

tion of any flax from any cause whatsoever on the land occupied by the licensee shall be payable by the Crown.

4. The cutting and removal of the flax will be under the supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer or other officer duly appointed by him, and the manner and method of such cutting and removal of flax shall be as directed by him. No flax shall be cut lower than 7 in. to 8 in. above the crown of the plant, the term "crown" meaning the junction of the bulb (and all cutting shall be done in such a manner as to leave the top of the plant in pyramid form, the young leaves at centre being left uncut for future growth).

5. Any breach of the conditions of cutting will render the cutting-rights liable to forfeiture.

6. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of 5 per cent. on the amount of tender in cash, marked cheque, or post-office order; the balance, together with £1 ls. license fee, to be paid within thirty days of acceptance of tender.

7. Only one cut over the area will be allowed during the term of the license.

8. No stock is to be grazed.

9. Any flax uncut at the end of the term is to revert to the Crown.

10. The Crown reserves the right to make drains and roads within the area at any time, and also reserves the right of access to the property at all times.

Tenders to be addressed "Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland," and envelope marked "Tender for Flax."

H. M. SKEET,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Reserve in Canterbury Land District for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Christchurch, 25th September, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned reserve will be offered for lease by public auction at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, at 12 noon on Wednesday, 31st October, 1923, under the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—SPRINGS COUNTY.—HALSWELL SURVEY DISTRICT.

PART RESERVE 3093, Blocks X, XIV: Area, 8 acres; upset annual rent, £4 10s.; term, five years. The land is good grazing. Situated about half a mile from Motukarara Railway-station.

ABSTRACT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The purchaser of the lease shall, immediately upon the fall of the hammer, deposit an amount equal to six months' rent at the rate offered, together with £1 ls. lease fee.

2. Possession will be given on the day of sale.

3. The Commissioner of Crown Lands may at any time resume possession of the land comprised in the lease, or any portion thereof, by giving to the lessee twelve months' notice in writing of his intention so to do.

4. The lessee shall have no right to compensation either for any improvements that may be placed upon the land or on account of the aforesaid resumption.

5. The lessee shall have no right to sublet, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the whole or any portion of the land comprised in the lease, except with the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.

6. The land shall be used for grazing purposes only, and shall not be broken up or cropped without the written consent of the Commissioner of Crown Lands first had and obtained.

7. The lessee shall destroy all rabbits on the land, and shall prevent their increase or spread to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

8. The lessee shall prevent the growth and spread of gorse, broom, and sweetbrier on the land comprised in the lease; and he shall with all reasonable despatch remove, or cause to be removed, all gorse, sweetbrier, broom, or other noxious weeds or plants, as may be directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

9. The rent shall be payable half-yearly in advance, free from all deductions whatsoever.

10. The lease shall be liable to forfeiture in case the lessee shall fail to fulfil any of the conditions of the said lease within sixty days after the date on which the same ought to be fulfilled.

G. H. BULLARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICE.

Milling-timber for Sale by Public Tender.—Rotorua Forest-conservation Region.

State Forest Service,

Rotorua, 25th September, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the purchase of the undermentioned milling-timber will close at the office of the State Forest Service, Rotorua, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the 18th October, 1923.

SCHEDULE.

ALL the milling-timber on that parcel of land (P.S.F. 46), containing 40 acres, being portion of Section 13, Block XIV, Urutawa Survey District, estimated to contain 532,300 superficial feet; being rimu, 271,100; kahikatea, 230,400; and matai, 30,800.

Upset price, £710.

Ground rent, £2 per annum.

The timber is situated about three miles from Motuhora Railway-station.

Three years will be allowed in which to remove the timber.

Terms of Payments.—A marked cheque, one-tenth of the purchase-money, together with half-year's ground rent and £1 ls. license fee, plus exchange, must accompany the tender, and the balance be paid by ten equal quarterly instalments, the first of which shall be paid three months after date of the sale.

In addition, the successful tenderer shall continue to pay such ground rent half-yearly in advance during the currency of the license.

All instalment-payments shall be secured by "on demand" promissory notes made and endorsed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of State Forests, and interest at current bank rates will be charged on all notes overdue from the date of maturity to the date of payment.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. The right to cut and remove the timber will be sold in accordance with the terms of the Forest Act, 1921-22, the regulations in force thereunder, and the following conditions.

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

3. The aforementioned quantities, qualities, and kinds as to the said timber shall be taken as sufficiently accurate for the purposes of this sale, and no contract for the 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 the 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. Each tenderer must state the total price that he is prepared to pay for each species. 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.

6. A return, verified by affidavit, giving the number of logs 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 on the same dates showing the output of sawn timber of each species.

7. The licensee shall not put, throw, or place, or allow to be put, thrown, or placed, into any river, stream, or watercourse, or into any place where it may be washed into any river, stream, or watercourse, any sawdust or other sawmill refuse.

8. The licensee shall take all reasonable precautions by way of providing such safeguards as may be required by the Conservator for the prevention of damage to the adjacent bush by fires, whether caused by sparks from locomotives, log-haulers, or otherwise, and shall be liable for any damage thereto in consequence of any negligence or disregard of these conditions on the part of the licensee or his workmen, such damage to be assessed by the Conservator of Forests.

9. All timber must be cut to the best advantage, and milling must be carried on regularly and generally in a manner approved of by the Conservator. The Crown reserves the right to withdraw from the license such areas as from time to time are cleared of merchantable timber, and as areas are withdrawn, ground rent will be reduced *pro rata*.