

*Declaring Crown Lands in the Westland and Karamea 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 Schedule hereto shall be open on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of February, 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.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.

WESTLAND MINING DISTRICT.—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Murchison County.—Burnett Survey District.*

SECTION 8, Block III: Area, 657 acres; capital value, £330; half-yearly rent, £6 12s.

Situated in Mid-Maruia Valley, about twenty-six miles from Murchison—twenty-five miles formed road, one mile pack-track. Section runs from river-flat to high hills, with fair area undulating land in vicinity of Ruffe's Creek. Soil good on flats, fair on hills, sandstone and granite formation. Forest fairly heavy mixed birch and pine. Not accessible enough to be of value. Fair undergrowth of birch scrub and horopito, little broadleaf, five-finger, &c. Well watered. Elevation 850 ft. to 2,700 ft. above sea-level.

Sections 1 and 2, Block IV: Total area, 1,312 acres; capital value, £780; half-yearly rent, £15 12s.

Weighted with £308, valuation for improvements consisting of felling and grassing 220 acres.

Situated in Shennandoah River Valley, thirty miles from Murchison. Access, twenty-eight miles good dray-road and two miles pack-track. Soil good on small river-flats, remainder undulating to steep hills, 220 acres felled, burnt, and grassed, but beginning to run to fern. Good loam, clayey in places, sandstone formation. Forest medium to heavy, of no commercial value, comprising mixed birch, fair undergrowth of birch scrub, with a little horopito and broadleaf. Well watered. Elevation, 1,200 ft. to 2,300 ft. above sea-level.

Sections 4 and 5, Block IV: Total area, 723 acres; capital value, £600; half-yearly rent, £12.

Weighted with £154, valuation for improvements consisting of 110 acres felled and grassed.

Situated in Shennandoah River Valley, about thirty miles from Murchison—twenty-eight miles by formed road, two miles by bridle-track. Small flats with fair soil, remainder undulating to hillside. Soil of fair loam, sandstone formation. Forest medium to heavy, but of no commercial value, comprising mixed birch; fair undergrowth of birch scrub, horopito, &c. Well watered. General quality fair to good. Altitude, 1,200 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level.

Sections 1 and 7, Block VIII: Total area, 911 acres; capital value, £600; half-yearly rent, £12.

Weighted with £60, valuation for improvements consisting of felling and grassing 120 acres, 60 acres of which is now valueless, owing to second growth and neglect.

Situated twenty-eight miles from Murchison and within one mile of a telephone office. Warwick Junction Post-office is six miles and a half distant. Access is from Murchison, twenty-seven miles by formed metalled road and one mile newly formed dray-road unmetalled. 240 acres flat, undulating, and terrace land; remainder hillside. Soil is a good loam on flat, poor on hillside, resting on slate and granite formation. Medium forest of red and brown birch, with a light undergrowth. Well watered. Elevation rises from 1,400 ft. to 3,000 ft. above sea-level. General quality fair.

THIRD-CLASS LAND.

*Murchison County.—Burnett Survey District.*

Section 6, Block IV: Area, 850 acres; capital value, £450; half-yearly rent, £9.

Situated up Pea Soup Creek in the Maruia Valley, twenty-one miles from Murchison—seventeen miles by formed road,

thence by bridle-track. A little flat land along creeks, remainder hillside, bushclad. Soil a fair loam in vicinity of creeks, inferior on hillside, resting on sandstone and granite formation. Medium bush of red, silver, and brown birch, with a fair undergrowth. Land inclined to be mossy. Well watered. General quality fair to poor. Altitude, 800 ft. to 2,300 ft. above sea-level.

*Murchison County.—Maruia Survey District.*

Section 7, Block XVI: Area, 413 acres; capital value, £240; half-yearly rent, £4 16s.

Weighted with £25 10s., valuation for improvements consisting of felling and grassing 17 acres.

Situated twenty-one miles from Murchison—seventeen miles by good formed road, then four miles up Pea Soup Creek, where there is no road or formed track, but it is possible to ride a horse up the creek. Small flats along creek-bed, remainder of section hillside, all forest consisting of mixed birch with a few matai; medium undergrowth of birch scrub and broadleaf. Soil fair loam running to light, on granite and sandstone formation. Well watered. Altitude, 800 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Murchison County.—Matakitaki Survey District.*

Sections 3 and 4, Block IX: Total area, 706 acres; capital value, £360; half-yearly rent, £7 4s.

Weighted with £67 10s., valuation for 30 acres felled and grassed.

Part Rappahannock Block, four miles and a half from Maruawera Post and Telephone Office. Access from Murchison, thirty miles distant—twenty-seven miles good road, two miles and a half of newly formed road, balance bridle-track. Good building-site on Cave Stream; small flats up Diamond Creek; but most of sections consists of hillside, entirely bushclad. Improvements comprise 32 acres felled and grassed, fair condition. Soil good on frontage and gullies, poor to fair on hillside, conglomerate formation. Forest medium brown and red birch and some totara and rata, of no commercial value. Undergrowth light, consisting of birch scrub, konini, and horopito. Well watered. Elevation, 1,300 ft. to 2,600 ft. above sea-level. General quality fair, but inclined to be shady.

KARAMEA MINING DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Buller County.—Marina Survey District.*

Section 2, Block X, and Section 3, Block VI: Total area, 822 acres; capital value, £420; half-yearly rent, £8 8s.

Situated on banks of Mokihinui River, about sixteen miles from its mouth. Access is from Seddonville, about twelve miles and a half by bridle-track which is now unsafe for horse traffic. About 110 acres flat, balance steep inferior birch country. Soil on flat is fair, resting on inferior limestone formation. Forest chiefly light birch, with light undergrowth of birch. Well watered. Elevation, 600 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1, Block VI: Area, 451 acres; capital value, £180; half-yearly rent, £3 12s.

Weighted with £95, valuation for improvements consisting of 43 acres felled and grassed, and hut of sawn totara timber with iron roof and chimney.

Situated on the south bank of the Mokihinui River, fifteen miles from its mouth. Access is from Seddonville by two miles of dray-road and nine miles of metalled bridle-track. Twenty acres of flat land, balance steep hills. Soil fair along river, poor on hills, resting on papa formation. Forest is heavy, consisting of mixed birch and rimu, with dense undergrowth of five-finger, birch, and broadleaf. Well watered. Elevation, 600 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level.

WESTPORT HARBOUR ENDOWMENT.

*Buller County.—Mokihinui Survey District.*

Section 9, Block XVI: Area, 123 acres; capital value, £210; half-yearly rent, £4 4s.

Situated on north bank of Mokihinui River. Access from Seddonville, one mile from railway-station by metalled road, thence across Mokihinui River by ford to section. Sloping to steep hills. Soil fair, papa formation; forest rimu, birch, &c. Heavy milling-timber in patches, but inaccessible; dense undergrowth mixed scrub. Section well watered. Elevation, 120 ft. to 650 ft. above sea-level. Forty acres was felled and grassed some years ago, but is now in second growth.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand; and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, at the Government House at Wellington, this 8th day of December, 1921.

D. H. GUTHRIE, Minister of Lands.

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