

*Declaring Crown Lands in the Karamea and Westland Mining Districts, Nelson Land District, open for Disposal on Renewable Lease.*

[L.S.] JELlicoe, Governor-General.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by section one hundred and thirty-three of the Land Act, 1908, it is enacted that the Governor-General, by Proclamation, may from time to time declare any Crown lands within any mining district not held under lease or license, or for which a lease or license has been cancelled, to be open for disposal, as provided in section one hundred and thirty-five of the said Act:

Now, therefore, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by section one hundred and thirty-three of the said Act, and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that the sections of land described in the Schedules hereto shall be open on Monday, the thirtieth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, for disposal on renewable lease, as provided in section one hundred and thirty-five of the said Act; and I do also declare that, for the purposes of section one hundred and twenty-seven of the said Act, the sections of land described in the First Schedule hereto shall be deemed to be heavy-bush land, and the lands in the Second Schedule shall be scrub lands.

And I do hereby provide that, after the first half-year's rent has been paid by the selector, the further instalments of rent payable by him for periods of four years in the case of the heavy-bush land in the First Schedule, or two years in the case of the scrub land described in the Second Schedule, shall not be demanded; provided that if at any time during the first five years of his occupancy the selector disposes of his interest in the land the rent so conceded shall be paid by him in full, and thereupon the Land Board may remit such instalments of rent payable by the incoming tenant, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of rent previously conceded to the selector, as the Board thinks fit.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Heavy-bush Land.—Exempt from Rent for Four Years.

WESTLAND MINING DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Murchison County.—Burnett Survey District.*

SECTION 5, Block III: Area 482 acres; capital value, £340; half-yearly rent, £6 16s.

About 50 acres good flat land along river frontage and creeks, balance ranges from easy spurs to fairly steep country. All bush, principally red and brown birch, with a few pines on lower flats; mixed underscrub, consisting of horopito, broadleaf, five-finger, &c. Generally fair cattle-feed throughout. Good soil on flats, hillsides very fair to poor on highest slopes. About twenty-five miles to Murchison—about nineteen miles by formed road, balance by horse-track which is being gradually widened into cart-road.

*Murchison County.—Lewis Survey District.*

Section 1, Block IV: Area, 471 acres; capital value, £350; half-yearly rent, £7.

About 230 acres flat, balance steep sidling; the formation is a slaty schist soil, good on flat but poor on sidling. Part of section ploughable, balance pastoral country; about 5 acres open, remainder heavy birch bush, with thick underscrub of birch, broadleaf, and horopito. Altitude, 1,500 ft. to 4,000 ft. Thirty-five miles from Reefton, partly by pack-track and partly by formed road; or sixty-three miles from Murchison by formed road. Good homestead-site fronting the Alfred River.

*Murchison County.—Matakitaki Survey District.*

Section 2, Block VII, Section 3, Block VII, and Section 3, Block III: Total area, 1,215 acres. Capital value, £1,215. Half-yearly rent, £24 6s.

These sections comprise heavy-bush land, with frontage along Matakitaki River. The forest consists of brown and red birch, with a few pines and totaras on hillsides, with usual undergrowth. The sections are well watered. Elevation ranges from 1,350 ft. to 3,700 ft. The access is by good metalled road to the western boundary of the holding, seventeen miles and a half from Murchison. On Section 3, Block III, there are good flats along the river-bed. Section 2 contains about 15 acres of flat land, the balance being steep hills lying well to the sun. On Section 3 there are 30 acres of flat land. The soil on the river-flats is a river alluvium, and on the hills the soil is on a slate shale and sandstone.

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

About 15 acres flat land 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.

*Murchison County.—Matiri Survey District.*

Section 4, Block III: Area, 495 acres; capital value, £290 half-yearly rent, £5 16s.

All hills of fair quality, suitable for pastoral purposes; covered with bush, principally brown and silver birch of no commercial value. Altitude, 1,500 ft. to 3,500 ft. About nineteen miles from Glenhope Railway-station—fifteen miles by dray-road, balance by bridle-track.

National Endowment.

Section 14, Block XII: Area, 1,156 acres; capital value, £610; half-yearly rent, £12 4s.

Well watered; and all forest clad, principally red and brown birch, with some scattered pine and mountain totara, with good undergrowth of mixed scrub. This subdivision has a homestead-site, and there are some narrow flats of fairly good soil along the branches of Nuggety Creek and sides of spurs, and poor on top of spurs. Formation conglomerate and sandstone. When forest has been cleared, land in the vicinity has proved good sheep-country. Grass grows luxuriously. Altitude, from 900 ft. to 2,800 ft. About eight miles and a half from Murchison to commencement of block, three miles of which is by main coach-road, balance bridle-track.

*Murchison County.—Tutaki Survey District.*

National Endowment.

Section 22, Block IX: Area, 268 acres; capital value, £130; half-yearly rent, £2 12s.

Section 3, Block XIII: Area, 659 acres; capital value, £330; half-yearly rent, £6 12s.

Section 4, Block XIII: Area, 1,311 acres; capital value, £660; half-yearly rent, £13 4s.

Section 5, Block XIII: Area, 618 acres; capital value, £310; half-yearly rent, £6 4s.

Section 22.—Greater portion of section is hilly, with small flats on road; badly infested with blackberry. Soil fair quality, resting on shale formation. Forest is heavy, and comprises red and brown birch, with a few pines in places; heavy undergrowth of birch scrub, horopito, five-finger, maku, &c. Well watered. Altitude, 700 ft. to 2,170 ft. About six miles and a half from Murchison by good metalled dray-road.

Section 3.—Steep broken country, with the exception of small flats along road and river. Good soil on flats, hills very poor; sandstone, resting on granite formation. Part section badly overrun with blackberry on road frontage, and bush in places partly destroyed by fire; balance forest, consisting of red and brown birch, with a few pines, with heavy undergrowth of birch, horopito, and five-finger. Well watered by Ten-mile Creek. Altitude, 720 ft. to 3,000 ft. Ten miles from Murchison by good metalled dray-road.

Section 4.—Principally rough hilly country, with some good swampy flats along road and river frontage. Fair soil on flats, which are alluvial; hills poor sandstone, resting on granite formation. All in forest, consisting of red and brown birch, with a few odd white-pines and matai, with heavy undergrowth of horopito, birch, and five-finger. Some small patches burnt but not grassed, overgrown with fern and blackberry. Well watered by Mailman's Creek. Altitude, 800 ft. to 3,000 ft. Ten miles and a half from Murchison by good metalled dray-road.

Section 5.—Hilly country, with the exception of about 20 acres flat and undulating along road. Fair soil, sandstone, on granite formation. All in forest, consisting of birch, with a few odd pines on flat, and heavy undergrowth of horopito,