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THIRD-CLASS LAND.

*Hauraki Plains County.—Hapuakohe Survey District.*

Section 1, Block IV: Area, 377 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £190. Deposit on deferred payments, £10; half-yearly instalment, £5 17s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 16s.

Weighted with £29, valuation for improvements consisting of old two-roomed house (out of repair), payable in cash.

Situated on the Waikaka Stream Road about two miles from Patetonga and twenty-two miles from Morrinsville by metalled road for nineteen miles, balance formed clay road. The nearest school and post-office are at Patetonga. Open hilly country in fern and tea-tree. The soil is of a poor quality on clay formation. Watered by Waikaka Stream.

*Otorohanga County.—Wharepapa Survey District.*

Section 13, Block XV: Area, 367 acres 1 rood. Capital value, £185. Deposit on deferred payments, £10; half-yearly instalment, £5 13s. 9d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 14s.

The improvements, not included in the capital value but which require to be paid for separately, comprise dwelling of two rooms with lean-to (in poor repair), cowshed, 60 acres grassing, and about 70 chains fencing, valued at £235, repayable in cash or on instalment mortgage over a period of fifteen years (interest, 5½ per cent.) by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined of £11 12s. 1d.

Situated on the Waipari Road, about one mile from Ngaroma School and Post-office, thirty-five miles from Te Awamutu Saleyards and Dairy Factory, and thirty-two miles from Te Kawa Railway-station, by metalled road for thirty miles; balance unmetalled. About 120 acres felled and grassed (part now reverted), 46 acres open country in manuka, and about 201 acres in standing bush comprising tawa, rata, rimu, with rewarewa and tawhero on the spurs, and a dense undergrowth of supplejack, punga, and makomako. The soil is of medium quality on rubble and rhyolite formation; well watered by running streams. Altitude, 1,500 ft. to 1,800 ft. above sea-level.

*Kawhia County.—Kawhia North Survey District.*

Section 3, Block XII: Area, 496 acres. Capital value, £190. Deposit on deferred payments, £10; half-yearly instalment, £5 17s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 16s.

The improvements, which require to be paid for separately, comprise dwelling of four rooms and kitchen, and about 160 chains fencing, and felling and grassing, valued at £290. Repayable in cash, or may remain on instalment mortgage to State Advances Superintendent for a term of twenty years. Interest, 6 per cent.

Grazing property, situated on the Pirongia-Kawhia Road about twenty-eight miles from Te Awamutu. The nearest post-office and school are at Te Rau-a-moa, three miles distant, while there are saleyards, store, and dairy factory at Oparau, seven miles and a half distant. Steep and broken country, of which about 350 acres have been felled and grassed (now reverted), the balance being in standing bush, comprising tawa, rimu, rata, &c., with a dense undergrowth supplejack and punga. Well watered by permanent streams.

*Otorohanga County.—Wharepapa Survey District.*

Section 12, Block XV: Area, 470 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £235. Deposit on deferred payments, £15; half-yearly instalment, £7 3s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £4 14s.

The improvements, which are not included in the capital value but which require to be paid for separately, comprise old slab whare, cowshed, small shed, grassing, and about 90 chains fencing, valued at £145. Repayable in cash or in seven years by fourteen half-yearly instalments of £12 2s.

Grazing property situated on the Wairakei Road about thirty-five miles from Te Awamutu Railway-station and two miles from Ngaroma School and Post-office. Undulating to broken land of which about 120 acres have been felled and grassed (now mostly reverted), 90 acres open country in fern, manuka, and tutu, the balance being in standing bush, comprising tawa, rimu, rata, rewarewa, and tawhero on the spurs, with a dense undergrowth of supplejack, rangiora, and punga. The soil is of medium quality on rubble and rhyolite formation. Well watered by running streams.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 27th day of February, 1928.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

*Opening Lands in North Auckland Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

I N pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Land Act, 1924, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, 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 Act.

SCHEDULE.

NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Bay of Islands County.—Kao Survey District.*

SECTION 4, Block XV: Area, 469 acres 1 rood 6 perches. Capital value, £400. Half-yearly rent, £8.

Situated about seven miles from Waipapa Post-office, on a side road (cart-track) one mile off the main Waipapa-Pungaere Road, which is formed. Also nine miles from Keri Keri Landing. Undulating rolling country, mostly ploughable. About 50 acres green bush containing sufficient totara for fencing purposes; balance manuka, fern, and hakea. Soil is of ironstone formation and fair friable clay. Well watered by several streams. No improvements. Altitude 500 ft. to 1,100 ft. above sea-level.

*Bay of Islands County.—Motatau Survey District.*

Section 1, Block XIII: Area, 433 acres. Capital value, £595. Half-yearly rent, £11 18s.

Section 2, Block XIII: Area, 548 acres. Capital value, £760. Half-yearly rent, £15 4s.

Section 3, Block XIII: Area, 421 acres 2 roods. Capital value, £630. Half-yearly rent, £12 12s.

Section 4, Block XIII: Area, 518 acres. Capital value, £780. Half-yearly rent, £15 12s.

Situated about eighteen miles from Kaikohe Railway-station by road, which has been formed. Soil is very fair clay on sandstone formation. Well watered by several permanent streams. The bush comprises totara, rimu, puriri, rata, and taraire, with heavy undergrowth of karian, nikau, punga, &c. Altitude 600 ft. to 1,000 ft. above sea-level.

Section 1.—About 200 acres bush; balance tall manuka and fern. Country flat and undulating to hilly.

Section 2.—About 300 acres bush; balance tall manuka and fern. Flat and undulating to hilly country.

Section 3.—About 350 acres bush; balance heavy fern and manuka. Flat, undulating to hilly, and fairly steep country.

Section 4.—About 300 acres bush; balance burnt bush, tall manuka and fern. Flat, undulating to hilly country.

*Hobson County.—Tutamoe Survey District.*

Section 28, Block XIII: Area, 106 acres 1 rood. Capital value, £105. Half-yearly rent, £2 2s.

Weighted with £7 15s., valuation for improvements consisting of 31 chains of fencing, in poor condition.

Situated on the Kaihu-Whatoro Road about one and a half miles from either Kaihu or Whatoro Railway-stations by cart-road, partly metalled. All undulating to hilly country; about 15 acres green bush, balance scrubby fern. Bush consists mostly of taraire with a few rata, nikau, and mukamuka. Soil is fairly poor semi-volcanic resting on clay formation. Fairly well watered by small stream. No improvements, except for fencing mentioned above.

*Whangarei County.—Purua Survey District.*

Section 41, Block IX: Area, 203 acres 1 rood. Capital value, £110. Half-yearly rent, £2 4s.

Situated about five miles from Kamo by formed road, four miles of which is metalled. Undulating country slightly broken in parts. Covered with fern and tea-tree scrub, with a little wild danthonia. Soil is greyish clay resting on clay formation. Fairly well watered by small creek. No improvements.

*Waitemata County.—Paremoremo Parish.*

Section 279: Area, 61 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £60. Half-yearly rent, £1 4s.

Weighted with £57 10s., valuation for improvements consisting of 5 acres ploughing (4 acres still fallow), boundary fencing (3 wires), and wattle, hakea, and pine hedge.