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Section 3, Block VII: Area, 305 acres 1 rood 7 perches; capital value, £1,320; half-yearly rent, £26 8s.

Distant from Piopio about eleven miles, six miles of which are formed dray-road, the remainder track. The section comprises easy and steep slopes, covered in parts with heavy bush, and at the southern end fern and manuka. Soil is of good quality, on papa. The elevation ranges from 500 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level.

Section 4, Block VII: Area, 376 acres; capital value, £1,490; half-yearly rent, £29 16s.

Section 5, Block VII: Area, 402 acres; capital value, £1,290; half-yearly rent, £25 16s.

Sections 4 and 5 are about ten miles and a half from Piopio, of which six miles are dray-road, the rest track. The sections comprise easy and steep slopes covered with heavy bush, giving place to fern and manuka near the road. Soil is of good quality, on papa. The elevation ranges from 500 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level.

Section 5, Block VIII: Area, 383 acres; capital value, £1,930; half-yearly rent, £38 12s.

Distant from Piopio about seven miles and three-quarters (of which six miles are dray-road), and about thirteen miles from Kopaki (of which eleven miles are formed dray-road). The section comprises easy country, with vegetation varying from heavy bush to open fern and manuka. Soil is good, on papa formation. The elevation ranges from 500 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

This is a block of Crown land situated about six miles to the south of Piopio, and adjoining the Karu Settlement. The country is partly open and partly bush. The land varies from flat and undulating to easy and steep hills, and in places there are outcrops of rhyolite. The soil is generally a pumiceous loam, lying on papa and sandstone formation. The access will be from Piopio, on the Te Kuiti - Awakino Road, and also from Kopaki Railway-station. There is a dray-road, about six miles of which are metalled, from Kopaki for about nine miles to near the eastern boundaries of Section 11, Block V, Totoro Survey District. About six miles of the access from Piopio is formed dray-road. The unformed roads will be put in hand shortly. Horses can now be taken to most parts of the block. The land is generally well watered, and the altitude above sea-level varies from 450 ft. on the river-flats to about 1,200 ft. on the high ridges. The forest consists of tawa, mahoe, towhai, and hinau, with a little rimu and kahikatea, with the usual undergrowth.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 10th day of July, 1922.

D. H. GUTHRIE, Minister of Lands.

#### Opening Lands in Taranaki Land District for Sale or Selection.

##### JELLICOE, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1908, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, having received the report of the Under-Secretary in this behalf, as provided by section one hundred and fifty-four of the said Act, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on Friday, the twenty-second day of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash, or be selected for occupation with right of purchase, or on renewable lease; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased, as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

#### SCHEDULE.

##### TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

##### SECOND-CLASS LAND.

##### Whangamomona County.—Mahoe Survey District.

SECTION 6, Block XI: Area, 536 acres. Capital value, £670. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £16 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £13 8s.

Weighted with £18, valuation for improvements consisting of felling and grassing.

Situated on the Round Hill Road, which is formed. Access is from Whangamomona, about thirteen miles distant by formed dray-road. Comprises small flats along the frontage, the balance being steep ridges with a fair-sized valley in the middle of the section. Soil is of rather light quality in parts, resting on sandstone and papa formation. A small portion

of the section is covered with light scrub, but the greater part is heavy bush comprising tawa, rimu, rata, rewarewa, tawhero, &c., with a dense undergrowth of supplejack, mahoe, raureka, &c. Well watered by small streams. Elevation ranges from 500 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level.

Section 6, Block XIV: Area, 963 acres. Capital value, £1,090. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £27 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £21 16s.

Weighted with £255, valuation of improvements consisting of felling, grassing, and fencing.

Situated on the Kohi and Taumata Roads. Access is from Whangamomona Railway-station, which is about fourteen miles and a half distant. There is a dray-road to the section along the Whanga and Kohi Roads. Bridle-track along Taumata Road. Comprises broken country, with a small area of flats along the road and tableland above Taumata Road. Soil is of good quality, on papa and sandstone. The forest is dense, comprising tawa, rimu, rata, tawhero, and a few totara, with a thick undergrowth of pitau, karamu, &c. Well watered. Elevation ranges from 400 ft. to 1,460 ft. above sea-level.

Section 2, Block XV: Area, 1,027 acres 0 roods 14 perches. Capital value, £1,160. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £29. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £23 4s.

Situated at the junction of the Whangamomona and Kura-pete Roads. Access is from the Whangamomona Railway-station, which is about fifteen miles distant by formed dray-road. Comprises about 690 acres heavy bush, 290 acres old burn, now dense scrub, 50 acres second growth. Broken country, with small flats along Whangamomona Road. Soil is of good quality, resting on papa formation. The forest is dense, comprising rimu, tawa, tawhero, rata, and a few totara and birch on ridges, with a thick undergrowth of karamu, raureka, &c. Well watered. Elevation ranges from 310 ft. to 1,490 ft. above sea-level.

##### Clifton County.—Mimi Survey District.

Section 67, Block X: Area, 250 acres. Capital value, £160. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £4. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 4s.

Weighted with £190, valuation for improvements consisting of felling and grassing.

Situated on the Waiti Road, a branch road off the main North Road between Urenui and Pukearuhe. The access is from Urenui, which is about eleven miles distant via North Road, which is metalled to the junction of the Waiti Road about nine miles, then one mile and a half formed dray-road, balance unformed. Comprises very rough and narrow ridges, with steep spurs running down to stream through middle of section. Soil is of fair quality, on papa formation. The forest is fairly heavy, consisting of rata, tawa, rewarewa, rimu, &c., with a dense undergrowth of supplejack, kiekie, &c. Well watered by streams. Elevation ranges from 100 ft. to 750 ft. above sea-level.

##### FIRST-CLASS LAND.

##### Waitomo County.—Pahi Survey District.

Section 8, Block I: Area, 248 acres 1 rood 27 perches. Capital value, £500. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £12 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £10.

Situated on the main Mangapehi Tramline and road reserve. Access is from Mangapehi Railway-station, which is about six miles distant. Comprises mixed heavy bush and open scrub and fern country at the northern end, and undulating to fairly steep hills. Soil is of good quality generally, on papa formation. The forest is heavy, comprising tawa, rimu, tawhero, mahoe, with a heavy undergrowth. Well watered by streams. Elevation ranges from 1,300 ft. to 1,900 ft. above sea-level.

##### SECOND-CLASS LAND.

##### Waitomo County.—Pahi Survey District.

Section 9, Block I: Area, 338 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £510. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £12 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £10 4s.

Situated on the main Mangapehi Tramline. The best access can be obtained from the Ellis Road at the western end, which is formed to the boundary. Access is from Mangapehi, which is about four miles and a half distant. Comprises easy slopes to steep ridges covered for the greater part with heavy bush, and a small area of open scrub country at the western end. Soil is of fair quality, resting on rhyolite and papa. The forest is heavy, comprising tawa, hinau, rimu, rata, &c., with a dense undergrowth. Well watered by streams. The elevation ranges from 1,077 ft. to 1,800 ft. above sea-level.

##### FIRST-CLASS LAND.

##### Waitomo County.—Piopiatea West Survey District.

Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, Block III: Area, 94 acres 2 roods 1 perch. Capital value, £520. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £13. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £10 8s.