

diers, shall be open for selection by discharged soldiers on renewable lease on Monday, the thirteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, at the rentals mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said lands shall be leased under and subject to the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and section one hundred and thirty-five of the Land Act, 1908, as they contain, or are supposed to contain, metal, mineral, or valuable stone.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Murchison County.—Matakitaki Survey District.—Westland Mining District.

SECTION 10, Block II: Area, 593 acres; capital value, £420; half-yearly rent, £8 8s.

Forty acres flat, mostly old mining-workings overgrown with blackberries; balance fairly steep hills. Soil on flat river alluvium, resting on gravel. The forest is red and brown birch, with dense undergrowth of five-finger, broadleaf, and birch scrub. Well watered. Elevation, 1,150 ft. to 2,500 ft. Access by good metalled road to western boundary of section, seventeen miles and a half from Murchison.

Section 11, Block II: Area, 398 acres; capital value, £490; half-yearly rent, £9 16s.

One hundred and fifty acres flat and terrace land, overgrown with blackberries; balance hilly. Soil on flat river alluvium, resting on gravel. Forest brown and red birch, with a few pines; dense undergrowth of maku, horopito, five-finger, broadleaf, and birch scrub. Well watered. Elevation, 1,250 ft. to 2,300 ft. Access by good metalled road from Murchison, seventeen miles and a half, and one mile and a half indifferent pack-track.

Section 13, Block II: Area, 542 acres; capital value, £770; half-yearly rent, £15 8s.

About 220 acres of flat land, balance hills. Flats of good quality, but mossy in places; hills fairly easy slopes. Forest brown and red birch, with a few pines. Dense undergrowth of horopito, five-finger, broadleaf, and birch scrub. Altitude, 1,300 ft. to 2,300 ft. Access from Murchison, seventeen miles and a half good metalled road, and three miles bad pack-track.

Section 21, Block VI: Area, 367 acres; capital value, £340; half-yearly rent, £6 16s.

About 15 acres flat on main road, balance undulating to very steep hills; lies well to the sun; blackberries on road frontage. Soil on flat river alluvium on gravel, hills sandstone and granite. Forest brown and red birch with a few matai, with dense undergrowth of horopito, five-finger, broadleaf, &c. Well watered. Elevation, 1,294 ft. to 2,977 ft. Access by metalled road, eighteen miles and a half from Murchison.

Section 2, Block VII: Area, 213 acres; capital value, £150; half-yearly rent, £3.

About 15 acres flat, balance steep hills, lies well to the sun. Soil on flat river alluvium, hills sandstone and slate shale. Forest brown and red birch, with a few matai and kahikatea; undergrowth broadleaf, five-finger, horopito, and birch scrub. Well watered. Elevation 1,350 ft. to 3,700 ft. Access by metalled road twenty miles from Murchison.

Section 3, Block VII: Area, 536 acres; capital value, £420; half-yearly rent, £8 8s.

Thirty acres flat, balance hills, lies well to the sun. Soil on flats river alluvium, hills slate shale and sandstone. Forest red and brown birch, with a few pines and totara on hill-sides; undergrowth of horopito, five-finger, broadleaf, and birch scrub. Well watered. Elevation, 1,375 ft. to 2,700 ft. Access by metalled road, twenty-one miles from Murchison.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this third day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

D. H. GUTHRIE, Minister of Lands.

Warrant authorizing the Southland County Council to construct a Bridge over the New River Estuary (together with Approaches thereto), and apportioning the Cost.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908 (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is, *inter alia*, enacted that in any case where the local authority of any district desires to construct a bridge or to establish a ferry or ford in any position that will, in its opinion, be of advantage and benefit to the whole or any considerable portion of the inhabitants of an adjacent district as well as to the inhabitants of its own district, and where it is, in the opinion of such local authority,

reasonable that the local authority of such adjacent district should contribute to the cost of constructing or establishing the said bridge, ferry, or ford, the provisions of the said section shall have effect:

And whereas the Southland County Council has given notice and taken the steps required by the said Act, and has made application to the Governor-General to authorize the construction of a bridge over the New River Estuary (together with approaches thereto), and to apportion the cost of constructing and establishing such work between the Southland County Council, the Invercargill Borough Council, and the South Invercargill Borough Council:

And whereas it is also provided in the said Act that the Governor-General (with the view of determining whether or not the work should be done, or what proportion, if any, of the cost of same should fairly be borne by any local authority, or what local authority should do the work) may direct any Magistrate or other person to be a Commissioner to inquire into and report to him on the matter:

And whereas by section four of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1908, the said section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908, was amended so as to enable the Governor-General to authorize the work to be executed either as originally proposed or with such alterations as are agreed on between the local authorities concerned, or as are recommended by the Commissioner:

And whereas a Commissioner was appointed and an inquiry was duly held in the manner provided by the said Act in respect to the work proposed to be executed, and in respect also to the apportionment of the cost of constructing such work:

And whereas such Commissioner did report to the Governor-General, after due inquiry, his opinion as to the matters respecting which he was appointed to report, and recommended that instead of the work originally proposed the work described in the Schedule hereto, and hereinafter referred to as "the said work," should be carried out:

And whereas the Invercargill Borough Council has consented to the issue of a Warrant authorizing the construction of the said work, and agreed with the Southland County Council as to the proportion of the cost of the said work which each shall have to pay:

And whereas I am of opinion that the said work should be done, and it is expedient to make provision under the said Act for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter set forth:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in me by the said Act, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby authorize the Southland County Council to execute the said work; and I do hereby declare that the cost of the actual structural part of the said bridge extending over the channel of the New River Estuary shall be borne by the Southland County Council and the Invercargill Borough Council in the following proportions—viz., the Southland County Council to bear seventeen twenty-seconds and the Invercargill Borough Council to bear five twenty-seconds of such cost respectively; and I do hereby further declare that the Southland County Council shall bear the whole cost of the remainder of the said work.

And I do hereby further direct that any contribution hereby required to be made as aforesaid by the Invercargill Borough Council shall be paid from time to time out of the funds of the said borough within a period of one month after demand in writing made by or on behalf of the Southland County Council as the work proceeds, and all such payments for and on account of the said Invercargill Borough Council shall be made to the Clerk of the Southland County Council.

This Warrant is subject to the Order in Council authorizing the Invercargill-Otatara tramway, except as to the structural part of the bridge across the channel, which shall be free from the said Order in Council, and over which there shall not be any right to lay, construct, or maintain any tramway.

SCHEDULE.

THAT bridge over the New River Estuary in the Southland Land District, together with the approaches thereto, extending from the road-line forming the southern boundary of Section 9, Block 21, Invercargill Hundred, to the western end of Tweed Street in the Town of Invercargill. As the site and design of the said bridge and approaches are more particularly delineated on the plans and specifications marked P.W.D. 48931 and 46053, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

J. G. COATES, Minister of Public Works.