

*Opening Lands 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 lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Thursday, the twenty-first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, 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 Act.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Thames County.—Ohinemuri Survey District.*

SECTION 2, Block II: Area, 994 acres. Capital value, £750. Half-yearly rent, £15.

Weighted with £160, valuation for improvements comprising approximately 100 acres of felling and grassing, 30 chains fencing, whare (three rooms), and two rough sheds. This amount is repayable either in cash or by a cash deposit of £65; the balance over a period of five years by ten half-yearly instalments of £10 19s. 6d.

Grazing property situated on the upper reaches of the Tairua River, ten miles from Hikutaia Railway-station and school, five miles of which is by metalled road; balance by track only. Soil of inferior quality, resting on clay formation; well watered by running streams. Section comprises hilly bush country, partly old kauri workings; the bush consisting of rata, tawa, rimu, and kauri.

THIRD-CLASS LAND.

*Otorohanga County.—Wharepapa Survey District.*

(Exempt from payment of Rent for Five Years.)

Section 3, Block XI: Area, 512 acres. Capital value, £250. Half-yearly rent, £5.

Weighted with £398, valuation for improvements comprising dwelling, four rooms, asbestos walls, iron roof; 100 chains road fence; half-interest 156 chains boundary-fencing; 40 chains subdivisional fencing; and pasture. This amount is repayable either in cash or by a deposit of £3, leaving £395 on instalment mortgage to the State Advances Superintendent for a term of thirty years at 5 per cent. interest; to be free of interest for two years from date of selection. Half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined amount to £12 15s. 5d.

Grazing property, situated on the Aotearoa Road, six miles from Ngaroma Post-office, and four miles and a half from Ngaroma School. Access is from Te Awamutu, thirty-one miles distant—sixteen miles metalled road; balance formed clay road. The section, which lies high, comprises undulating to broken land; the soil being of light loam resting on sandstone and rubble formation; watered by running streams. Approximately 300 acres originally bush land has been felled and grassed, but ragwort has a good hold on the pasture, which has now partly reverted to second growth. The balance of the area, approximately 212 acres, is in standing bush.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

National Endowment.

*Tauranga County.—Maketu Survey District.*

Section 28, Block V: Area, 875 acres. Capital value, £330. Half-yearly rent, £6 12s.

Loaded with £45, valuation for improvements comprising approximately 30 acres of worn-out pasture; payable in cash.

Grazing property, situated three miles from Muir's Reefs School and nine miles from Te Puke, of which six miles is by a metalled and pumice road, and three miles formed track. Section comprises broken and mostly steep country, originally all bush clad, of which 250 acres have been felled and grassed, but with the exception of 30 acres of deteriorated pasture, the grassed area has now almost wholly reverted to fern, scrub, and wineberry. The bush comprises a little rimu, with tawa, tawhero, and rewarewa, with an undergrowth of punga, supplejack, &c. The soil is of a light quality, resting on sandstone formation; watered by springs.

*Tauranga County.—Otanewainuku Survey District.*

Section 2, Block VIII: Area, 880 acres. Capital value, £350. Half-yearly rent, £7.

Weighted with £1,358 10s., valuation for improvements comprising dwelling (four rooms, pantry, and bathroom), wool-shed, slaughterhouse (concrete floor), sheep and cattle yards; all in good order; 350 acres pasture; 180 chains boundary and 200 chains internal fencing. This amount is repayable either in cash or by a cash deposit of £8 10s.; balance, £1,350, to be secured by instalment mortgage in favour of the State Advances Superintendent, repayable over a period of thirty years, with interest at 6 per cent., the half-yearly instalments amounting to £48 15s. 5d.

Grazing property, situated nine miles from Te Puke. Undulating to hilly country, approximately 200 acres in bush, 200 acres in fair pasture, 150 acres in worn-out pasture; balance now reverted to fern and second growth. A portion of the section comprises a warm sheltered basin of fair quality; the balance being of a poor loamy nature. Well watered by streams. Subdivided into nine paddocks.

*Rotorua County.—Otanewainuku Survey District.*

(Exempt from Rent for Three Years.)

Section 3, Block XVI: Area, 265 acres. Capital value, £135. Half-yearly rent, £2 14s.

Weighted with £200, valuation for improvements comprising six-roomed house (in poor condition), slab whare, 70 chains boundary fencing, 25 chains internal fencing, and approximately 40 acres deteriorated pasture; to be paid for in cash.

Grazing property, situated about twelve miles from Te Puke Railway-station, and three miles from Ngawaro Post-office and school. Approximately 115 acres are in light bush; the balance (150 acres) comprising originally bush land, having been felled and grassed, now almost wholly reverted to fern, scrub, and wineberry. Ragwort is prevalent, and foxglove and blackberry are making an appearance. Subdivided into three paddocks. Soil is a light pumice loam of medium quality, resting on pumice and papa formation. Watered by springs.

*Rotorua County.—Waihi South Survey District.*

Section 8, Block IX: Area, 1,196 acres 2 roods 11 perches. Capital value, £600. Half-yearly rent, £12.

Weighted with £178, valuation for improvements comprising an unfinished four-roomed dwelling of galvanized iron, manure-shed, 120 chains four-wire boundary fencing, 40 chains subdivisional fencing, and 20 acres pasture. All fencing requires attention and pasture is deteriorating. This amount is repayable either in cash or by a cash deposit of £78; balance repayable over a period of ten years by twenty half-yearly instalments of £6 9s. 6d.

Grazing proposition, situated on the Pongakawa-Manawahe Road, approximately five miles from Pongakawa Post-office, school, and railway-station. Soil is of a light sandy loam resting on pumice formation. Watered by Pongakawa Stream on western boundary only. Section broken by wide gullies with fair area of ploughable land on top of easy ridges. Approximately 30 acres of flat along road frontage; balance light fern and scrub country. About 200 acres of the section can be ploughed.

THIRD-CLASS LAND.

*Rotorua County.—Waihi South Survey District.*

Section 10, Block IX: Area, 693 acres 1 rood 33 perches. Capital value, £175. Half-yearly rent, £3 10s.

Weighted with £50, valuation for improvements comprising 50 chains boundary fencing, 40 chains internal fencing (in poor order), also corrugated iron whare with iron chimney (in fair order). Cow-byre and yard (dilapidated). This amount is repayable in cash.

Grazing property, situated eleven miles from Pongakawa Railway-station, and nine miles from Pongakawa School and post-office. Section comprises easy to steep hills, broken by wide dry gullies, of a light pumiceous nature, growing stunted fern and manuka. Poorly watered by the Pongakawa River on the back boundary. Approximately 30 acres have been ploughed and grassed at one time, but have now all reverted.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 10th day of December, 1928.

K. S. WILLIAMS, Minister of Lands.