

Improvements included in capital value are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Section 1s (841 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (510 acres, at £3 10s. per acre)	1,785	0	0
Felled, not burnt (331 acres at £2 5s. per acre)	744	15	0
Grassing 331 acres (when burnt)	400	0	0
Fencing (30 chains at £200 per mile)	75	0	0
Sheep-yards	40	0	0
	3,044	15	0
Section 2s (510 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (510 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	1,785	0	0
Fencing (1 mile 30 chains at £180 per mile)	247	10	0
	2,032	10	0
Section 3s (515 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (515 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	1,802	10	0
Fencing (2 miles 40 chains at £140 per mile)	350	0	0
	2,152	10	0
Section 4s (510 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (510 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	1,785	0	0
Fencing (2 miles 20 chains at £140 per mile)	332	10	0
	2,117	10	0
Section 5s (610 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (610 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	2,135	0	0
Fencing (2 miles 20 chains at £140 per mile)	315	0	0
	2,450	0	0
Section 6s (960 acres), (homestead-site)—			
Cleared and grassed (960 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	3,360	0	0
Fencing (6 miles at £140 per mile)	840	0	0
Sheep-yards, dip, and pens	100	0	0
	4,300	0	0
Section 7s (1,400 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (325 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	1,137	10	0
Fencing (45 chains at £5 10s. per chain)	112	10	0
	1,250	0	0
Section 8s (1,000 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (385 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	1,347	10	0
Fencing (70 chains at £2 10s. per chain)	175	0	0
	1,522	10	0
Section 9s (1,210 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (635 acres at £3 per acre)	1,905	0	0
Fencing (2 miles at £200 per mile)	400	0	0
	2,305	0	0
Section 10s (855 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (465 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	1,627	10	0
Fencing (3 miles 30 chains at £140 per mile)	472	10	0
	2,100	0	0
Section 11s (850 acres)—			
Felled and grassed (680 acres at £3 10s. per acre)	2,380	0	0
Fencing (2 miles 60 chains at £140 per mile)	385	0	0
Sheep-yards	40	0	0
	2,805	0	0

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

The Wera Settlement, formerly the property of Messrs. Field and Chapple, is situated about twelve miles from Matawai, which is forty-four miles from Gisborne by rail. Access is by the Motu Valley Road, and is metalled for a distance of about eight miles. The balance is now being metalled. The country comprises easy to undulating hills, with small flats along the main streams suitable for cultivation. The

soil is of a pumiceous nature, resting on marly clay and sandstone formation.

The general aspect is good. The whole settlement is well watered by permanent streams, the annual rainfall being very high.

The bush for the most part comprises tawa and rimu on the lower elevations and birch on the higher, with fairly dense ferny undergrowth.

The altitude varies from 1,500 ft to 2,500 ft. above sea-level.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Section 1s.—About 841 acres easy hilly country, of which about 510 acres is in good grass. The remainder is being burnt and sown. Section elevation ranges from 1,500 ft. to 2,200 ft.

Section 2s.—About 510 acres all cleared and in good grass. Easy hills. Elevation ranges from 1,550 ft. to 2,250 ft.

Section 3s.—All in good grass, easy hills and small ploughable flats. Greater part of section from 1,650 ft. to 1,850 ft. elevation. Suitable for mixed farming.

Section 4s.—All in good grass. Very easy hills and some ploughable flats. Bulk of section ranges from 1,650 ft. to 1,850 ft. elevation. Suitable for mixed farming.

Section 5s.—All well grassed, easy hills and good ploughable flats. Elevation 1,750 ft. to 2,300 ft. Suitable for mixed farming.

Section 6s.—Hilly country, all in grass except about 2½ acres standing bush at homestead. Elevation, 1,800 ft. to 2,300 ft.

Section 7s.—Hilly country. 325 acres felled and grassed, balance in good tawa and birch bush. Elevation, 1,650 ft. to 2,500 ft.

Section 8s.—Hilly country. About 385 acres felled and grassed recently. Balance in good tawa and birch bush. Elevation, 1,700 ft. to 2,400 ft.

Section 9s.—Hilly country. 635 acres felled; 475 acres in good grass, 160 acres in second-growth bush; balance in good tawa and birch bush. Elevation, 1,800 ft. to 2,200 ft.

Section 10s.—Hilly country. 465 acres in good grass, balance in fair tawa and birch bush. Elevation, 1,850 ft. to 2,300 ft.

Section 11s.—Hilly country. 680 acres in good grass, balance in birch bush on higher elevations. Elevation, 1,850 ft. to 2,500 ft.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 2nd day of February, 1927.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Opening Settlement Lands in Taranaki Land District for Selection.

CHARLES FERGUSON, 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 Monday, the twenty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, 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.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Stratford County.—Omona Survey District.—Tawhiwhi Settlement.

SECTIONS 5s, 9s, 11s, and Lot 2 of 6s: Area, 1,346 acres 3 roods 37 perches. Capital value, £3,450 *£250; half yearly rent, £86 5s. †£12 12s. 6d.

* Valuation for buildings, &c.

† Half-yearly instalment of principal and interest on woolshed, concrete dip, and cistern, old Tangye engine (in disrepair), and eight-stand shearing-machine (hand pieces and belting missing) valued at £250, payable either in cash or in fourteen years by twenty-eight half-yearly instalments of £12 12s. 6d. Total half-yearly payments on lease, £98 17s. 6d.

Situated about twelve miles from the Douglas Railway-station and three miles from Tututawa School. About 300 acres good ewe country; balance steep to hilly sandstone country. Well watered by running streams. Elevation varies from 500 ft. to 1,200 ft. The area was originally well grassed with mixed grasses, but now there is a considerable amount of fern on the area.