

*Settlement Lands in Taranaki Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
New Plymouth, 26th April, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for selection on renewable lease under the Land Act, 1924, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, up to 4 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, 5th June, 1928.

Preference at the ballot will be given to landless applicants who have one or more children dependent on them; to landless applicants who within two years immediately preceding date of ballot have applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully; to applicants who have served beyond New Zealand as members of the Expeditionary Force; to persons engaged on military service beyond New Zealand in connection with the late war, if such persons immediately prior to the war were *bona fide* residents of New Zealand; and to applicants who, while domiciled in New Zealand, have served beyond New Zealand as members of any of His Majesty's forces in connection with any war other than the war with Germany.

SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

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

SECTIONS 5s, 9s, Lot 2 of Section 6s: Area, 1,345 acres. Capital value, £3,450. Half-yearly rent, £86 5s.

An exemption from payment of rent for a period of two years will be allowed contingent on substantial improvements to the value of the rental remitted being effected annually.

This property is situated about fourteen miles from the Douglas Railway-station and about two miles from the Tututawa School. It comprises undulating land of good quality very suitable as a sheep proposition. Originally the area was in good pasture, but this has generally reverted to fern and second growth. The soil is of a volcanic loam, well watered by running streams.

SPECIAL CONDITION.

The successful applicant for these sections is required to take a renewable lease of part Sub. 1, Matemateaonga Block, area 885 acres, at a capital value of £900, half-yearly rental £22 10s. The lease over this area will also carry an exemption from payment of rent for a period of two years, contingent on improvements to the value of the rental remitted being effected annually.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Term of lease: Thirty-three years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years, and a right to acquire the freehold.
2. Rent: Five per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable in advance on 1st January and 1st July in each year.
3. Applicants to be twenty-one years of age and upwards.
4. Applicants to furnish with applications statutory declaration, and, on being declared successful, deposit £1 1s. (lease fee) and a half-year's rent. Rent for the broken period 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. No persons may hold more than one allotment.
7. Successful applicants to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.
8. Lessee to reside continuously on the land, and pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.
9. Transfer not allowed until expiration of fifth year of lease, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only with permission.
10. Lease is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

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

W. D. ARMIT,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

STATE FOREST SERVICE NOTICES.

*Milling-timber for Sale by Public Auction.*

State Forest Service,  
Hokitika, 27th April, 1928.

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, Hokitika, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 30th day of May, 1928.

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SCHEDULE.

WESTLAND CONSERVATION REGION, WESTLAND LAND DISTRICT.

ALL the milling-timber on that piece of land, containing 478 acres, situated close to the Township of Woodstock, in Block IX, Kanieri Survey District, portion of Provisional State Forest Reserve 1462.

The total estimated quantity in cubic feet is 971,590 or in board feet 6,338,500, made up as follows:—

Species.	Cubic Ft.	Board Ft.
Rimu .. .. .	790,126	5,232,200
Miro .. .. .	92,628	564,000
Kahikatea .. .. .	88,836	542,300
	971,590	6,338,500

Upset price: £5,042.

Ground rent: £23 18s. per annum.

Time for removal: 4½ years.

*Terms of Payment.*

A marked cheque for one-tenth of the purchase-money, together with half-year's ground rent and £1 1s. license fee, must accompany tender, and the balance be paid by fourteen equal quarterly instalments, the first payment to be made six months after the date of the sale.

In addition, the successful tenderer shall continue to pay such ground rent half-yearly in advance during the currency of the license.

*Terms and Conditions.*

1. All instalment-payments shall be secured by an "on demand" promissory note 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 if the note is 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 aforementioned qualities, quantities, 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 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 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, Hokitika," 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.

A. D. MCGAVOCK, Conservator of Forests.