

the date of the ballot have applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully, to applicants who have served beyond New Zealand as members of the Expeditionary Force, and 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 persons 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.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.—
FIRST-CLASS LAND.*Hauraki Plains County.—Orongo Settlement.*

SECTION 36s: Area, 32 acres 3 roods 33 perches. Capital value, £590. Half-yearly rent, £14 15s.

Weighted with £360, valuation for improvements comprising four-roomed house, washhouse, and cowshed, repayable in cash or in twenty-one years by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £14 0s. 10d.

Level section situated adjacent to school and one mile from Kopu Railway-station. Property suited for dairying, provided cows are wintered off the section. Whole area has been grassed but is now more or less infested with tall fescue. Watered by bore.

Improvements, included in the capital value of the section, comprise draining and approximately 184 chains fencing, in poor order. Value, £125.

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 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 application statutory declaration, and, on being declared successful, deposit £1 ls. 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. Successful applicants to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.
6. Lessee to reside continuously on the land, and pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.
7. *Improvements*: Lessee is required to improve the land within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the price; within two years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to the value of £1 for every acre of first-class land, 10s. for every acre of second-class land, and 2s. 6d. for every acre of third-class land.
8. Transfer not allowed until expiration of fifth year of lease, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only with permission.
9. Roads may be taken through the lands at any time within seven years; twice the original value to be allowed for area taken for such roads.
10. Lease is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

Form of lease may be perused and full particulars obtained at this office.

K. M. GRAHAM,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Taranaki Land District for Sale or Selection.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 8th May, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for sale or selection under the Land Act, 1924, and that applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, up to 4 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 21st May, 1928.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 23rd May, 1928, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.; but if any applicant so desires he may be examined by the Land Board of any other district.

The land in the First Schedule is open for general application, and may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for Cash or on Deferred Payments, or be selected on Renewable Lease.

The lands in the Second Schedule are offered on Renewable Lease only.

The ballot will be held at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, at the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

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 the 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.

An application may include any number of sections shown on the sale plan, but no person will be allotted more than one section.

SCHEDULES.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Waitomo County.—Mapara Survey District.

SECTION 9, Block X: Area, 208 acres 1 rood. Capital value, £160. Deposit on deferred payments, £10; half-yearly instalment, £4 17s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £3 4s.

Weighted with £600, valuation for improvements, comprising two-roomed dwelling, cowshed, approximately 100 chains fencing (in good order), about 90 acres felling and grassing. £360 of this amount may be secured by way of first mortgage under the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act; £60 is payable in cash; and the balance may be paid for by way of annual instalments extending over a period of seven years, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

This property is situated about four miles from Mangapehi Railway-station and school. The soil is of a light clay on sandstone formation. It comprises about 60 acres in fair pasture, about 30 acres reverting to fern, and the balance is in light bush.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

WAITOMO COUNTY.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Mapara Survey District.

SECTION 2, Block I: Area, 345 acres. Capital value, £270. Half-yearly rent, £5 8s.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of two years, provided improvements to the value of £30 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £850, valuation for improvements, comprising about 200 chains fencing, about 250 acres cleared and grassed, dwelling and outbuildings, cowshed, stable, and sheep-yard. This amount is payable in cash, or may be secured by way of first mortgage to the State Advances Department.

This property is situated about ten miles from Kopaki Railway-station, by good road. It comprises easy to undulating country on sandstone formation. The area, originally felled and grassed, is now deteriorating.

Section 5, Block I: Area, 583 acres. Capital value, £300. Half-yearly rent, £6.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of four years, provided improvements to the value of £30 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £67 10s. valuation for improvements, comprising about 135 chains of fencing. This amount is payable in cash or may be taken over by way of first mortgage to the State Advances Department. Section is situated ten miles from Kopaki Railway-station by good road. Comprises easy country, mostly covered by manuka; 250 acres could be ploughed. Soil is of a light clay on sandstone formation. Well watered by springs and streams.

Waitomo County.—Totoro Survey District.

Section 15, Block IV: Area, 168 acres. Capital value, £210. Half-yearly rent, £4 4s.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of ten years, provided improvements to the value of £21 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £530, valuation for improvements, comprising approximately 70 acres worn-out pasture, 88 acres felling and grassing (now deteriorating), 250 chains fencing, house, shed, and outbuildings. This amount is payable in cash or may be secured by way of first mortgage to the State Advances Department.

Section is situated four miles from Pio Pio and sixteen miles from Te Kuiti by road. Comprises about 70 acres worn-out pasture, and 88 acres felling and grassing, now