

two thousand five hundred pounds for the purpose of metalling roads within the Omahine - Te Poi Special-rating Area :

And whereas the ratepayers' consent given under section sixteen (e) aforesaid is irregular, in that one of the subscribing ratepayers has attested the signatures of other subscribers thereto :

And whereas the said ratepayers have not been in any way misled by the said irregularity, and it is expedient that the irregularity should be validated :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and of every other power and authority enabling him in this behalf, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the ratepayers' consent shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the signatures to the same had been properly witnessed, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council

Validating Proceedings in connection with a Loan of £600 proposed to be raised by the Council of the County of Waitomo.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this tenth day of April, 1917.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Waitomo County Council, acting under and in pursuance of section sixteen (e) of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, lately proposed to raise a loan of six hundred pounds for the purpose of forming and culverting Tapuae or Boddie's Road :

And whereas the ratepayers' consent given under section sixteen (e) aforesaid is irregular, in that two of the subscribing ratepayers have attested the signatures of other subscribers thereto :

And whereas the said ratepayers have not been in any way misled by the said irregularity, and it is expedient that the irregularity should be validated :

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section one hundred and eleven of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby order and declare that the ratepayers' consent shall be valid to all intents and purposes as though the signatures to the same had been properly witnessed, and that the validity of the proceedings in connection with the said loan shall not be called into question by reason only of the irregularity aforesaid.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council

Regulations (Amended) for Deer-shooting, Lakes District Acclimatization District.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

WHEREAS by a Warrant dated the second day of March, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, made under the Animals Protection Act, 1908, regulations were made prescribing the deer-shooting season in the Lakes District Acclimatization District: And whereas it is expedient to amend the said regulations as hereinafter mentioned :

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the said Animals Protection Act, 1908, do hereby amend the First and Third Schedules thereof by substituting Matukituki in lieu of Makaroro.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this eleventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

G. W. RUSSELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Opening Lands in Hawke's Bay Land District for Sale or Selection by Discharged Soldiers.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

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 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 sale or selection on Thursday, the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen; 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.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—PATANGATA COUNTY.—
SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Purchase: To a Price.	Occupation with Right of Purchase: Half-yearly Rent.	Renewable Lease: Half-yearly Rent.
<i>Porangahau Survey District.</i>					
		A. R. P.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2	XV	616 0 0	5,220	130 10 0	104 8 0
3	"	618 0 0	5,230	130 15 0	104 12 0
6	"	284 3 38	2,430	60 15 0	48 12 0
1	XVI	831 0 0	7,000	175 0 0	140 0 0
2	"	804 0 0	6,360	159 0 0	127 4 0
3	"	910 0 0	7,670	191 15 0	153 8 0
*4	"	910 0 0	6,750	168 15 0	135 0 0
5	"	815 0 0	5,650	141 5 0	113 0 0
<i>Tautane Survey District.</i>					
1	III	686 0 0	4,740	118 10 0	94 16 0
1	IV	752 0 0	4,830	120 15 0	96 12 0

* Weighted with £450, valuation for improvements.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The block is situated between Porangahau and Whangaehu Station (Mr. C. H. St. Hill's), the nearest point being two miles distant from the township and the farthest seven miles and three-quarters.

The district is all good grazing-ground, suitable for both sheep and cattle rearing.

The altitudes vary from sea-level to 1,000 ft., and the country comprises flat, undulating, and hilly land, giving shelter from south and westerly winds. There is no broken country on the block, except the face fronting the sea, which is a high terrace with steep sides.

The block is well watered for the greater part of the year, but in dry seasons stock will have to rely upon the dams as stated, but, doubtless, further water can be obtained by sinking in suitable places.

DESCRIPTIONS OF SECTIONS.

Porangahau Survey District.

Section 2, Block XV.—Altitude, 100 ft. to 700 ft. Generally hilly land, with undulating valley bottoms and river-flats on Mangamaire Stream. In native grass, with scrub in places and a shelter clump of bush. Soil clay, on papa formation; general quality of land is good; well watered by stream and gullies. Distant four miles and a half from Porangahau by formed and for most part metalled road.

Section 3, Block XV.—Altitude, 100 ft. to 700 ft. above sea-level. Section hilly generally, with good valley and river-flats. In native grass, with heavy scrub on south side. Soil clay, on papa formation; general quality of section is good; well watered. Distant five miles from Porangahau by formed and for most part metalled road.

Section 6, Block XV.—Altitude, 30 ft. to 200 ft. above sea-level. Easy rolling and hill country, with about 50 acres valley and river-flats. Soil clay on hills and alluvial deposits on flats, resting on papa formation; general quality of section is good; well watered by streams and dam. Dis-