

Open Season for Deer (Wapiti) Shooting, Southland Acclimatization District (Fiordland National Park).

IN exercise of the powers vested in me by the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, I, Richard Francis Bollard, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare the period from the 1st day of March, 1925, to the 31st day of May, 1925 (both days inclusive), to be an open season in the Southland Acclimatization District for the taking or killing of the following imported game—viz., wapiti—within that part of the said acclimatization district described in the First Schedule hereto, being the areas hereinafter described as Blocks Nos. 1, 2, and 3, subject to the following conditions.

CONDITIONS.

1. LICENSES to take or kill wapiti stags may be issued by the Chief Postmaster, Invercargill, on the recommendation of the secretary of the Southland Acclimatization Society, on payment of a license fee of £10, in the form prescribed in the Schedule hereto, and subject to the said Act and regulations thereunder and this notification. The number of such licenses shall not exceed eight, of which not more than three shall be issued for Blocks Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, and not more than two for Block No. 3: Provided that not more than one such license shall be issued to the same person, and a notification shall first be published in a newspaper circulating in the district intimating the number of licenses to be issued for each block and the fee payable therefor. Also providing that if the number of applications received for licenses exceeds the number of available licenses, then the persons to whom such licenses are to be issued shall be decided by ballot.
2. No licensee shall take or kill more than two wapiti stags.
3. No hind or fawn shall be taken or killed on any pretext whatever; and no licensee shall allow any dog to accompany either himself or any attendant he may have with him.
4. Nothing herein contained shall extend to authorizing any person to sell any deer or portion thereof.
5. Regulations as to the use of marks of identification of deer-heads, contained in section 6 of the regulations under the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 7th February, 1924, page 437, shall be strictly adhered to by each licensee, who, in addition thereto, shall return all unused "tags" to the Chief Postmaster at Invercargill immediately he has finished stalking for the season for which such "tags" have been issued, together with a statement of the number of deer shot.
6. The fees paid for licenses issued pursuant to this notification shall, after deducting the cost of and incidental to the issue of such licenses, and any other expenses in connection therewith, be paid to the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts and the Southland Acclimatization Society in equal proportions.
7. Any person committing a breach of any of these conditions is liable on conviction to a fine of £20.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Block No. 1.

That portion of Southland Acclimatization District bounded on the south by a line from the mouth of Katherine Creek to Mount Murrell, on the east by a line Mount Murrell to Castle Mountains, and the north by Milford Sound.

Block No. 2.

That portion of Southland Acclimatization District bounded on the north by a line from the mouth of Katherine Creek to Mount Murrell, on the east by a line Mount Murrell to Solitary Cone, and on the south by Smith Sound.

Block No. 3.

That portion of the Southland Acclimatization District west of Lake Te Anau, being the country between the north and south arms of that lake.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

License to take or kill Imported Game (Deer).

, of _____, having this day paid the sum of £10, is hereby authorized to take or kill two wapiti stags upon Block No. _____, Fiordland National Park, Southland, from the _____ day of _____, 1925, to the _____ day of _____, 1925 (both days inclusive), subject to the provisions of the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, and all regulations and notifications affecting wapiti deer made thereunder and in force within the Southland Acclimatization District.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 192 _____.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 30th day of October, 1924.

RICHD. F. BOLLARD,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Opening Settlement Lands in Nelson 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 Wednesday, the tenth day of December, 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.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Murchison County.—Matakitaki Survey District.—Matakitaki Settlement.

- SECTION 1s: Area, 702 acres. Capital value, £2,750. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £61 17s. 6d.
 Section 2s: Area, 992 acres. Capital value, £2,820. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £63 9s.
 Sections 3s and 4s: Area, 2,000 acres. Capital value, £3,000; buildings, £685. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £67 10s.; half-yearly instalment of interest and sinking fund on buildings, £26 14s. 7d.
 Section 5s: Area, 822 acres. Capital value, £1,000. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £22 10s.
 Section 6s: Area, 542 acres. Capital value, £1,400. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £31 10s.
 Section 7s. Area, 1,036 acres. Capital value, £1,635. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £36 15s. 9d.
 Section 8s: Area, 886 acres. Capital value, £1,000. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £22 10s.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements which go with the land are as follows: Section 1s, 100 chains seven-wire fencing; Section 2s, 140 chains seven-wire fencing; Section 3s, 320 chains fencing; Section 4s, 180 chains mixed fencing; Section 5s, 30 chains fencing; Section 6s, 80 chains mixed fencing; Section 7s, 60 chains seven-wire fencing (no droppers).

The improvements which do not go with the land, but which will have to be paid for separately by the lessee, are as follows: Section 4s—Cottage of four rooms, bathroom on veranda, wood, in poor condition, iron chimney; detached hut, 12 ft. by 9 ft., for kitchen; also hut suitable for dining-hut; old stable, lean-to, 40 ft. by 12 ft., three stalls, fair condition; sheep-dip, 18 ft.; two draining-pens, concrete sheep-yards, cattle-yards, and slaughter-shelter; hay-shed, frame and roof only, 30 ft. by 30 ft., lean-to 15 ft. by 12 ft., iron, good; blacksmith-shop, wood and iron, 9 ft. by 12 ft.; old wool-shed 54 ft. by 30 ft.; new stable, eleven stalls, feed-room, implement-shed, &c., iron roof; barn, 30 ft. by 15 ft., wood and iron; wool-shed, 50 ft. by 37 ft., with lean-to for implements, sides and roof iron; shearing-stand, night pens, &c., practically new; whare, two rooms, 25 ft. by 12 ft., sides and roof iron, wood-lined, iron chimney; hay-shed, 20 ft. by 12 ft., frame and roof only. Total value, £685. Payable in cash, or by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £26 14s. 7d. each; total half-yearly payment on lease, £94 4s. 7d.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Section 1s.—265 acres open flat, 80 acres of which are good swamp land, remainder in fair grass; 135 acres bush flat of fairly good quality, all birch bush; 302 acres steep hilly bush country of fair quality, shaded in winter. Well watered by large creeks.

Section 2s.—410 acres open flat, scrub in places, portion swampy, carrying fair grass; some tussock; 90 acres good bush flat, all birch bush; 70 acres poor bush flat; 200 acres fairly good bush hills, shaded in winter; 222 acres poor hills in bush. Well watered by large creeks.

Section 3s.—500 acres flat open country, scrub in places. About 200 acres are carrying fairly good feed, remainder very little feed at present; 235 acres poor hilly country in bush, all birch; fairly well watered on bottom flats by water-race; top flats are not watered at present, but a reserve has been left to branch a portion of race to these paddocks.

Section 4s.—310 acres flat open country, some manuka in places; 470 acres flat bush land of fair quality; 485 acres poor bush hills. The open land is carrying generally fairly good feed, but a portion has very little feed at present. Fairly well watered by water-race.

Section 5s.—180 acres flat open land, scrub in places; 150 acres flat and undulating bush land of good quality. The bush comprises birch, matai, kowhai, &c. Remainder bush hills, varying from very good to fair quality. Formation