

and there is also a tram service close to part of the settlement and water has been obtained by boring.

Improvements.—The improvements not included in the capital value consist of a three-roomed dwelling, well, stable, sheds, and fencing, valued at £260, which may be paid for in cash or the amount may be treated as an advance.

The improvements included in the capital value consist of 16 chains fencing valued at £4 5s.

Full particulars may be obtained at this office.

G. H. BULLARD,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICES.

Milling-timber for Sale by Public Tender.

State Forest Service,
Invercargill, 29th January, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the purchase of the undermentioned lots of milling-timber will close at the office of the State Forest Service, Invercargill, at 4 o'clock p.m., on Friday, the 29th February, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

SOUTHLAND FOREST-CONSERVATION REGION.—OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

ALL the milling-timber on that parcel of land known as Sawmill Area No. 7 (containing approximately 145 acres) being portion of Section 6, Block XII, Rimu Survey District (Provisional State Forest No. 37).

The total estimated quantity of timber in superficial feet is 938,600, being rimu and miro, 935,250; matai, 3,350.

Upset price, £842.

Ground rent, £7 5s. per annum.

Time for removal of timber, four years.

The timber is situated close to Tahakopa Railway-station.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. A marked cheque for one-fifth 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 four equal quarterly instalments, the first of which shall be paid three months after date of the sale.

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

3. 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.

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

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

6. 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.

7. The right is reserved to the Commissioner of State Forests to withdraw from sale any or all of the said timber either before or after the closing-date for receipt of tenders.

8. If no tender is accepted for the timber herein mentioned, it will remain open for application at the upset price until further notice.

9. Tenders should be addressed "Conservator of Forests, Invercargill," and envelopes endorsed "Tender for Timber."

The following conditions will be inserted in the license to be issued to the purchaser:—

10. The aforementioned qualities, quantities, 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 less quantity, quality, or kind as stated herein or in any advertisement having reference to the said timber.

11. 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 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. All timber must be cut to the best advantage, and milling must be carried on regularly and generally in a manner approved 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*.

16. No compensation will be given, nor shall any be claimed, for any error, discrepancy, or misdescription whatever in respect of the lot or in these conditions.

17. The settlement of any disputes shall be effected by the Conservator of Forests, and there will be a right of appeal to the Commissioner of State Forests, whose decision in all cases shall be final. Should the licensee fail to fulfil any and every obligation incumbent upon him the license will be subject to cancellation.

18. The Commissioner of State Forests may authorize the laying-down and working of tram-lines through the land by other persons than the licensees.

19. The license will not be transferable, except with the consent of the Commissioner of State Forests. Cutting operations must commence within twelve months of the date of the license.

20. The licensee shall be permitted to cut timber on private lands and Warden's licenses simultaneously with the lot mentioned herein by obtaining permission from the Commissioner of State Forests.

21. The licensee shall have the right to cut, use, sell, or otherwise dispose of any species of timber not included in the Schedule herein on terms and conditions to be agreed upon, and provided the written consent of the Conservator be first had and obtained.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned or to the Head Office, State Forest Service, Wellington.

D. MACPHERSON, Conservator of Forests.

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SOUTHLAND FOREST-CONSERVATION REGION.—OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

Lot 1.

ALL the milling-timber on that parcel of land (known as Sawmill Area No. 8), containing approximately 273 acres, situated in Block I, Tautuku Survey District (provisional State Forest No. 18).

The total estimated quantity of timber in superficial feet is 4,255,700, being rimu, 3,501,550; miro, 436,600; matai, 175,500; totara, 86,100; kakikatea, 49,750; beech, 6,200.

Upset price, £4,040.

Ground rent, £13 13s. per annum.

Time for removal of timber: Five years.

Lot 2.

ALL the milling-timber on that parcel of land known as Sawmill Area No. 9 (containing approximately 279 acres) situated in Block XII, Rimu Survey District (Provisional State Forest No. 37).

The total estimated quantity of timber in superficial feet is 3,228,400, being rimu, 2,792,500; miro, 435,900.

Upset price, £2,750.

Ground rent, £13 19s. per annum.

Time for removal: Five years.