

Raetihi Borough.—Town of Raetihi Extension No. 1.

Section 54: Area, 3 acres 0 roods 27 perches. Upset price, £95.

Weighted with £405, valuation for improvements comprising felling and grassing, 32 chains fencing, three-roomed dwelling, wash-house, and shed. Weighting for improvements is payable by £50 cash deposit on the fall of the hammer, and the balance will be secured by first mortgage repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest over a period of twenty years.

Situated in Ward Street, about one mile from the Raetihi Railway-station. A level section, with the exception of a creek running through the western side. Good soil.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 25th day of October, 1928.

F. H. D. BELL, for Minister of Lands.

Opening Land in Auckland Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Land Act, 1924, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the land described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Friday, the fourteenth day of December, 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 Act.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Tauranga County.—Tauranga Survey District.

National Endowment.

SECTIONS 8 and 15, Block VIII: Area, 80 acres. Capital value, £120. Half-yearly rent, £2 8s.

Weighted with £350, valuation for improvements comprising 50 chains subdivisional fencing, 80 chains boundary-fencing, dwelling (four rooms, in fair order), and two-roomed leanto (partly lined), grassing, and cultivation. This amount is repayable either in cash or by a cash deposit of £30; the balance secured by instalment mortgage over a period of 24½ years at 5½ per cent.; half-yearly payments, £12.

Suitable for dairying in a small way when further improved. Situated two miles and a half from Te Puna Railway-station and school, and seven miles from Tauranga Dairy Factory and post-office. Area at present neglected, and noxious weeds spreading. Approximately 6 acres fair pasture, 4 acres worn-out pasture, 2 acres cultivated; balance fern and scrub. Approximately 15 acres steep and poor land; balance undulating. Subdivided into six paddocks. Well watered by springs.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 27th day of October, 1928.

F. H. D. BELL, for Minister of Lands.

Opening Settlement Lands in 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 lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Friday, the fourteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, at the rentals mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said lands shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Acts.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—SETTLEMENT LAND.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Taupo County.—Reporoa Settlement.

(Exempt from payment of Rent for Three Years.)

Section 3s: Area, 161 acres 3 roods 8 perches. Capital value, £1,060. Half-yearly rent, £26 10s.

Section 4s: Area, 128 acres 1 rood 20 perches. Capital value, £200. Half-yearly rent, £5.

Section 5s: Area, 97 acres 2 roods. Capital value, £200. Half-yearly rent, £5.

Section 7s: Area, 100 acres 2 roods 5 perches. Capital value, £540. Half-yearly rent, £13 10s.

Section 8s: Area, 128 acres 1 rood 12 perches. Capital value, £520. Half-yearly rent, £13.

Section 9s: Area, 102 acres 2 roods 2 perches. Capital value, £310. Half-yearly rent, £7 15s.

Section 10s: Area, 138 acres. Capital value, £970. Half-yearly rent, £24 5s.

Section 11s: Area, 100 acres 1 rood 30 perches. Capital value, £400. Half-yearly rent, £10.

Section 13s: Area, 119 acres 1 rood 27 perches. Capital value, £840. Half-yearly rent, £21.

Sections 28s and 29s: Area, 205 acres 1 rood 30 perches. Capital value, £400; £400*. Half-yearly rent, £10; £15.†

Sections 36s, Part 35s and Lot 2 of Section 46s: Area, 247 acres 3 roods 38 perches. Capital value, £600; £190.* Half-yearly rent, £15; £9 7s. 8d.†

Section 70s: Area, 29 acres 2 roods 15 perches. Capital value, £480. Half-yearly rent, £12.

* Valuation for buildings.

† Half-yearly instalment of principal and interest on buildings.

Reporoa Settlement, situated on the Rotorua-Taupo Road, is also on the proposed route of the Rotorua-Taupo Railway, about twenty-five miles distant from Rotorua. Adjoining the settlement there is a school, also a post and telephone office. The district has a daily mail and coach service from Rotorua during the summer months, and thrice weekly during the winter. Cream lorries collecting for the Rotorua and Ngongotaha Dairy Factories pass through the settlement daily during the dairying season.

The areas now being offered comprise partly drained swamp land with soil of a peaty nature and partly pumice terrace land, generally of fair quality.

DESCRIPTION OF SECTIONS.

Section 3s: About 60 acres part reclaimed swamp in wiwi, rushes, short flax, and niggerhead; balance level to undulating pumice terrace in tea-tree, tussock, &c. All ploughable when drained. Poorly watered by drain.

Section 4s: About 120 acres part reclaimed swamp in wiwi, rushes, niggerhead, tea-tree, and short flax; balance undulating pumice terrace in tea-tree, tussock, &c. All ploughable when drained. Poorly watered by drain.

Section 5s: All partly reclaimed swamp, in wiwi, rushes, tea-tree, niggerhead, and short flax, with some rough feed. All ploughable when drained. Watered by Waiotapu Stream and drain.

Section 7s: Partly reclaimed swamp in surface-sown grass, bunch rushes, niggerhead, &c. About 20 acres near northern boundary affected by mineral springs. Ragwort spreading. Watered by drain.

Section 8s: Partly reclaimed swamp in wiwi, rushes, niggerhead, and short flax. All ploughable when drained. Poorly watered by drain.

Section 9s: Partly reclaimed swamp in wiwi, rushes, flax, niggerhead, &c. All ploughable when fully drained. A small portion of this section is mineralized. Poorly watered by drains.

Sections 10s, 11s, and 13s: Partly reclaimed swamp in flax, niggerhead, bunch rushes, and surface-sown grass. Watered by Waiotapu Stream and drains. All ploughable when fully drained.

Sections 28s and 29s: About 110 acres partly drained swamp of which 70 acres is in worn-out pasture, and rough feed; balance undulating to hilly pumice land of poor quality. Watered by springs and swamp.

Section 36s: Wet swamp section with apparently insufficient outfall for efficient drainage. Approximately 50 acres in old pasture and rushes; balance in bunch rushes and niggerheads. Suitable for grazing-run for use in conjunction with higher land.

Section part 35s and Lot 2 of 46s: Flat to undulating land of light pumiceous nature. Soil of fair quality, but requires judicious manuring. To be selected as homestead block for Section 36s.

Section 70s: Partly drained swamp land of good quality; could be utilized for cropping or for grazing purposes in conjunction with another holding in the settlement.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements, not included in the capital values, but to be paid for separately, comprise—

Sections 28s and 29s: Shack, cow-byre, approximately 100 chains boundary-fence, and 100 chains road-fencing on Section 28s; two-roomed whare, cow-byre, shed, 60 chains boundary-fence and 60 chains subdivision fence: and 15