

Provided, however, that, other things being equal, special preference will be given to discharged soldier applicants.

Possession will be given on 16th March, 1926, from which date rent will commence.

Applications will only be considered by the Land Board from applicants who are in a position to finance the purchase of their stock. No advance will be made to discharged soldiers for purchasing stock.

Intending applicants have free right to inspect the run, and the successful applicant may enter upon his run immediately after the ballot for the purpose of erecting buildings and fencing thereon.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.

Subdivision of Wilden Run.—Tuapeka County.

RUN No. 608: Area, 15,000 acres; half-yearly rent, £115; valuation for improvements, £352 16s.

Term: Thirty-five years from 1st March, 1927.

The valuation for improvements is payable in cash immediately the result of the ballot is declared.

DESCRIPTION OF RUN.

This run is situated in the Wart Hill and White-coomb Survey Districts and contains 15,000 acres, of which area 13,700 acres are west of the Pomahaka River, with a homestead-site of 1,300 acres east of the river. The main portion of the run comprises a series of spurs and ridges, some of which are boggy with rough broken creeks and gullies, containing in parts patches of bush and scrub. The whole area for the most part is well clothed with tussock and other native grasses, which provide a abundance of summer feed. The aspect generally is easterly, and there are about 2,500 acres lying into the river below an altitude of 2,500 ft. The country is well watered by the Pomahaka River, Jordan Creek, and their tributaries. The distance from the main portion of the run to the homestead-site is about nine miles by a bridge and driving track. There are two areas set apart for resting stock on this track, one of 5 acres near the Pomahaka sheep-bridge and one of 50 acres known as Weatherhall's; both areas are shown on the plan.

A fair proportion of the homestead-site can be cultivated for the growing of winter feed. This area is situated about thirteen miles and a half by road from Edievale Railway-station, which is the terminus of the Tapanui Branch line. Eleven miles and a half of this road is formed. The Moa Flat school is about six miles, and the Dunrobin Post-office about ten miles and a half distant. The altitude of the portion of the run to the west of the river is from about 1,200 ft. to 4,700 ft., and the homestead-site is from 1,400 ft. to 2,000 ft. The general description of the run may be considered fair, if worked under expert management.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements which have to be paid for in cash comprise half interest in 892 chains of boundary fences, value, £352 16s.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF PASTORAL LICENSE.

1. Purchaser or applicant must be over twenty-one years of age.

2. One half-year's rent, £1 1s. (license fee), valuation for improvements, and statutory declaration to be deposited by purchaser on the fall of the hammer or on being declared the successful applicant.

3. No person may hold more than one run, except on the recommendation of the Land Board and with the approval of the Minister of Lands. If a husband holds a run his wife is deemed to be a runholder and *vice versa*.

4. Improvements.—The lessee is required to effect improvements as follows:—

(a.) Within one year from the date of the lease, to a value equal to one year's rent payable under the lease:

(b.) Within two years from the date of his lease, to a value equal to two years' rent payable under the lease:

(c.) Within six years from the date of his lease, to a value equal to four years' rent payable under the lease.

5. Rent is payable half-yearly, in advance, on 1st March and 1st September in each year. If not paid within thirty days of due date a penalty of 10 per cent. is added.

6. Term of license to be as stated hereon, with contingent right of renewal over the whole or a subdivision of the run for a further term.

7. Licensee to prevent destruction or burning of timber; to prevent growth and spread of gorse, broom, sweetbrier, or other noxious weeds or plants; to keep down rabbits, and

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refrain from burning grass during such months as the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall from time to time determine.

8. No tussock or snow-grass is to be burned save with the prior consent in writing of the Board, and subject to such conditions, restrictions, and directions as the Board may impose and give.

9. Roads may be taken without payment of compensation.

10. Licensee to have no right to the timber or flax on the land comprised in the license.

11. With the permission of the Land Board, the licensee may,—

(a.) Cultivate a portion of the run and grow winter feed thereon;

(b.) Plough and sow in grass any area not exceeding 3,000 acres;

(c.) Clear of bush or scrub any portion of the run and sow same in grass;

(d.) Surface-sow in grass any portion of the run.

On expiry of license the value of licensee's improvements will be protected in accordance with the law.

12. License is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

13. Residence is compulsory for a period of ten years from the commencement of the term of the license.

14. Transfer not allowed until after five years from commencement of term, unless under exceptional circumstances.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

1. The licensees of Runs 608, 609, and 610 shall accept as tenants in common a year to year license under section 147 of the Land Act, 1924, to occupy Section 1, Block XIII (area, 5 acres), and Section 1, Block XIV (area, 50 acres), Wart Hill Survey District; annual rental £18. The improvements on these sections comprise a three-roomed house with outbuildings, sheep-yards, and fencing valued at £325 7s.

2. The licensees of Runs 608, 609, and 610 shall maintain the sheep-bridge over the Pomahaka River at Section 1, Block XIII, Wart Hill Survey District, in good order and condition to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands. In the event of the maintenance of the bridge being neglected, the Commissioner reserves the right to have the work done and the cost thereof shall be payable in equal shares by the licensees and recoverable in the same manner as rent. The valuation of this bridge is not included in the amounts payable.

Plans and full particulars may be obtained from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin.

R. S. GALBRAITH,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICE.

Milling-timber for Sale by Public Tender, Wellington Conservation Region.

NOTICE is hereby given that written tenders for the purchase of the undermentioned milling-timber will close at the office of the State Forest Service, Palmerston North, at 4 o'clock p.m. on 19th March, 1926.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON FOREST-CONSERVATION REGION.—WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

ALL the milling-timber on that piece of land, containing 148 acres, more or less, situated in Block IV, Akatarawa Survey District, and situated about ten miles from Upper Hutt Railway-station.

The total estimated quantity in cubic feet is 125,551, or in superficial feet 740,254, made up as follows:—

Species.	Cubic ft.	Super. ft.
Rimu	99,979	691,199
Totara	690	4,608
Miro	6,721	44,447

Terms and Payment.

Upset price, £1,150.

Ground rent, £7 8s. per annum.

Time for removal, two and a half years.

A marked cheque for one-fourth of the purchase-money, together with half-year's ground rent and £1 1s. license fee, must accompany the tender, and the balance be paid by three equal quarterly instalments, the first to be paid three months from date of sale.