

private persons or parents undertaking to give financial assistance. Persons undertaking to assist financially should state to what extent they are prepared to do so, and supply guarantees of their own financial position.

Applicants who may not find it convenient to appear personally at the ballot should appoint an agent to act for them, or they may send with their applications a post-office order, or a draft or cheque marked by the bank on which it is drawn as "Correct for twenty-one days," in favour of the Receiver of Land Revenue, for the required deposit, which will be returned in case of non-success. A separate deposit must be sent by each applicant who does not intend to be present or represented by an agent at the ballot. Bank-notes, gold, or coin should not be forwarded by post. Should the applicant not be present or represented by an agent to make the necessary payments on being declared successful, another ballot will be drawn immediately for the right to select.

The value of the flax growing at the present time must be paid as set out above.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LEASES.

1. The term of the lease in each case is twenty-one years, with right of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years at revaluation, and on terms to be approved by the Land Board.

2. Rents are payable half-yearly in advance.

3. Immediate possession will be given.

4. The cutting generally is to be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and no flax is to be cut lower than 7 in. to 8 in. above the "crown," the "crown" being defined as the junction of the bulb. For a period of eighteen years from the commencement of the term of the lease the hook method of cutting may be employed except during the months of April, May, June, and July, in each year, when the side-leaf method shall be exclusively employed. During the three final years of the first term of the lease all flax must be cut by the side-leaf method only. The method of cutting during the term of the renewal, if granted, shall be determined by the Land Board.

5. Lessee to construct and maintain subsidiary drains, so as to stimulate the growth of the flax. The following drains will be maintained by the Department: All road drains, Waerenga Drains, Section 23 to 28 Drain, and Punene Drain.

6. The lessee shall clean up and prevent the spread of all noxious weeds, scrub, kakahu, raupo, rushes, and manuka on the area. If the lessee fails to carry out this work, it may be done by the Department and the cost recovered from the lessee.

7. Planting shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and each lessee will be required to plant a certain area in each year, to be determined by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

8. Stock may be grazed during certain periods of the year with the permission of the Land Board, provided that all drains are securely fenced before stock are placed on the area. No grazing will be allowed during the winter months.

9. No fires shall be lit on the area, and each lessee shall be required to take all reasonable precautions against the occurrence and spread of fires. No compensation shall be allowed for loss by fire, and all risk shall be taken by the lessee.

10. No compensation will be allowed for improvements at the expiry or sooner determination of the lease, but the lessee may, provided all the conditions of the lease have been satisfactorily fulfilled, remove all buildings and plant erected by him on the ground.

11. All flax growing on the ground shall revert to the Crown at the expiry or sooner determination of the lease, without any compensation whatever, and no plants shall be removed or destroyed.

12. The Crown reserves the right to make drains and roads within the areas at any time, and also reserves the right of access at all times.

13. The lessee shall not transfer, sublet, or dispose of the cutting or milling rights, except with the approval of the Land Board.

14. All carting on the roads shall be subject to the heavy traffic by-laws of the Tauranga County Council, or as may be gazetted by the Lands Department under the authority of the Swamp Drainage Act.

15. The lease will be subject to the rating clauses of the Swamp Drainage Act, but for maintenance only.

16. The lease may be forfeited by the Land Board for non-compliance with any of these conditions.

Sale plans and full particulars may be obtained from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Auckland.

K. M. GRAHAM,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICES.

*Milling-timber for Sale by Public Tender.*

State Forest Service,  
Palmerston North, 30th May, 1927.

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 Friday, 17th June, 1927.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON FOREST-CONSERVATION REGION.—WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

ALL that milling-timber on that area, containing approximately 220 acres, situated in Block VIII, Manganui Survey District (Provisional State Forest No. 67), about one mile from Erua Railway-station.

The total estimated quantity in cubic feet is 342,571, or in board feet, 2,193,131, made up as follows:—

Species.	Cubic Feet.	Board Feet.
Rimu .. ..	85,527	570,913
Miro .. ..	60,704	380,006
Kahikatea .. ..	71,232	458,044
Matai .. ..	106,254	669,117
Totara .. ..	18,854	115,051
Total .. ..	342,571	2,193,131

Upset price, £4,452.

Ground rent, £11 per annum.

Time for removal of timber, three years.

*Terms of Payment.*

A marked cheque for one-ninth of the price tendered, together with half-year's ground-rent and £1 ls. license fee, must accompany the tender, and the balance be paid by eight equal quarterly instalments, the first of which shall be paid three months after the date of sale.

In addition, the successful tenderer shall continue to pay such ground rent half-yearly in advance during the currency of the license.

*Terms of Sale.*

1. All instalment-payments shall be secured by "on demand" promissory notes made and endorsed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of State Forests, and interest at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum in excess of current bank overdraft rates will be charged on all notes overdue from the date of maturity to the date of payment.

2. The right to cut and remove the timber will be sold in accordance with the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921-22, the regulations in force thereunder, and these conditions.

3. The attention of all tenderers is drawn to the fact that the local controlling body may require the successful tenderer to pay any claims or charges which may be made by that body for the maintenance of the road over which the timber may be transported, and before a sawmill license is issued a letter indicating that satisfactory arrangements have been made in this connection must be produced to the undersigned.

4. The above-mentioned quantities, qualities, and kinds as to the said timber shall be taken as sufficiently accurate for the purposes of this sale, and no contract for the purchase shall be voidable, nor shall the successful purchaser be entitled to any abatement in price by reason of the said timber being of less quantity, quality, or kind than as stated herein, or in any advertisement having reference to the said timber.

5. A return, verified by affidavit, giving the number of logs cut of each species and their contents must be made quarterly by the licensee on the last days of March, June, September, and December respectively in each year. A return, similarly verified, must be made on the same dates showing the output of sawn timber of each species. These returns may be ascertained and verified by the inspection of the books of the mill, or by such other means as the Conservator may require, and for this purpose the accounts and books shall be open to the inspection of the Conservator, a Forest Ranger, or other duly authorized officer.

6. Intending tenderers are expected to visit the locality and to satisfy themselves in every particular on all matters relative to the sale.

7. Each tenderer must state the total price that he is prepared to pay for each species. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and the timber described is submitted for sale subject to the final acceptance of the tender by the Commissioner of State Forests.

8. The right is reserved to the Commissioner of State Forests to withdraw from sale any or all of the said timber either before or after the closing date for receipt of tenders.