

intersecting the section. Distance about seventeen miles from Te Araroa by road, nine miles being unformed.

Section 2, Block X.—Altitude, from 1,600 ft. to 3,075 ft. above sea-level. This section comprises practically a steep-sided basin occupying a warm situation opening out towards the north. Along the south-eastern boundary is situated about 100 acres of easy slopes on which a good homestead-site is located. Distance about sixteen miles from Te Araroa by road, eight miles being unformed.

Section 3, Block XIV.—Altitude, from 1,500 ft. to 2,400 ft. above sea-level. Steep to easy hills, with some broken faces along the Tapatu Stream and Karakatuwhero River. The greater portion of this section enjoys a warm northerly aspect, with some southerly slopes on the middle portion. A homestead-site should be located close to the road. Distance about thirteen miles from Te Araroa by road, five miles being unformed.

Section 4, Block XIV.—Altitude, from 1,500 ft. to 2,900 ft. above sea-level. Comprising steep slopes from north and south boundaries into Makakariki Stream. Small proportion tawhero bush along northern boundary. A homestead-site will have to be located below road on north boundary. Possibly this may be some chains down the slope, in which case a track will have to be graded up to the road. Distance about thirteen miles and a half from Te Araroa by road, five miles and a half being unformed.

Section 5, Block XIV.—Altitude, from 1,600 ft. to 1,300 ft. above sea-level. The greater portion of this section enjoys a warm easterly and northerly aspect, with some southerly slopes on the middle portion. A homestead-site should be found in the vicinity of the road. Distance about thirteen miles and a half from Te Araroa by road, five miles and a half being unformed.

Section 6, Block XIV.—Comprising top of spur. No visible water-supply. Altitude, about 2,400 ft. above sea-level.

Section 3, Block II.—Altitude, from 1,200 ft. to 2,900 ft. above sea-level. About two-thirds of the section has a steep southerly aspect, the remainder a warm northerly and easterly aspect. A good homestead-site is located at the south-east corner on the Kopupounamu River. Distance about fifteen miles from Te Araroa, thirteen miles being metalled road, remainder river-bed.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 30th day of July, 1923.

W. NOSWORTHY, for Minister of Lands.

*Opening Settlement Lands in Taranaki Land District for Selection.*

**JELlicoe, Governor-General.**

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1908, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1908, and amendments, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the settlement lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Monday, the fifth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, at the rentals mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said lands shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Acts.

**SCHEDULE.**

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.

*Piu Settlement.—Waitomo County.—Mapara Survey District.*

Section.	Area.			Capital Value.	Half-yearly Rent.
	A.	R.	P.		
1s	402	1	37	£ 1,400	£ s. d. 31 10 0
2s	271	1	20	3,650	82 2 6
				350*	17 13 6†
3s	416	2	0	3,100	69 15 0
4s	429	0	0	4,850	109 2 6
				750*	37 17 6†
5s	296	3	0	1,100	24 15 0
6s	282	0	0	2,600	58 10 0
				50†	

\* Buildings. † Payable in cash. ‡ Half-yearly instalment on buildings.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**

The improvements which are not included in the capital value of the land are as follows:—

Section 2s.—House of four rooms, with bathroom and pantry, built of matai and rimu, with iron roof on top of malthoid; also iron shed; valued at £350. Payable in cash, or in twenty-eight half-yearly instalments of £17 13s. 6d. Total half-yearly payment on lease, £99 16s.

Section 4s.—Homestead of six rooms and bathroom, built of rimu and matai, hot- and cold-water service; also shed, built of rimu, used as stable, store-shed, and wool-shed; all under iron roof; valued at £750. Payable in cash, or in twenty-eight half-yearly instalments of £37 17s. 6d. Total half-yearly payment on lease, £147.

Section 6s.—Timber and whare valued at £50, now on Section 4s. Payable in cash.

The improvements which are included in the capital value are valued as follows: Section 1s, 92 chains fencing, valued at £138; Section 2s, 280 chains fencing, valued at £420; Section 3s, 98 chains fencing, valued at £147; Section 4s, 292 chains fencing, valued at £438; Section 5s, 70 chains fencing, valued at £105; Section 6s, 62 chains fencing, valued at £94.

**DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.**

Section 1s.—Comprises about 120 acres on the eastern side felled and grassed about four years ago; balance covered generally with fern and scrub, with small patches of bush. A good deal will be ploughable when cleared, as the section is undulating; but at least one-third of section is on top of a rhyolite bluff which may prove expensive to bring in.

Section 2s.—About 25 acres of rough fern-covered hills, which have been burnt off and surface sown but have gone back to fern, &c. 100 acres ploughed and laid down in permanent grass, which may have deteriorated, 58 acres of which is enclosed and subdivided, with cottage; balance comprises easy undulating country.

Section 3s.—Comprises about 60 acres broken country in light bush and fern; 50 acres felled and grassed; 10 acres shelter-bush; balance burnt off and surface sown, but is now a good deal overgrown with fern, &c. The section comprises about 100 acres broken, the balance undulating, mostly ploughable. Few outcrops of rhyolite near road frontage.

Section 4s.—About 60 acres has been ploughed and laid down in grass; 100 acres of bush has been felled and grassed; the balance, with the exception of a few patches of bush, has been mostly burnt off and surface sown, but through being unoccupied this is becoming overgrown with fern, &c. With the exception of some 70 acres of steep country on western side, this section is generally easy undulating land.

Section 5s.—Comprises about 30 acres on the eastern side felled and grassed about four years ago; balance mostly covered with fern and scrub; a few places burnt and surface sown, but reverting to unimproved state. Mostly easy undulating ploughable land; but northern portion of section is on top of rhyolite bluff which may prove expensive to bring in.

Section 6s.—A small portion near the Omaru Road has been ploughed and laid down in permanent pasture. With the exception of a few patches of shelter-bush, the balance has been burnt and surface sown, but is now a good deal overgrown with fern, &c. The section is nearly all easy undulating land.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION.**

The settlement is situated some eight miles south-westward from Kopaki, which is a railway-station on the Auckland-Wellington line some thirteen miles south of Te Kuiti. The road from Kopaki (where there is a post-office, store, &c.) to the south end of this block is a good metalled dray-road, and gives access to Sections 2s and 4s, but access to Sections 1s, 3s, 5s, and 6s is by a recently formed dray-road. When the Omaru Road has been joined up with the Tikitiki Road along the already surveyed route the northern end of the block will be distant by good dray-roads from the market town of Te Kuiti some eighteen miles, while the south end of the block will be distant from the market town of Taumarunui via Mapiu and Tapiri Roads some thirty-five miles.

The land was originally covered partly by standing bush and partly by high fern and scrub. One-third of the block (mostly in Sections 1s and 5s) is still in its virgin state; the fern and scrub originally crushed, burnt, and grassed has now for the most part become overgrown by the fern, but the grassed bush land is doing well. The land is for the most part flat and undulating, well watered, and of an average altitude of 1,000 ft. All the external boundaries of the original block are well fenced, while Sections 2s and 4s contain dwelling-houses, sheds, &c.

The soil is generally of a pumiceous loam, lying on papa and sandstone formation, with outcrops of rhyolite in places, more especially on Sections 1s and 5s. Most of the block is