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Section 1, Block XVI.—Altitude, 30 ft. to 600 ft. above sea-level. Hilly and undulating country, with good level tops on spurs. In native grass and mingi and manuka scrub. Soil loamy clay, resting on clay formation; general quality of section is good; well watered except in dry seasons. Distant two miles from Porangahau, of which one mile is unformed.

Section 2, Block XVI.—Altitude, 30 ft. to 600 ft. above sea-level. Undulating to hilly, with good level and easy sloping uplands and foothills near Mangareia Stream and branch valley. Soil loamy clay, on clay formation; general quality of section is good; well watered for greater part of year. Distant two miles and three-quarters from Porangahau, of which one mile and a half is unformed.

Section 3, Block XVI.—Altitude, 70 ft. to 800 ft. Hilly country with easy sloping tops, and good flats near Mangareia Stream. Soil loamy clay on clay formation, with outcrop of limestone and sandstone; general quality of section is good; watered by dam and stream, which in dry seasons only holds water in holes. Distant three miles and a half from Porangahau, of which two miles and a quarter are unformed.

Section 4, Block XVI.—Altitude, 70 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level. About 350 acres flat and tablelands, balance hillsides forming slopes of Mount Pleasant. Soil clay generally, with rock outcrops, resting on papa formation. About 30 acres of bush in shelter clumps. General quality of section is good, but poorer on tablelands; well watered by two dams and large spring. Distant six miles and a half from Porangahau, of which five miles and a half are by unformed road.

Section 5, Block XVI.—Altitude, 30 ft. to 1,000 ft. Generally hilly, with good undulating spur tops. In native grass and scrub. Soil is clay, with rock outcrops in places, resting on clay formation. Shelter clumps of bush. General quality of section is fair, but is good on coast side. Part of sea face boggy owing to landslides. Well watered by dam and gully stream. Five miles distant from Porangahau, of which four miles are unformed.

Tautane Survey District.

Section 1, Block III.—Altitude, 100 ft. to 1,000 ft. Generally hilly, with fair flats on west and easy undulating land on east. In native grass and scrub, with shelter clumps of bush. Soil clay, resting on clay formation, with rock outcrops; general quality of section is fair, but is of good quality in basin towards west; well watered. Distant six miles and three-quarters from Porangahau, of which five miles and three-quarters are unformed.

Section 1, Block IV.—Altitude, 30 ft. to 1,000 ft. Hilly country rising evenly from sea-level to tableland. In native grass and scrub, with shelter clumps of bush. Soil clay, resting on clay and papa formation; general quality of land fair, but good on coast and near Whangaehu Station; watered by dam and gullies. Distant six miles and three-quarters from Porangahau, of which five miles and three-quarters are unformed.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Improvements which are included in the price of the sections comprise fencing valued as follows:—

Porangahau Survey District.—Section 2, Block XV, £79 10s.; Section 3, Block XV, £147 10s.; Section 1, Block XVI, £75; Section 2, Block XVI, £92 10s.; Section 3, Block XVI, £86; Section 4, Block XVI, £227; Section 5, Block XVI, £77 10s.

Tautane Survey District.—Section 1, Block III, £94; Section 1, Block IV, £48.

Improvements which are not included in the price of the section, but which must be paid for in cash, are as follows:—

Section 4, Block XVI, Porangahau Survey District.—Four-roomed cottage, cow-shed, and drafting and sheep yards, valued at £450.

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

F. H. D. BELL,

For Minister of Lands.

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 by discharged soldiers 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.—PORANGAHAU SURVEY DISTRICT.—MANGAORAPA BLOCK.

Second-class Land.

Section.	Block.	Area.	Cash Purchase: Total Price.		Occupation with Right of Purchase: Half-yearly Rent.		Renewable Lease: Half-yearly Rent.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1	V	A. R. P. 1,066 0 0	2,930		73 5 0	58 12 0		
2	"	694 3 27	2,950		73 15 0	59 0 0		
3	"	694 3 21	3,130		78 5 0	62 12 0		
1	VI	704 1 38	3,340		83 10 0	66 16 0		
2	"	704 1 34	3,170		79 5 0	63 8 0		
3	"	696 2 21	2,790		69 15 0	55 16 0		

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Section 1, Block V.—Altitude, 150 ft. to 325 ft. above sea-level. Open pastoral land, for most part flat, with a little easy undulating country in native grass and scrub. Soil is clay generally, on papa formation, and is fair in quality, but stony in places; well watered by Tangaruhe Stream. Nine miles from Porangahau—three miles and a half by unformed road.

Section 2, Block V.—Altitude, 250 ft. to 450 ft. Open pastoral country in native grass, with mingi and manuka scrub; chiefly flat and easy undulating land, mostly ploughable. Soil fair, consisting of clay on papa formation; well watered by Tangaruhe Stream. Eight miles from Porangahau—two miles and a half by unformed road.

Section 3, Block V.—Altitude, 250 ft. to 550 ft. above sea-level. Open pastoral land, hilly generally, with small flats in stream valley; in native grass and scrub. Soil is clay, resting on papa formation, from fair to good in quality; fairly well watered by Kaiparahorua Stream. Ten miles from Porangahau—three miles by unformed road.

Section 1, Block VI.—Altitude, 200 ft. to 300 ft. Open pastoral country, partly in grass and scrub, considerable area ploughable. Soil fair to good, consisting of clay on papa formation; well watered by Tangaruhe Stream. Eight miles from Porangahau—two miles and a half by unformed road.

Section 2, Block VI.—Altitude, 200 ft. to 300 ft. Open pastoral country; flat and easy rolling land somewhat broken in places, in mixed scrub and native grass; one quarter ploughable. Soil clay, on papa formation, fair in quality; well watered. Six miles from Porangahau—one mile by unformed road.

Section 3, Block VI.—Altitude, 200 ft. to 400 ft. Open pastoral country, flat terrace and undulating hills, in native grass and scrub. Soil is clay generally, on papa and rock formation; fairly well watered by Kaiparahorua Stream, but water will need to be conserved in summer. Nine miles from Porangahau—two miles by unformed road.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The block is situated between Messrs. Donnelly and Co.'s station on the south and Mr. J. D. Ormond's property on the north.

In the southern part of the block the nearest section is about six miles and the farthest about nine miles and a half from Porangahau Township, which contains a post and telegraph office, two stores, a saddler's shop, and a hotel. Waipukurau Borough and railway-station is about thirty-three miles distant.

There is a good metalled coach-road between Waipukurau and Porangahau, over which a daily motor mail and passenger service is maintained. From this road the access is via the Mangaorapa Road, which is gravelled, into the Manawaangi Settlement, at a distance of about two miles and a half,