

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Timber in Wellington Land District for Sale by Tender.

State Forest Service,
Wellington, 11th August, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the purchase of the undermentioned milling-timber are invited from local bodies and public bodies, and will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on the 29th September, 1921, at the office of the Conservator of State Forests, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

An approximate area of 330 acres, portion of the Ruapehu State Forest No. 42, situated in Block IX, Ruapehu, and Block XII, Manganui Survey Districts, County of Waimarino.

The estimated quantity of timber on the land is 5,385,400 sup. feet (board feet), more or less, of all kinds—the quantities of each kind being silver-pine 703,000 sup. feet, kawaka 1,095,000 sup. feet, beech 1,673,000 sup. feet, rimu 1,120,000 sup. feet, other species (mountain totara, kahikatea, and miro) 791,000 sup. feet; 1,500 silver-pine poles 20 ft. long, and 544 kawaka poles 25 ft. long. (Quantities calculated by Hoppus formula.)

TERMS OF PAYMENT.

One-tenth of the purchase-money, a license fee of £1 ls., and survey costs £50, must be deposited with each tender; the balance shall be divided into nine equal instalments, which shall be paid quarterly from the date of the license. All instalment-payments shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum as from the date of the license, and with interest added shall be secured by "on demand" promissory notes made and endorsed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of State Forests.

In addition, the successful tenderer will be required to pay a ground rent of 1s. per acre per annum, payment to be made half-yearly in advance.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. The right to cut and remove the timber will be sold in accordance with the terms of the State Forests Act, 1908, the regulations made thereunder, and the following conditions.

2. Intending tenderers are expected to visit the locality and to satisfy themselves in every particular on all matters relating to the sale.

3. The aforementioned quantities, qualities, and kinds as to the said timber shall be taken as sufficiently accurate for the purpose of this sale, and no contracts for purchase shall be voidable, nor shall the successful purchaser be entitled to any abatement in price, by reason of the said timber being of less quantity, quality, or kind than as stated herein or in any advertisement having reference to the said timber.

4. The promissory notes will be presented at intervals as indicated in the terms of payment, but they may be presented for payment at earlier dates if it is found that more than a due proportion of timber has been cut, or should any breach of the conditions occur, or if in the opinion of the Conservator the interests of the Crown are being jeopardized.

5. The tenderer must state the total price that he is prepared to pay for each species, and the price per pole for silver-pine and kawaka.

6. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and the timber described is submitted for sale subject to the final acceptance of the tender by the Commissioner of State Forests.

7. A return, which must be verified by affidavit, giving the number of logs and poles cut of each species and their contents, must be made quarterly by the licensee each quarter ending on the last day of March, June, September, and December respectively in each year. A return, similarly verified, must be made quarterly on the same dates showing the output of sawn timber of each species.

8. All timber must be cut to the best advantage, and the maximum number of poles produced to the satisfaction and under the supervision of an authorized Officer of the State Forest Service.

9. The whole of the silver-pine (over 6 in. in diameter), including dead standing and fallen trees, shall be thoroughly cleaned up, and that which is not suitable for poles shall be cut for sleepers, posts, strainers, stays, battens, house-blocks, or other purposes.

10. The settlement of any disputes shall be effected by the Conservator of State Forests, but there shall be a right of appeal to the Commissioner of State Forests, whose decision in all cases shall be final.

11. The successful tenderer will be granted a license to cut timber the period of which shall expire on 31st December, 1923, and which shall not be transferable except with the consent of the Commissioner of State Forests. The period of the license shall not be extended.

12. The successful tenderer must commence cutting operations within six months of the date of the granting of the license.

13. The right is reserved to the Commissioner of State Forests to withdraw from sale any or all of the said timber either before or after the closing date for receipt of tenders.

14. Tenders should be addressed, Conservator of State Forests, District Lands and Survey Office, Wellington, and envelopes endorsed "Tenders for Timber."

Further particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned, or at the Head Office, State Forest Service, Wellington.

G. H. M. McCLURE,
Conservator of State Forests.

Land in Kelso Settlement, Otago Land District, open for Selection on Renewable Lease.

Department of Lands and Survey,
Dunedin, 16th August, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned land is open for selection on renewable lease under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and amendments; and applications will be received at this office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 25th October, 1921.

Applicants should appear personally before the Land Board for examination at this office at 10 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the 26th October.

The ballot will be held on Wednesday, the 26th October, at the conclusion of examination of applicants.

Preference at the ballot will be given to landless applicants who have one or more children dependent on them; to landless applicants who within two years immediately preceding date of ballot have applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully; to applicants who have served beyond New Zealand as members of the Expeditionary Force; and to persons engaged on military service beyond New Zealand in connection with the late war, if such persons immediately prior to the war were *bona fide* residents of New Zealand.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.

Kelso Settlement.—Tuapeka County.—Greenvale Survey District.

SECTION 3s: Area, 143 acres; capital value, £2,760 (buildings, £35*); half-yearly rent, £62 2s.

* Payable in cash.

The improvements included in the capital value of the section consist of boundary and subdivisional fences valued at £111 17s.

The improvements not included in the capital value, but which have to be paid for separately, are: Yards and dip, £10; also hut on sledge (nearest stable), now on Allotment 5s, £25. Total valuation for buildings, £35, payable in cash. The hut must be removed by the lessee of Section 3s and re-erected on his allotment at his own expense.

This property lies about three miles from Heriot Township, and about the same distance from Kelso. It is practically level. Access by good roads. The soil is a black loam on good subsoil. It is capable of growing good oats, roots, and grass.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Term of lease, thirty-three years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years, and a right to acquire the freehold.

2. Rent, 4½ per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable in advance on 1st January and 1st July in each year.

3. Applicants to be twenty-one years of age and upwards.

4. Applicants to furnish with applications statutory declaration, and, on being declared successful, deposit £1 ls. (lease fee) and a half-year's rent. Rent for the broken period between date of lease and 1st January or 1st July following is also payable.

5. Applications made on the same day are deemed to be simultaneous.

6. Preference at the ballot will be given to landless applicants who have one or more children dependent on them; to landless applicants who within two years immediately preceding date of ballot have applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully; to applicants who have served beyond New Zealand as members of the Expeditionary Force; and to persons engaged on military service beyond New Zealand in connection with the late war, if such persons immediately prior to the war were *bona fide* residents of New Zealand.

7. No person may hold more than one allotment.

8. Successful applicants to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.

9. Lessee to reside continuously on the land, and pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.

10. Improvements.—Lessee is required to improve the land within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the price; within two years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to the value of £1 for every acre of first-class land, 10s. for every acre of second-class land, and 2s. 6d. for every acre of third-class land.

11. Transfer not allowed until expiration of fifth year of lease, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only with permission.

12. Roads may be taken through the lands at any time within seven years; twice the original value to be allowed for area taken for such roads.

13. Lease is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

ROBT. T. SADD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.