

between date of lease and 1st January or 1st July following is also payable.

5. Applications made on the same day are deemed to be simultaneous.

6. Order of selection is decided by ballot.

7. Successful applicant to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.

8. Residence is to commence within four years in bush land or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, and to be continuous for ten years. Under certain conditions personal residence may be dispensed with.

9. *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 £1 for every acre of first-class land, 10s. for every acre of second-class land, and 2s. 6d. for every acre of third-class land.

10. Lessee to pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.

11. Transfer not allowed until completion of two years' continuous residence, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only with permission.

12. 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.

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

Full particulars may be obtained from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier.

J. D. THOMSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Land in the Marlborough Land District for Sale by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,
Blenheim, 27th September, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned land will be offered for sale by public auction for cash at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Thursday, 10th November, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., under the provisions of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and the Land Act, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.—TOWN LAND.

Awatere County.—Town of Seddon.—Starborough Settlement.

SECTION 8, Block XV: Area, 1 rood. Upset price, £40. Practically flat, good residence-site. Adjoins Starborough Hotel, and is close to post-office and railway-station.

The right is reserved to the present occupier to remove his improvements within one month from date of sale.

Terms of Sale.

One-fifth of the purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance, with Crown grant fee (£1), within thirty days thereafter; otherwise the part of the purchase-money paid by way of deposit shall be forfeited, and the contract for the sale of the land be null and void.

Titles will be subject to section 85 of the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and Part XIII of the Land Act, 1924.

Full particulars may be had on application to this office.

J. STEVENSON,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICE.

Milling-timber for Sale by Public Tender.

State Forest Service,
Rotorua, 7th October, 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, Rotorua, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 27th October, 1927.

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SCHEDULE.

ROTORUA CONSERVATION REGION, AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

ALL the milling-timber specified on that area, containing approximately 49 acres, situated in Block IX, Patetere N.E. Survey District (portion of State Forest No. 3). The total estimated quantity in cubic feet is 68,736 or in board feet 473,800, made up as follows:—

Species.	Cubic Feet.	Board Feet.
Rimu	42,703	295,950
Miro	3,665	23,343
Silver Beach	11,363	77,680
Red Beach	11,005	76,827
Total	68,736	473,800

Upset price: £628.

Ground rent: £1 4s. 6d.

Time for removal of timber: Six months.

Terms of Payment.

A marked cheque for one-half of the price tendered, together with ground rent (£1 4s. 6d.) and (£1 1s.) license fee, must accompany the tender, and the balance be paid three months after date of sale.

Terms and Conditions.

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 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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.

9. If no tender is accepted for the timber herein mentioned it will remain open for application at the upset price until further notice.

10. Tenders should be on the special form obtainable from any office of the State Forest Service, and should be enclosed in envelopes addressed "Conservator of Forests, Rotorua," and endorsed "Tender for Timber."

The conditions which will be inserted in the license to be issued to the purchaser, and further particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned or to the Director of Forestry, Wellington.

W. T. MORRISON,
Conservator of Forests.