

Distant about seven miles from Tairua Wharf by formed road, and twenty-five miles from Puriri Railway-station by bridle-track and formed road. There is a school and store at Hikua, about one mile and a half distant.

The section comprises about 80 acres flat to undulating land of good quality, the balance being hilly country of poor quality; well watered by the Hikua Stream. Blackberry is spreading.

The improvements included in capital value comprise 80 acres felling and grassing, fencing, plantation, &c., also a five-roomed dwelling (in bad repair), barn and cow-shed, and shed; total valued at £375.

*Waipa County.—Reynolds Settlement.*

Section 25s: Area, 124 acres 1 rood; capital value, £400; half-yearly rent, £10.

Distant about four miles and a half from Cambridge by a good road, which is metalled to within a quarter of a mile of the section. The nearest school and store is at Leamington, three miles and a half distant. About half of the area is covered with high tea-tree, the balance being in rough feed. The soil is of a peaty nature, resting on deep peat; poorly watered by drains only.

Improvements included in capital value consist of half share of 40 chains of fencing, valued at £10.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 27th day of April, 1926.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

*Opening Lands in the Auckland Land District for Sale or Selection.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

By his Deputy,

CHARLES PERRIN SKERRETT.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1924, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, having received the report of the Under-Secretary in this behalf, as provided by section one hundred and seventy-six of the said Act, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash or be selected for occupation with right of purchase, or on renewable lease; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased as mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Hauraki Plains County.—Hapuaoko Survey District.*

SECTION 1, Block IV: Area, 377 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £190. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £4 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 16s.

Weighted with £65, valuation for improvements, comprising two-roomed whare with porch (in poor condition), and fencing, to be paid for in cash on allotment.

Distant about two miles and a half from Patetonga Township and eighteen miles from Morrinsville Railway-station. Comprises open hilly country in fern and tea-tree; poorly watered by Waikaka Stream and springs. The elevation ranges from 150 ft. to 500 ft. above sea-level.

*Special Condition.*—Application from Crown settlers holding wet sections in the Hauraki Plains for this area as an off-run will receive special consideration.

*Kawhia County.—Kawhia North Survey District.*

Section 3, Block IV: Area, 502 acres 2 roods. Capital value, £1,540. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £38 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £30 16s.

Distant about nine miles and a half from Oparau Landing, where there is a dairy factory and a school, and thirty-five miles and a half from Te Kawa Railway-station. Oparau is connected with Kawhia by a launch service. The section comprises about 154 acres of bush land felled and grassed, which is reverting to second growth, the balance being in standing bush. Contains a three-roomed cottage, slab sides, iron roof, and chimney (indifferently built), cow-shed, and 20 chains of road fencing in fair order.

*Waitomo County.—Awakino Survey District.*

Section 1, Block II: Area, 457 acres. Capital value, £1,140. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £28 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £22 16s. £180\*; £11 13s. 2d.†

\* Valuation for buildings.

† Half-yearly instalment of principal and interest on buildings valued at £180, comprising a four-roomed dwelling in fair condition, shingle shed, cow-shed (partly built), and yards; repayable in cash or in ten years by twenty half-yearly instalments of £11 13s. 2d.

Situated about two miles and a half from Mokau School and dairy factory, and about six miles from Awakino Saleyards. The section comprises about 160 acres of bush land felled and grassed, the balance being in bush; subdivided into four paddocks; sufficiently watered by springs and streams.

*Waitomo County.—Pakaumanu Survey District.*

Section 5, Block X: Area, 356 acres 1 rood. Capital value, £540. Occupation with right of purchase: Half-yearly rent, £13 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £10 16s.

Weighted with £345, valuation for improvements comprising a two-roomed dwelling, 200 chains fencing, 20 acres fair pasture, and 110 acres poor pasture reverted to fern and manuka. Repayable in cash or by a cash deposit with an approved mortgage.

Distant about one mile and a quarter by formed dray-road from Kopaki Railway-station and school, the nearest dairy factory being at Otorohanga, about twenty-five miles distant. Undulating to broken country, about 25 acres in good pasture, 110 acres in poor pasture, balance in fern and scrub and light forest, comprising tawa, hinau, rata, rimu, rewarewa, and tawhero, with an undergrowth of mahoe, makomako, supplejack, &c. Light soil of poor quality, resting on sandstone formation; watered by running streams. The section has been subdivided into five paddocks, and the holding when further developed should prove suitable for dairying and grazing. Altitude, 700 ft. to 1,300 ft. above sea-level.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 27th day of May, 1926.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

*Opening Settlement Land in Otago Land District for Selection.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

By his Deputy,

CHARLES PERRIN SKERRETT.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1924, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the settlement land described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Monday, the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, 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 Acts.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.

*Borough of Mosgiel.—East Taieri Survey District.*

SECTION 2s, Melville Park Settlement: Area, 20 acres; capital value, £800; half-yearly rent, £20.

Improvements included in capital value of the section comprise 5 chains of fencing, £1 5s.

Improvements not included in capital value, and which must be paid for in cash by the successful applicant, consist of fencing and grassing, £33 17s.

Melville Park Settlement is situated in the Borough of Mosgiel within easy distance of railway-station, post-office, and district high school. Land is level and of good quality, the soil being a rich black loam resting on a sandy clay formation. Access by level well-formed roads. Admirably suited for dairying or intense cultivation. Mosgiel has an excellent water-supply, electric light, and a large well-known woollen-factory.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 3rd day of May, 1926.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.