

Opening National-endowment Land in North Auckland Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

JELlicoe, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Land Act, 1908, I, John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the national-endowment land described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on **Monday, the twenty-ninth day of September**, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, at the rental mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said land shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Whangarei County.—Whangarei Survey District.

SECTION 13, Block XI: Area, 854 acres. Capital value, £1,920. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £38 8s.

The elevation ranges from 200 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level. There is about 10 acres flat land scattered over section. Practically all hilly to broken land; about 100 acres fern and rough feed, 60 acres grass part overgrown, balance bush and manuka. The soil is of fair clay resting on blue-rock formation. The bush is fairly heavy, comprising taraire, rata, cedar, a few scattered kauris, and a fair amount of rimu, with a light undergrowth of ferns, supplejack, nikaus, &c. The section is well watered by several good streams. Situated on Waipareira-Tahere Road. The access is from Parua Bay, which is about six miles distant by cart-road, not metalled.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General this 5th day of August, 1924.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Opening Settlement Lands in Auckland 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 **Tuesday, the twenty-third day of September**, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, 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.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Whakatane County.—Rangitaiki Upper Survey District. Orini Settlement.

Section.	Area.			Capital Value.	Renewable Lease: Half-yearly Rent.
	A.	R.	P.		
1s	97	2	19	£ 2,180	£ 49 1 0
2s	84	0	30	1,620	36 9 0
3s	85	0	15	1,560	35 2 0
4s	96	0	13	1,660	37 7 0
5s	84	2	3	1,620	36 9 0
6s	79	1	32	450*	17 11 0†
7s	79	1	31	840	18 18 0
8s	79	1	31	980	22 1 0
8s	117	0	30	960	21 12 0
9s	102	0	20	1,560	35 2 0
10s	102	0	10	1,820	40 19 0

* Buildings.

† Half-yearly instalment of interest and sinking fund on buildings.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

The areas and distances are approximate.

Section 1s: Approximately 38 acres in last season's turnip-crop, requiring ploughing and grassing; 11 acres improved, 140 chains boundary-fences, 58 chains subdivisional fences, two concrete troughs, 2½ acres fenced plantation in blue-gums, 140 chains of boundary and 67 chains subdivisional drains have been dug; these are mostly fenced, and some

planted in well-grown blue-gums. The unimproved portion of this section is in manuka and rushes, with patches of flax and raupo.

Section 2s: Approximately 50 acres is improved, about half of which has been ploughed; 54 chains boundary-fences, and 55 chains subdivisional fences; concrete water-trough, 34 chains of boundary and 93 chains of subdivisional drains have been dug, mostly fenced, and some planted. The unimproved portion of this section is in manuka, rushes, flax, and raupo.

Section 3s: Approximately 50 acres improved; 30 chains boundary-fences, 54 chains subdivisional fences; 32 chains boundary and 132 chains subdivisional drains have been dug. The balance of this section is in rushes and manuka with patches of flax.

Section 4s: About 30 acres ploughed, requiring regrassing; 66 chains boundary-fences and 10 chains subdivisional fences, 58 chains of which are also planted with blue-gums; 81 chains of boundary and 65 chains subdivisional drains have been dug; there is also the dredge-cut on south and east boundaries. The balance of this section is in manuka, rushes, with patches of flax and raupo.

Section 5s: About 26 acres improved; 84 chains boundary and 74 chains subdivisional fences; boundary-drains completed, including dredge-cuts, and 41 chains subdivisional drains; dwellinghouse and milking-shed. The balance of this section is in manuka, rushes, and a little flax.

Sections 6s, 7s, 8s, and 9s: Some of the boundary drains, including dredge-cuts, have been dug, and with the exception of about 9 acres improved on Section 9, these sections are unimproved, in rushes, manuka, flax, and raupo.

Section 10s: About 80 acres improved; 35 chains boundary-fence, 68 chains boundary-drains have been dug. The balance of this section is in rushes and manuka. A whare on road is to be shifted on to this section at selector's expense.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Orini Settlement, consisting of 928 acres, formerly the property of Mr. Richard Reynolds, is situated on the Rangitaiki and Feist Roads in the Whakatane County, about two miles and a half from Thornton, also about two miles and a half from new Rangitaiki Railway-station on the Main East Coast Railway; the Rangitaiki Butter-factory is situated about one mile from this settlement, access to all above being by good motor and dray roads. There is a good school at Thornton, also a post and telegraph station, which has a frequent mail service. This estate is all flat land having been originally all swamp, the soil pumiceous alluvial and peaty loam, consolidated where improved, and is generally of good quality. It is good pasture or cropping land when properly drained, being especially suitable for dairying. All the neighbouring farms show good pastures and crops, which is reliable evidence to indicate the capacity of this land when the drainage is more complete.

There has been a considerable amount of drains cut over this property both by the former owner and the Land Drainage Department. The drainage is in an advanced stage, and some of the sections require very little more to be completed. The dredge-cut drains are at present maintained by the Drainage Department, also the drain along the east boundary of Section 7. The Kahunui drain along north boundary of Sections 1 and 4, most of the drain along the Rangitaiki Road, and some subsidiary drains in Section 1 have been fenced and planted in blue-gums, which are now well grown. There is an annual drainage rate levied on this estate and collected by the Land Drainage Department, and successful applicants will be responsible for proportion of rates accruing after date of selection.

A considerable amount of fencing, mostly of a substantial nature, has been done on Sections 1 to 5 and most of the existing drains on these sections have been fenced, some on both sides. The Feist Road frontage to Section 10 is fenced. On Sections 6, 7, and 9, there are no fences.

Water can be obtained all over this property by sinking, and is always present in the drains.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements not included in the capital value, but which have to be paid for separately by half-yearly instalments of interest and sinking fund are as follows:—

Section 5s: Three-roomed dwelling with lean-to and cowshed, valued at £450, repayable in twenty-one years by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £17 11s. Total half-yearly payment under lease, £54.

The improvements included in the capital values of the sections are as follows:—

Section 1s: 198 chains of fences, drain-protective plantations, fenced plantation clump, two concrete troughs, valued at £560.

Section 2s: 109 chains fences, drain-protective plantations, concrete trough, valued at £300.