

Lands in Taranaki Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 25th July, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for selection on renewable lease under the Land Act, 1924; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 8th August, 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.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Stratford County.—Mahoe Survey District.

(Exempt from payment of Rent for Five Years.)

SECTIONS 11 and 12, Block XIII: Area, 400 acres. Capital value, £200. Half-yearly rent, £4.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of five years provided improvements to the value of £40 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £450, valuation for improvements comprising about 170 acres felling and grassing, four-roomed house, and shed. This amount is either payable in cash or may be paid for in twenty-one years by forty-two half-yearly instalments of £17 11s.

A remission of the interest comprised in the instalments will be allowed for a period of one year contingent on improvements to the value of £50 being effected.

This section is situated on the Puniwhakau Road, about twenty-two miles from Douglas Railway-station. About 100 acres is in bush. The balance area has been felled and grassed, but is now becoming overgrown with bracken fern, which can easily be burnt off and the land resown. It is well watered by permanent streams. Soil is of a light loam quality on sandstone formation.

THIRD-CLASS LAND.

Eltham County.—Omona Survey District.

(Exempt from payment of Rent for Five Years.)

Section 8, Block XV: Area, 1,697 acres. Capital value, £450. Half-yearly rent, £9.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of five years provided improvements to the value of £45 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £425, valuation for improvements comprising approximately 350 acres felling and grassing, three-roomed whare, and approximately 140 chains fencing. This amount is either payable in cash or may be secured by way of first mortgage by arrangement with the State Advances Department.

This property is situated about thirty-six miles from Eltham Railway-station, twenty-five miles by tar-sealed and metalled road, thence eight miles by unmetalled road, and thence three miles by formed track. It is subdivided into five paddocks, but the fences are in disrepair. It is estimated to carry in its present state 400 wethers. Generally the country is comparatively easy, and will make a good dry stock proposition.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Patea County.—Kapara Survey District.

(Exempt from payment of Rent for Five Years.)

Section 1, Block IV: Area, 745 acres. Capital value, £200. Half-yearly rent, £4.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of five years provided improvements to the value of £40 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £35, valuation for improvements comprising about 20 acres felling and grassing, payable in cash.

This section is situated on the Puraroto Road about thirty-four miles from the Waitotara Railway-station. It comprises good quality soil on papa formation. About 620 acres are in bush which chiefly consists of tawa, henau, with an odd rimu and totara scattered about the section. There are some flats

on the ridge tops, but the balance area is generally of a broken nature.

Waitomo County.—Tangitu Survey District.

(Exempt from payment of Rent for Four Years.)

Section 31, Block I: Area, 187 acres. Capital value, £400. Half-yearly rent, £8.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of four years provided improvements to the value of £40 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £480, valuation for improvements comprising house, cow shed and yard, about 180 acres felling and grassing, 12 acres stumped and ploughed, and 200 chains fencing. This amount is either payable in cash or may be secured by way of first mortgage the terms and conditions to be arranged with the State Advances Department.

Section is situated three miles from Mokauiti School, post-office, and store, and sixteen miles from Waimiha Railway-station.

It comprises undulating to hilly country, about 180 acres have been felled and grassed. About 30 acres is in good pasture. Soil is of a light clay on sandstone-papa formation. Well watered by springs. When fully improved the property is estimated to carry 150 ewes, 20 dairy cows, and 15 store cattle. At present ragwort is prevalent and property will require initial handling with sheep.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Term of lease, sixty-six years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of sixty-six years.

2. Rent, 4 per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable in advance on 1st January and 1st July in each year.

3. Applicants to be seventeen years of age and upwards.

4. Applicants to furnish statutory declaration with applications, 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. Applications made on the same day are deemed to be simultaneous.

6. Order of selection is decided by ballot.

7. Successful applicant to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.

8. Residence is to commence within four years in bush land or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, and to be continuous for ten years. Under certain conditions personal residence may be dispensed with.

9. *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.

10. Lessee to pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.

11. Transfer not allowed until completion of two years' continuous residence, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only with permission.

12. 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.

13. 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 NOTICE.

Milling-timber for Sale by Public Tender.

State Forest Service,
Nelson, 24th July, 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, Nelson, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 18th August, 1928.

SCHEDULE.

NELSON-MARLBOROUGH FOREST-CONSERVATION REGION.—
MARLBOROUGH LAND DISTRICT.

ALL the milling-timber on that area, containing approximately 105 acres (part State Forest No. 11) Block I, Wakamarina Survey District, situated close to Flat Creek.