in fair order, together with two rough sheds; value, £250.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Section 1s contains 80 acres or more of land, ploughable, with a little stumping and clearing.

Section 2s contains about 50 acres or more of land fit for dairying, about 40 acres ploughable, with a little stumping and clearing.

Section 3s contains about 60 acres or more fit for dairying, and the rest is generally good sheep and dry cattle country.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

This property is situated on the Mangaotuku Road, about four miles and a half from the Douglas Railway-station, and a little less from the saleyards near there. The roads leading to the railway and dairy factory are metalled. There is a school opposite the southernmost corner of the property and the cheese-factory is only about twenty chains from the same point. The land has been cleared and grassed for a period of over eighteen years, so that only a little dry timber is left. It carries a good sole of grass, except in a few patches where fern is prevalent. The soil is of good quality, consisting of a volcanic loam covering mixed with papa. The easier portions are adapted for dairying, and the steeper for either sheep or dry cattle. The land is well watered, and the climate is fairly moist. The altitude varies from 470 ft. to 970 ft. above sea-level. Two of the sections have good homestead-sites directly on to the road, but the dwelling on the third has to be reached by a bridge, which will have to be maintained or re-erected by the future tenant. Small bridges or stream crossings will be required for the working of the other sections. Boundaries have been chosen to get good fence-lines and to secure ease in working. The fencing is in fair order. The railway reserve shown on plan is not likely to be used.

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

G. H. BULLARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Hawke's Bay Land District for Sale or Lease to Discharged Soldiers.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 26th March, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for sale or lease to discharged soldiers under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and the regulations thereunder; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 10th May, 1917.

The lands may be purchased for cash or on deferred payments, or selected on lease for thirty-three years, with right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years and a right to acquire the freehold.