

*Waimea County.—Hope Survey District.*

Section 2, Block VIII: Area, 1,400 acres. Capital value, £1,160. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £29. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £23 4s.

Altitude from about 1,400 ft. to 2,400 ft. Country runs from easy slopes to rough, broken country, about 300 acres being rough and inferior; balance is fair sheep-country. Bush is brown and red birch.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 18th day of November, 1921.

D. H. GUTHRIE, Minister of Lands.

*Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1908, for the Control of Operations in connection with Prospecting for, Production, and Storage of Mineral Oils and Natural Gas.*

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Mining Act, 1908, and its amendments, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand doth hereby make the following additional amendments to the regulations made under the said Act on the third day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and gazetted on the fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (hereinafter referred to as "the said regulations"); and doth hereby declare that the amendments to the said regulations hereby made shall be read as part of the principal regulations, and shall come into force on the date of the gazetting hereof.

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

REGULATIONS 193 to 301 (both inclusive) of the said regulations are hereby revoked and the following substituted therefor:—

*Definitions.*

193. In this Part of these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context,—

"Apparatus" means electrical apparatus, and includes all apparatus, machines, and fittings in which conductors are used, or of which they form a part.

"Authorized person" means a competent person appointed in writing by the well-manager to carry out certain duties.

"Board of Examiners" means the Board of Examiners appointed pursuant to sections 226 and 227 of the Mining Act, 1908.

"Casing" means the pipe commonly used within wells drilled for natural gas or petroleum.

"Circuit" means an electrical circuit forming a system or branch of a system.

"Conductor" means an electrical conductor arranged to be electrically connected to a system.

"Earthed" means connected to the general mass of earth in such manner as will ensure at all times an immediate discharge of electrical energy without danger.

"High pressure" means a pressure in a system normally above 650 volts, but not exceeding 3,000 volts, where the electrical energy is used or supplied.

"Inspector" means an Inspector of Mines appointed under the Mining Act, 1908.

"Live" means electrically charged.

"Mining operations" and "mining purposes" mean boring or otherwise prospecting for natural gas, petroleum, or oil, and drilling, operating, or abandoning a well or spring as herein defined or the refinement of oil produced therefrom and includes:—

(a.) The storing, conveyance, and treatment of any natural gas, petroleum, or oil, or other similar product.

(b.) The erection, maintenance, and use of machinery and the construction or use of races, dams, channels, tanks, lighters, vessels, pipe lines, reservoirs, and other works of whatsoever kind connected with any such operations or purposes.

(c.) The deposit or discharge of debris, refuse, and waste products produced from or consequent on any such operations or purposes.

(d.) The lawful use of land, watercourses, water, and the doing of all lawful acts incident or conducive to any such purposes or operations.

"Oil" means crude or refined mineral oil and their products, excluding water.

"Open sparking" means sparking which, owing to the lack of adequate provision for preventing the ignition of inflammable gas external to apparatus, would ignite such inflammable gas.

"Pressure" means the difference of electrical potential between any two conductors through which supply

of energy is given, or between any part of either conductor and the earth.

"System" means an electrical system in which all conductors and apparatus are electrically connected to a common source of electromotive force.

"Well" means a borehole drilled for the purpose of developing natural gas or petroleum, or a borehole producing natural gas or petroleum.

"Well-manager" means the person having actual control of well operations.

"Well operations" mean drilling, operating, or abandoning such well as hereinbefore defined, or the refinement of oil produced therefrom, or any mining operations.

"Well-operator" means any legally responsible person, persons, firm, partnership, syndicate, corporation, company, or association that drills, operates, or abandons, or purposes to drill, operate, or abandon, such well as hereinbefore defined.

"Workman" includes every person employed in working for wages, or on contract, on or in connection with any well operations.

*Workmen.*

194. No person under the age of eighteen years shall be employed at well operations.

195. Every workman at well operations shall be supplied by the manager or authorized person with a copy of these regulations, and shall be warned by such manager or supervisor of the danger of the ignition of inflammable gas or oil.

196. If more than six persons are employed at one time at any well operations there shall be provided near such operations, and not in the engine-house, boiler-house, or any building in which oil is stored or dealt with, sufficient accommodation for enabling the workmen to conveniently wash themselves and to dry and change their clothing.

*Officials.*

197. On and after the date of the gazetting of these regulations no person shall be employed to act in the capacity of well-manager and have charge of well operations unless he is the holder of a service permit granted by the Board of Examiners.

198. A service permit shall not be granted unless the applicant satisfies the Board of Examiners that (a) he resides in New Zealand, and that (b) he has had in the aggregate at least three years' practical experience in various capacities at well operations where gas and oil have been dealt with, and that (c) he is a person of ability, sobriety, and good conduct; provided that such Board may, if it thinks fit, waive the requirements specified in conditions (a) and (b) of this regulation in the case of a borehole which has been drilled in search for coal producing gas.

199. The Board of Examiners shall have the power to refuse to grant a service permit or to cancel any permit granted as aforesaid.

200. If a well-manager is at any time incapacitated from performing his duties, or is about to be absent from the well operations for more than six working-days, he or the well-operator shall appoint some person, approved in writing by an Inspector, as deputy manager during such incapacity or absence; but no such deputy shall act for more than fourteen working-days at any one time, unless authorized to do so by an Inspector.

201. A license to bore for petroleum or other mineral oils or natural gas shall be issued, in the case of Crown lands, only to the holder or holders of a mineral prospecting warrant or a mineral lease granted under the Mining Act, 1908, or, in the case of any lands other than Crown lands, to the owner or owners of the land to which the license shall relate. (The word "owner" in this case shall mean also any person or body corporate to whom the owner of the land shall request that a license be granted.)

202. Application for a license to bore for petroleum or other mineral oils or natural gas shall be addressed to the Minister on the form numbered 117 in the Eleventh Schedule hereto, and shall be accompanied by a fee of £5.

203. The license shall be in the form numbered 118 in the Eleventh Schedule hereto. An owner or operator having obtained a license to drill shall not be under the necessity of confining his operations to one bore, but may drill any number of bores during the currency of his license, provided that Regulations 204 and 205 shall be complied with in respect of each and every bore, and the approval of an Inspector obtained before any bore is commenced.

*Commencement of Drilling.*

204. The owner, agent, or manager of any well or bore shall, before commencing the work of drilling, give written notice to an Inspector of his intention to drill, and such notice shall contain the following information:—

(a.) Statement of location and elevation above sea-level of the floor of the proposed derrick and drill rig.