

Bay of Islands County.—Kawakawa Parish.

Sections 106 to 109 and 111 to 116: Area, 464 acres 2 roods. Capital value, £410. Deposit on deferred payments, £20; half-yearly instalment, £12 13s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £8 4s.

Weighted with £340, valuation for improvements consisting of house (all iron) of three rooms, lined, ceiled, and papered (now in disrepair), one mile of fencing in fair condition, five miles of fencing in poor condition (originally nine paddocks), and 15 chains of draining, which needs cleaning out. This amount may be secured by State Advances mortgage.

Situated on the Kawakawa-Otau Road, about eight miles from Kawakawa Railway-station. Also about seven miles from Opuia Port. Country flat, undulating, and rolling; about four-fifths of area being ploughable. Soil is of fair quality clay on clay and sandstone formation; well watered by several streams. About 20 acres have been ploughed and grassed, but now reverted to second growth. Land is covered with fern, manuka, gorse, and hakea. Altitude 400 ft. to 600 ft. above sea-level.

Bay of Islands County.—Hukerenui Survey District.

Section 49, Block V: Area, 47 acres 2 roods 35 perches. Capital value, £75. Deposit on deferred payments, £5; half-yearly instalment, £2 5s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £1 10s.

Situated a quarter of a mile from Towai Railway-station by metalled road. Undulating land, all ploughable. Soil is of poor quality clay, and has been extensively dug over for gum. Covered with fern and manuka with hakea becoming established. No improvements. Elevation 400 ft. to 500 ft. above sea-level.

Whangarei County.—Hukerenui Survey District.

Section 35, Block IX: Area, 237 acres. Capital value, £315. Deposit on deferred payments, £15; half-yearly instalment, £9 15s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £7 17s. 6d.

Situated four miles from Hukerenui Railway-station and school, and fourteen miles from Hikurangi Dairy Factory. All poor undulating gum land, pot holed on low part, and fair amount of old kauri stumps. Land covered with fern tea-tree scrub, and a little danthonia. Watered by two small creeks and seepage from swampy portion of section. No noxious weeds. Section is ring-fenced, there being 190 chains of fencing, totara posts, and a few kauri limbs, three and five battens on about half, balance no battens; average five wires; all new fencing. Small shanty of kahikatea, one room, old brick chimney, iron roof, spouting, 200-gallon tank.

Otamatea County.—Wairau Parish.

Section 173: Area, 60 acres 0 roods 32 perches. Capital value, £30. Deposit on deferred payments, £5; half-yearly instalment, 16s. 3d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, 12s.

Situated on the main Maungaturoto-Waipu Road, about four miles distant from Maungaturoto, by metalled cart-road. Land undulating to broken, and covered with light bush and manuka. Bush comprises towai, rewa rewa, and one small green kauri tree. Soil is poor clay resting on clay formation. Poorly watered by soakage. No improvements.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 2nd day of March, 1928.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Opening Lands in Hawke's Bay Land District for Sale or Selection.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1924, and the amendments thereof, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare and provide as follows, this is to say:—

1. The rural lands enumerated in the Schedule hereto are hereby set apart for disposal by way of sale or selection on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at the prices specified in the said Schedule, and shall be deemed to be "light-bush lands."

2. The said lands may be purchased for cash or on deferred payments, or be selected on renewable lease.

3. After the first half-year's rent, or the deposit fixed under deferred payments, as the case may be, has been paid by the selector the further instalments of rent, or such part of the aforesaid instalments as consist of interest payable by him for a period of two years shall not be demanded; provided that

if at any time during the first five years of his occupancy the selector disposes of his interest in the land, the rent or interest so conceded shall be paid by him in full, and thereupon the Land Board may remit such instalments of rent or interest payable by the incoming tenant, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount previously conceded to the selector, as the Board shall think fit.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Wairoa County.—Opoiti Survey District.—Hereheretau Block.

(Exempt from payment of Rent or Interest for Two Years.)

SECTION 1, Block XV: Area, 675 acres. Capital value, £1,350. Deposit on deferred payments, £70; half-yearly instalment, £41 12s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £27.

Section 2, Block XV: Area, 807 acres. Capital value, £1,820. Deposit on deferred payments, £90; half-yearly instalment, £56 4s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £36 8s.

Section 1, Block XIX: Area, 625 acres. Capital value, £1,410. Deposit on deferred payments, £70; half-yearly instalment, £43 11s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £28 4s.

Section 2, Block XIX: Area, 679 acres. Capital value, £1,530. Deposit on deferred payments, £80; half-yearly instalment, £47 2s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £30 12s.

These lands are situated in the Wairoa County, and are distant from the Town of Wairoa by the main Wairoa-Gisborne Road and by a road leading from same to the block about fourteen miles. The access road from the Wairoa Road to Section 2, Block XV, Opoiti, has been completed, and is fit for all classes of traffic. Section 2, Block XIX, Opoiti, is served by the same road, while Section 1, Block XIX, Opoiti, is provided with a branch road. There is a store and post-office at Whakaki, about two miles and a half from the block.

The country generally is hilly, with sharp spurs, narrow ridges, and deep intersecting gullies. The soil is fair, but slightly pumiceous, and lies on papa formation. The sections generally are covered with light bush, manuka, and grass in patches, and are suitable for grazing sheep and other dry stock. The altitude ranges from 40 ft. to 1,300 ft. above sea-level, and the sections, with the exception of Section 2, Block XIX, Opoiti S.D., are well watered. Each is provided with a suitable homestead-site.

NOTE.—The Crown does not undertake any liability for formed road access to Section 1, Block XV.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

For the convenience of prospective tenants an agreement has been entered into with Mr. E. P. Williams, the adjoining owner to the west, to the effect that the fence erected by him on the western boundary along a ridge shall remain, and shall be adopted as a tentative boundary for all purposes.

The fence referred to is in good order and condition, and shall be kept so by the tenants concerned on the one part and by Mr. Williams on the other.

Applicants are asked to specially note that the fence referred to crosses and re-crosses the title boundary between Mr. Williams and the Crown, and that during the life of the agreement tenants will be occupying part of his land, whilst on the other hand he will be in occupation of part of their lands as set out in the agreement.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 5th day of March, 1928.

G. JAS. ANDERSON, for Minister of Lands.

Opening Settlement Land in North Auckland Land District for Selection.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, 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 land 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 rental mentioned in the said Schedule, and I do also declare that the said land shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Acts.