

Opening Lands in the Wellington 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, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, having received the report of the Under-Secretary in this behalf, as provided by section one hundred and seventy-six of the said Act, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on Monday, the twenty-third day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight; and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash or on deferred payments, or be selected on renewable lease; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased as those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and do declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Waimarino County.—Whirinaki Survey District.

SECTION 3, Block VIII: Area, 730 acres 2 roods. Capital value, £547. Deposit on deferred payments, £27; half-yearly instalment, £16 18s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £10 18s. 10d.

Weighted with £1,760, valuation of improvements comprising 500 acres felled and grassed, 300 chains fencing, dwelling, shed, cowshed and yards, and sheep-yards. Repayable in cash or may be secured by first mortgage to State Advances Superintendent, and repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest over a thirty-year term.

The farm is situated on the Raetihi-Ohura road, about twenty-three miles from Raetihi Railway-station, six miles from Ruatiti School. Dairy factory at Raetihi.

Fairly steep slopes, with light soil mostly on sandstone formation. Altitude, from 1,000 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level. About 500 acres in fair pasture, and balance bush. Pastures reverting to second growth. Land suitable for grazing.

THIRD-CLASS LAND.

Waimarino County.—Manganui Survey District.

Sections 2 and 8, Block I: Area, 978 acres. Capital value, £500. Deposit on deferred payments, £25; half-yearly instalment, £15 8s. 9d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £10.

Weighted with £1,600, valuation for improvements comprising 600 acres felled and grassed, 300 chains fencing, dwelling, woolshed, motor-shed, outbuildings, and yards. Payable in cash or may be secured by first mortgage to State Advances Superintendent, and repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest over a thirty-year term.

Situated on the Ruatiti-Erua road, about twenty-seven miles from Raetihi Railway-station, and ten miles from Ruatiti School. Dairy factory at Raetihi.

A fairly rough broken section with fair soil, mostly on sandstone formation. Elevation from 1,300 ft. to 2,000 ft. above sea-level. About 600 acres felled and grassed, 200 acres of which has reverted to second growth, and balance is in worn-out pastures. Suitable for grazing. Good buildings.

Section 4, Block V: Area, 494 acres. Capital value, £247. Deposit on deferred payments, £27; half-yearly instalment, £7 3s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £4 18s. 10d.

Weighted with £1,020, valuation for improvements comprising 490 acres felled and grassed, 200 chains fencing, roads, bridges, yard, dwelling, woolshed and outbuildings. Payable in cash or may be secured by first mortgage to State Advances Superintendent, and repayable by half-yearly instalment of principal and interest over a thirty-year term.

Situated on the Raetihi-Ohura road about twenty miles from Raetihi Railway-station and three miles from the Ruatiti School. Dairy factory at Raetihi.

Fairly steep country, broken with some dangerous gorges and carrying a light soil on sandstone. Altitude, 1,130 ft. to 1,850 ft. above sea-level. All felled and grassed, but second growth is bad. Suitable for grazing. A nice homestead-site.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 7th day of April, 1928.

A. D. McLEOD, Minister of Lands.

Vesting the Control of Scenic Reserves in the Taihape Scenic Reserves Board.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by section thirteen of the Scenery Preservation Act, 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand doth hereby vest the control of the reserves described in the Schedule hereto (being land reserved under the said Act), for the period of five years from the date hereof (unless previously altered or revoked under the said Act) in the undermentioned persons, namely,—

George Bray,
Thomas Claude Kincaid,
Gordon Napier MacDiarmid,
William John Hall McCormick, and
Frank Woodfield Stringer,

who are hereby constituted for that purpose a special Board by the name of the Taihape Scenic Reserves Board (herein referred to as "the Board"), in trust, for the preservation of scenery, and with the powers and subject to the conditions hereinafter contained, that is to say,—

1. The first meeting of the Board shall be held on Wednesday, the ninth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at eight o'clock p.m., at the office of Messrs. Arrowsmith and Loughnan, Taihape, and thereafter the Board shall meet for the transaction of business on the second Wednesday in each month at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time or place as may from time to time be fixed by the Board.

2. The members of the Board shall at their first meeting, and thereafter at the annual meeting hereinafter mentioned, elect one of themselves to be Chairman, who may join in the discussion, and shall have an original as well as a casting-vote. The Chairman shall hold office until the election of his successor.

3. Special meetings may be convened by the Chairman, provided that two days' notice of such meeting is given to each member, specifying the business to be transacted at such special meeting; and no other business than that so specified shall be transacted at such meeting.

4. Any three members of the Board shall form a quorum. Any meeting may be adjourned from time to time.

5. All questions shall be determined by the majority of votes of the members of the Board present at the meeting.

6. If at any meeting the Chairman is not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman for such meeting.

7. If, by resignation, death, incapacity, or otherwise, the seat of any member shall be or become vacant, or if any member absents himself, without reasonable cause, from three consecutive meetings of the Board, the Governor-General shall have power to appoint any other person to be a member of the Board in his stead.

8. The Board shall prepare and submit at an annual meeting to be held in the month of April in each year a report of the proceedings of the Board for the previous year ending on the thirty-first day of March, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Board for such year. A copy of every such report and statement, certified by the Chairman to be correct, shall be sent to the Minister in Charge of Scenery Preservation as soon as possible after each annual meeting.

9. The Board shall control the said reserves in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and of the regulations made thereunder.

SCHEDULE.

TAIHAPE SCENIC RESERVES.

ALL that area in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 154 acres 3 roods 8 perches, being part of Section 62, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District. As the same is more particularly described in the Schedule to a Proclamation published in *Gazette* of the 21st day of February, 1918, page 554.

Section 63, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District; Area, 1 acre 1 rood.

Section 64, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District; Area, 40 acres 3 roods.

Section 79, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District; Area, 1 acre 0 roods 20 perches.

Section 80, Block XIV, Ohinewairua Survey District; Area, 4 acres 0 roods 11 perches.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 7th day of April, 1928.

A. D. McLEOD,

Minister in Charge of Scenery Preservation.