

Wallace County.—Jacob's River Hundred.—Ermedale Settlement.

Section 24, Block XIII: Area, 217 acres 0 roods 30 perches. Capital value, £1,200. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £30.

Weighted with £350, valuation for cottage (4 rooms), byre, wash and coal house, &c.

All ploughable land, mostly undulating. Situated seven miles and a half from Fairfax Dairy Factory and railway-station, one mile from school, all by good gravelled roads.

Wairaki Survey District.—Beaumont Settlement.

Sections 1 and 11, Block XXIII: Area, 818 acres 1 rood 2 perches. Capital value, £1,405. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £35 2s. 6d.

Weighted with £700, valuation for dwelling, outbuildings, stable, fencing, &c.

Improvements.—The improvements, which are included in capital value of the land, consist of fencing valued at £41 4s.

About 150 acres light river flat, balance tussock country, suitable for sheep-grazing. Situated about nine miles from Nightcaps by good gravelled road, and about 140 chains from school.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 2nd day of February, 1926.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Opening Settlement Lands in Nelson Land District for Selection.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

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 lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Thursday, the eleventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, 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.

Murchison County.—Matakitaki, Tutaki, and Sabine Survey Districts.

Tutaki Settlement.

Sections 5s and 6s: Area, 1,394 acres. Capital value, £3,500. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £87 10s.

Sections 7s and 8s: Area, 1,204 acres. Capital value, £2,300. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £57 10s. Weighted with £10 valuation for hut, payable in cash.

Sections 9s and 10s: Area, 1,075 acres. Capital value, £750. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £18 15s.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements which are included in the capital value of the sections are as follows: Section 5s, fencing, £22 10s.; drains, £25. Section 6s, fencing, £31 1s.

The improvements which do not go with the land, but which have to be paid for separately, are as follows: Section 8s, hut valued at £10, payable in cash.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Tutaki Settlement adjoins the Braeburn Settlement, one of the most successful settlements in the Nelson District. About 1,400 acres were purchased from Mr. D. W. Oxnam, and the balance is adjoining Crown land.

The flats comprise some very good agricultural land, and when the new road is made through the middle of the block it should greatly improve the flats by draining the swampy portions. The sections are suitable for both dairy-farming and sheep-farming. The altitude of the sections ranges from 1,300 ft. to 3,000 ft.

Access by road from Murchison, about eighteen miles, to the northern boundary of the settlement. The sections are all well watered by the Tutaki River and permanent streams.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Section 5s.—190 acres good flat open land, being swampy in places. The balance consists of 134 acres flats and terraces, and 393 acres fairly steep hills on shady side of valley, all forest.

Section 6s.—190 acres fair open land, 100 acres being flat with easily drained swamps in parts; balance undulating to steep hills of good quality; all forest.

Section 7s.—About 140 acres of flat open land, a large portion being swamp easily drained; the balance consists of 200 acres flats and terraces and easy slopes. Part of the section is cold and mossy in places; forest-clad.

Section 8s.—132 acres open undulating and flat land, a good proportion being swamp easily drained; 180 acres flats and terraces; balance easy to steep slopes; forest-clad.

Section 9s.—94 acres open and swamp, 250 acres flat, balance easy slopes, shady and mossy; forest-clad.

Section 10s.—180 acres of flat, fair quality, but inclined to be mossy; balance hilly slopes of good quality, steep in places; all forest.

Murchison County.—Rahu and Burnett Survey Districts.

Maruia Settlement.

Sections 1s and 2s: Area, 2,519 acres. Capital value, £5,030. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £125 15s.

Section 7s: Area, 730 acres. Capital value, £1,315. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £32 17s. 6d.

Sections 12s and 13s: Area, 385 acres. Capital value, £4,275. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £106 17s. 6d.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements which are included in the capital value of the sections are as follows: Section 1s, fencing, £24; Section 7s, fencing, £130; Sections 12s and 13s, fencing, £225.

The improvements which do not go with the land, but which have to be paid for separately by the lessees, are as follows:—

A motor-shed valued at £50, whare £80, and dairy £50, at present on Section 5s will be sold for removal.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

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 stream.

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.

Section 7s.—About 70 acres flat open country in grass; remainder generally undulating bush country, but steep and rough in places. Soil generally fair quality; well watered by permanent streams and Woolley River.

Section 12s.—All flat; about 20 acres bush, remainder open country in inferior grass and rushes. Soil generally good; fairly well watered.

Section 13s.—All flat; about 8 acres bush, remainder partly open land and partly swamp. Soil generally good open land in inferior grass and rushes; indifferently watered by small stream.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

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 and 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 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 southern end 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.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 2nd day of February, 1926.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.