

The lands are described for the general information of intending bidders, who are recommended, nevertheless, to make a personal inspection, as the Department is not responsible for the absolute accuracy of any description.

Full particulars may be obtained at this office.

K. M. GRAHAM,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run in Hawke's Bay Land District for Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Napier, 2nd December, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned small grazing-run is open for selection in terms of the Land Act, 1908, and amendments; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 10th February, 1925.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, on Thursday, the 12th February, 1925, at 10.30 o'clock a.m., but if any applicant so desires he may be examined by the Land Board of any other district.

Preference at the ballot will be given to landless applicants who have one or more children dependent on them, to landless applicants who within two years immediately preceding date of ballot have applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully, to applicants who have served beyond New Zealand as members of the Expeditionary Force, and to persons engaged on military service beyond New Zealand in connection with the late war, if such persons immediately prior to the war were *bona fide* residents of New Zealand.

The ballot will be held at the District Lands and Survey Office, Napier, at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Hawke's Bay County.—Mawngaharuru Survey District.

RUN 103: Area, 3,069 acres; capital value, £5,370; half-yearly rent, £107 10s.

Altitude, 600 ft. to 1,700 ft. Comprises a sandstone ridge known as the Gorge Range, running from west to east and breaking off to the north in cliffs, with fair flats along the Esk River. About 100 acres of flat land suitable for home-stead-site in north-west corner. Generally light pumiceous soil, well watered. North and south boundaries are stock-proof streams.

Improvements.—The capital value includes subdivisinal fencing valued at £400.

Sale plans and full particulars may be obtained at this office.

J. D. THOMSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICE.

Silver-pine for Sale by Public Tender, Wellington Conservation Region.

State Forest Service,

Palmerston North, 26th November, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the purchase of silver-pine on the undermentioned area will close at the office of the State Forest Service, Palmerston North, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Saturday, the 20th December, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

ALL the silver-pine on Lot 1, containing approximately 80 acres, situated close to Pokako Railway-station, Block IX, Ruapehu Survey District, State Forest No. 42.

UPSET ROYALTY RATES.

	in.	in.	ft.	in.	s.	d.
Posts ..	5	4	by 6	6	30	3 per 100.
" ..	6	4	by 6	6	35	9 per 100.
Sleepers ..	8	5	by 7	0	1	8 each.
Strainers ..	8	by 8	0	1	10	each.
Battens ..	3	2	by 4	0	8	3 per 100.
Stays ..	6	4	by 8	0	44	0 per 100.
House-blocks ..	8	..	..	11	5	per 100 lin. ft.
" ..	10	..	..	17	9	per 100 lin. ft.
" ..	12	..	..	26	1	per 100 lin. ft.
Sawn timber ..	..	..	..	5	6	per 100 sup. ft.

	ft.	in.	s.	d.
Poles 16 by 4 mean diam.	1	1
" 16 by 5 "	1	8
" 16 by 6 "	2	2
" 18 by 5 "	2	2
" 18 by 6 "	3	0
" 18 by 8 "	4	2
" 20 by 6 "	3	4
" 20 by 8 "	4	6
" 22 by 6 "	3	4
" 22 by 8 "	5	3
" 22 by 10 "	7	8
" 24 by 6 "	3	7
" 24 by 8 "	5	6
" 24 by 10 "	8	6
" 26 by 6 "	3	10
" 26 by 8 "	5	10
" 26 by 10 "	9	4
" 28 by 6 "	4	1
" 28 by 8 "	6	7
" 28 by 10 "	10	1
" 30 by 8 "	7	2
" 30 by 10 "	11	0
" 30 by 12 "	15	5
" 32 by 8 "	8	6
" 32 by 10 "	11	6
" 32 by 12 "	16	6
" 34 by 10 "	13	2
" 34 by 12 "	17	7
" 34 by 14 "	23	1

Ground rent, £4.

Three years will be allowed in which to remove the timber. Tenderers are requested to submit their tenders on the form supplied, and each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of £30, as a guarantee of good faith, and £1 ls. license fee. This deposit shall be refunded upon the expiry of the license, provided that all moneys due to the Service have been paid to the satisfaction of the undersigned.

Terms of payment: The successful tenderer shall within twenty days after the last day of each calendar month pay to the State Forests Account through any money-order office the moneys due on the timber cut during that month.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. 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.

2. All forest produce must be stacked for inspection at a loading-point on tramway and branded by the licensee with a registered brand, and such produce shall not be removed from the area until it has been inspected and passed by a Forest Officer.

3. All silver-pine shall be converted into poles, posts, stays, strainers, sleepers, battens, house-blocks, or sawn timber. Full royalty will be charged on any material not so utilized.

4. All timber shall be economically and efficiently converted; hewing shall be done only by competent and experienced men, and all operations shall be conducted under the supervision and to the satisfaction of an authorized officer of the State Forest Service.

5. The licensee shall on the last day of each calendar month furnish to the District Forest Ranger consignment notes of all timber consigned during the month.

6. All records of workings of timber shall be available at any time for inspection by an officer of the State Forest Service.

7. 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 bush caused by log-haulers or otherwise. The licensee shall be held 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 Commissioner of State Forests.

8. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

9. Should the licensee fail to fulfil any and every obligation incumbent upon him, the license will be subject to cancellation.

10. The licensee shall have the right to cut, use, sell, or otherwise dispose of any species of timber other than silver-pine on terms and conditions to be agreed upon, and provided the written consent of the undersigned be first had and obtained.

Tenders should be addressed "Acting Officer in Charge, State Forest Service, Palmerston North," and envelopes endorsed "Tender for Silver-pine."

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

S. A. C. DARBY, Acting Officer in Charge.