CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in the Auckland Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 19th May, 1926. N OTICE is hereby given that the leases of the under-mentioned lands having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Auckland Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1924, and the Discharged Soldiers Settle-ment Act, 1915 and amedments ment Act, 1915, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

LEASE No.: L.P. 2185. Section 6B, Block II, Orahiri Survey District. Lessee : H. P. Oakden. Reason for forfeiture : At request.

Lease No.: R.L. 1534. Section 10, Block IX, Maungamangero Survey District. Lessee : N. Nilsen. Reason for forfeiture : At request.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Lands in Wellington Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey,

Wellington, 20th May, 1926. NOTICE is hereby given that the leases of the under-mentioned lands having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Wellington Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown, under the provisions of the Land Act, 1924, and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

Wellington Land District.

TENURE: R.L. Lease No. 112. Section 3, Block V, Whirinaki Survey District. Formerly held by J. G. Cotterill. Reason for forfeiture : Non-compliance with conditions of lease.

Tenure: R.L. Lease No. 267. Section 5, Block XV, Retaruke Survey District. Formerly held by A. Bagley. Reason for forfeiture: Non-compliance with conditions of lease.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Land in Wellington Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 20th May, 1926. N OTICE is hereby given that the lease of the under-mentioned land having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Wellington Land Board, the said land has thereby reverted to the Crown, under provisions of the Land Act, 1924, and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and amendments.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

TENURE: L.S.R.L. Lease No. 204. Section 5, Block I, Whirinaki Survey District. Formerly held by K. B. Wilson Reason for forfeiture : Non-compliance with conditions of lease.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Land in Nelson Land District open for Selection on Renewable Lea se.

District Lands and Survey Office, Nelson, 25th May, 1926. OTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned land is open for selection on renerable land is open for selection on renewable lease under the rowsions of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and the Land Act, 1924; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Nelson, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 6th July, 1926.

Applicants must appear personally for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, Nelson, at 10.30 o'clock

a.m. on Thursday, 8th July, 1926, or, if an applicant so desires, he may be examined by the Land Board of any other district.

The ballot will be held at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON LAND DISTRICT .- SETTLEMENT LAND .- SECOND-CLASS LAND.

-Rahu and Burnett Survey Districts.-Murchison County .-Maruia Settlement.

SECTIONS 1s and 2s: Area, 2,519 acres; capital value £3,875; half-yearly rent, £96 17s. 6d.

The improvements which are included in the capital value of the sections are as follows: Section 1s, fencing $\pounds 24$.

Section 1s: 150 acres rough bush country, 150 acres rough open country in grass and scrub, 150 acres open undulating country in scrub, remainder flat tussock and scrub. Soil fair quality; fairly well watered by small streams. Section 2s: About 450 acres bush, remainder flat and

undulating open country in fern, manuka, and tussock, with scrub on flat. Soil fair quality; fairly well watered by permanent streams.

The settlement comprises an area of 7,753 acres, situated The settlement comprises an area of 7,753 acres, situated on the Maruia River, the main portion being on the eastern bank of the river. The property has been for many years successfully worked by Messrs. Walker Brothers as a cattle and sheep run. A large proportion of the area is capable of great improvement in the way of draining, bushfelling, &c. The access to the settlement is either by way of Murchison or Reefton, the distance from Murchison to the most northerly section being thirty-three miles, and the section at the southern end about two miles from the formed road to Reefton, which end about two miles from the formed road to Reefton, which is forty miles distant. The main road from Murchison is being improved up to the homestead, and will be formed and improved up to the southern end of the block. There are three post and telegraph offices situated within the limits of the settlement—viz., Warwick Junction at the northern end, Maruia approximately in the middle, and Koura towards the been erected at Station Creek, situated approximately in the middle of the settlement. A dairy factory has recently been erected at Station Creek, situated approximately in the middle of the settlement. The forest is principally red and brown birch, with some kahikatea in gullies, the scrub being generally horopito, fuchsia, broad-leaf, five-finger, &c. The altitude ranges from 1,040 ft. to 2,263 ft. above sea-level.

Abstract of Conditions of Lease.

1. Term of lease, thirty-three years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years

and a right to acquire the freehold. 2. Rent 5 per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable in advance on 1st January and 1st July in each year.

 Applicants to be twenty-one years of age and upwards.
Applicants to furnish with applications statutory declaration, and, on being declared successful, deposit £1 Is. (lease fee) and a half-year's rent. Rent for the broken period between date of lease and 1st January or 1st July following is also payable.

5. Successful applicants to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature. 6. Lessee to reside continuously on the land, and pay all

rates, taxes, and assessments. 7. Improvements.-Lessee is required to improve the land

within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the price; within two years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to the value of $\pounds I$ for every acre of first-class land, 10s. for every acre of second-class land, and 2s. 6d. for every acre of thirdclass land.

8. Transfer not allowed until expiration of fifth year of lease, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then

only with permission. 9. Roads may be taken through the lands at any time within seven years; twice the original value to be allowed for area taken for such roads.

10. Lease is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

Form of lease may be perused and full particulars obtained at this office. A. F. WATERS.

Commissioner of Crown Lands.