

Soil of light quality resting on pumice formation; fairly well watered by springs and creeks. Undulating to broken country, covered with fern and manuka: 5 acres, formerly cleared and grassed, having now totally reverted. No buildings.

Waitomo County.—Otanake Survey District.

Section 13, Block VI: Area, 293 acres. Capital value, £300. Deposit on deferred payments, £15. Half-yearly instalment on deferred payments, £9 5s. 3d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £6.

Weighted with £158, valuation for improvements comprising 30 acres grassing, approximately 300 chains fencing, four-roomed dwelling, and cowshed (buildings in poor repair). This amount is repayable either in cash or by a cash deposit of £8, the balance to be secured to the State Advances Superintendent by an instalment mortgage for a period of twenty years; interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

Situated on Trooper's Road, fourteen miles from Te Kuiti by good metalled road, and seven miles and a half from Pio Pio Factory, post-office, and saleyards. Section comprises approximately 30 acres light bush, consisting of tawa, rewera, tawhero, &c., with a light undergrowth of fern and supplejack; balance in fern.

Undulating land, with a high cliff of limestone running across the centre; the soil being of an inferior quality resting on limestone formation. Watered by running streams.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 16th day of November, 1928.

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

Warrant authorizing the Cheviot County Council to construct a Bridge over the Hurunui River on the Christchurch-Blenheim via Parnassus Main Highway (together with Approaches thereto), and apportioning the Cost.

CHARLES FERGUSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in me by section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities in anywise enabling me in this behalf, I, General Sir Charles Ferguson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby authorize the Cheviot County Council to construct the bridge (together with approaches thereto) described in the Schedule hereto; and I do also declare that the cost thereof, less such contribution (if any) as may be made thereto by the Government of New Zealand or the Main Highways Board, shall be borne by the Cheviot County Council, the Waipara County Council, and the Kaikoura County Council in the following proportions—viz., the Cheviot County Council shall pay fifty (50) per centum, the Waipara County Council shall pay forty (40) per centum, and the Kaikoura County Council shall pay ten (10) per centum of such cost, respectively; and I do further direct that any contributions hereby required to be made as aforesaid by the Waipara and Kaikoura County Councils shall be paid from time to time, in the proportions hereinbefore prescribed, out of the funds of the said Councils within a period of one month after demand in writing made by or on behalf of the Cheviot County Council; and all such payments shall be made from time to time to the Clerk of the Cheviot County Council for and on behalf of the Waipara and Kaikoura County Councils.

SCHEDULE.

THAT bridge in the Canterbury Land District over the Hurunui River on the Christchurch-Blenheim via Parnassus Main Highway (together with approaches thereto). As the site of the said bridge is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 67970, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 13th day of November, 1928.

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Public Works.

(P.W. 62/13/101/6.)

Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1926.

CHARLES FERGUSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Mining Act, 1926, and the Mining Amendment Act, 1927, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand doth hereby make the following amendments to the regulations made under the Mining Act,

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1926, on the ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and gazetted on the eleventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six (hereinafter referred to as "the said regulations"), and doth hereby declare that the amendments to the said regulations hereby made shall be read as part of the principal regulations, and shall come into force on the date of the gazetting thereof.

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.

1. REGULATIONS 127 to 134 (both inclusive) of the said regulations are hereby revoked and the following substituted therefor:—

Certificates by Examination.

127. (1) Every applicant for examination for a dredgemaster's certificate shall, at least one month before the date fixed for the examination, and in the Form No. 92 in the Schedule hereto, make application in that behalf to "The Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act," at Wellington, and shall forward with his application—

- (a) A fee of £1 1s.
- (b) A certificate from his present employer as to his general good conduct and sobriety.
- (c) Satisfactory evidence of at least three years' employment on a dredge or dredges, including at least one year's experience as a winchman: Provided that in the case of an applicant for examination for a Class "A" certificate two years of such employment shall have been served on a dredge or dredges working in deep or swift-flowing streams.

(2) Every applicant for examination shall be not less than twenty-three (23) years of age.

128. No person shall be permitted to attend for examination without an authority signed by the Secretary of the Board.

129. (1) The examination for Class "A" certificates shall comprise the following subjects:—

- (a) Laying lines and the methods of running lines for working a dredge.
- (b) Moving a dredge up and down stream.
- (c) Mooring a dredge and protecting same against floods, &c.
- (d) Boats and the working of same under conditions incidental to dredging operations.
- (e) The requirements of the Mining Act and regulations relating to dredging.
- (f) Any other matters relating to the safe working of dredges that the Board may deem desirable, such as the care and repair of dredging machinery and a knowledge of the strength of ropes.

(2) The examination for Class "B" certificates shall be similar to that prescribed for Class "A" certificates except that no questions will be asked the candidate on the working of dredges in deep or swift-flowing streams.

(3) The examinations for both Class "A" and Class "B" certificates shall be partly oral and partly written, at the discretion of the examiners or as directed by the Board.

130. Class "A" certificates by examination shall be in Form 93, and Class "B" certificates by examination shall be in Form 93A in the Schedule hereto.

Service Certificates.

131. (1) Every applicant for a dredgemaster's Class "B" service certificate under section 11 (7) of the Mining Amendment Act, 1927, shall apply in Form 92A in the Schedule hereto to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act, at Wellington, and shall forward with his application—

- (a) A fee of 10s.
- (b) A certificate from his present employer as to his general good conduct and sobriety.
- (c) A certificate or certificates from his employer at date or previous employers that on the 11th November, 1927, the date of the coming into force of the Mining Amendment Act, 1927, he was in charge of a continuously-working dredge or had been in charge of such a dredge for a period or periods of not less than two years in the aggregate, or such other satisfactory evidence of his employment in charge of a dredge for that period as the Board may require.

(2) Before granting a class "B" service certificate the Board shall satisfy itself that the applicant is competent to take charge of a dredge and may call upon him to submit further evidence of his ability to do so.

(3) Class "B" service certificates shall be in Form 94 in the Schedule hereto.