

*Opening Lands in the Hawke's Bay Land District for Sale or Selection.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1924, I, General Sir Charles Fergusson, Baronet, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, having received the report of the Under-Secretary in this behalf, as provided by section one hundred and seventy-six of the said Act, do hereby declare that the lands described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for sale or selection on Tuesday, the twelfth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and also that the lands mentioned in the said Schedule may, at the option of the applicant, be purchased for cash or on deferred payments, or be selected on renewable lease; and I do hereby also fix the prices at which the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased as those mentioned in the said Schedule hereto, and to declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

HAWKE'S BAY LAND DISTRICT.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.

*Hawke's Bay County.—Waimarama Survey District.*

SECTION 1, Block I: Area, 500 acres 3 roods 20 perches. Capital value, £7,525. Deposit on deferred payments, £375. Half-yearly instalment, £232 7s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £150 10s.

Improvements valued at £90 are included in the capital value, and comprise half-share 181 chains boundary-fencing and 75 chains subdivisional fencing.

This section is situated twenty-one miles and a half from Hastings Railway-station, by good formed and metalled road for nineteen miles and by new settlement road to be formed for two miles and a half—three miles and a half from Waimarama Post-office and school. Comprises easy undulating country of calcareous sandstone formation. Native pasture. Well watered by two large permanent streams—Kaikopu and Puhokio.

Road frontage, whole of western boundary, and large portion of southern boundary are fenced; 75 chains of internal fencing of little account. Area of 90 acres in light bush, fairly open, with a certain amount of grass through it. There is a quantity of blackberry on the section, and the altitude ranges from 250 ft. to 690 ft. above sea-level.

Section 2, Block I: Area, 463 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £6,925. Deposit on deferred payments, £325. Half-yearly instalment, £214 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £138 10s.

Improvements valued at £152 are included in the capital value, and comprise half-share 100 chains boundary-fencing, 165 chains subdivisional fencing, and old sheep-yards.

The section is situated about twenty-two miles from Hastings Railway-station, by good formed and metalled road for nineteen miles and by new settlement road to be formed for three miles—four miles from Waimarama Post-office and school.

Comprises block locally known as "Fighting Pa Hill," altitude ranges from 250 ft. to 600 ft. Easy undulating country of papa and calcareous sandstone formation. Good grazing country, mostly native pasture; small patches of light bush and scrub with grass through it. Watered by permanent streams, and generally in good heart. Quantity of blackberry in north-east corner. This section is almost completely fenced. About 165 chains of internal fencing cutting the section into four paddocks. Sheep-yards at north-east corner, old but in fair repair.

Section 3, Block I: Area, 721 acres. Capital value, £9,835. Deposit on deferred payments, £485. Half-yearly instalment, £303 17s. 6d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £196 14s.

Improvements valued at £170 are included in the capital value, and comprise half-share 230 chains good boundary-fencing and 110 chains subdivisional fencing.

This section is situated about twenty-three miles and a half from Hastings Railway-station, by good metalled road for nineteen miles and by new settlement road to be formed for four miles and a half—five miles and a half from Waimarama Post-office and school.

Comprises in its northern and middle portions easy undulating country, and at the south-western extremity rises to a comparatively higher flat-topped ridge. There are

about 180 acres at the top of this ridge almost flat and of good quality; but, unfortunately, without water. Altitude ranges from about 300 ft. to 1,750 ft. above sea-level. For the greater part the formation is calcareous sandstone, and the remainder papa, principally on the lower levels. Mostly in native pasture and well watered.

Section 4, Block I, and Section 4, Block II: Area, 882 acres. Capital value, £9,365. Deposit on deferred payments, £465. Half-yearly instalments, £289 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £187 6s.

Improvements valued at £131 are included in the capital value, and comprise half-share 150 chains boundary-fencing and 150 chains subdivisional fencing.

This section is situated twenty-four miles from Hastings Railway-station, nineteen miles by good metalled road and five miles by new settlement road to be formed—six miles from Waimarama Post-office and school. Comprises hill country, rising from sea-level to about 1,000 ft. in altitude. Divided into two portions by the Waimarama - Te Apiti Road, which it is intended to form only up to the north-west corner of section. That portion of section lying between the road and sea consists of 716 acres 2 roods 9 perches, but an area of approximately 166 acres of this is broken, slipping country, facing the coast, and is difficult of access, the remaining 550 acres of the eastern portion of the section comprises fair grazing country, good in winter and spring, but inclined to suffer during dry seasons. In native pasture. On the western side of the road the country is better, and includes streams providing permanent water fed by springs. Sandstone formation, and carries native pasture; small patches of light bush. Te Apiti boundary is fenced by old but well maintained fence.

Section 1, Block II: Area, 640 acres. Capital value, £7,400. Deposit on deferred payments, £400. Half-yearly instalment, £227 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £148.

Improvements valued at £114 are included in the capital value, and comprise half-share 94 chains old boundary-fencing, 22 chains road-fencing, and 144 chains subdivisional fencing.

This section is situated twenty-one miles and a half from Hastings Railway-station, by metalled road for about nineteen miles and about two miles and a half by new settlement road about to be formed, and three miles and a half from Waimarama Post-office and school.

The altitude ranges from sea-level to 585 ft., and comprises easy hilly country. An area of about 100 acres facing the coast is somewhat broken, slipping country, extending from the boundary with Section 2, Block II, Waimarama, to within about 15 chains of the point shown on plan as Te Rahui. The coastal frontage is on more solid country.

Formation is papa, and pasture consists of native grasses. Watered by permanent streams in western part, other portions not so well watered. Particularly good spring and winter country; inclined to be dry in summer. Quantity of blackberry on section.

Section 2, Block II: Area, 693 acres. Capital value, £8,175. Deposit on deferred payment, £375. Half-yearly instalment, £253 10s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £163 10s.

Improvements valued at £203 are included in the capital value, and comprise half-share 140 chains old boundary-fencing, 93 chains road-fencing, and 175 chains old subdivisional fencing.

This section is distant from Hastings Railway-station about twenty miles and a half, by good metalled road for nineteen miles and by new settlement road about to be formed, one mile and a half—two miles and a half from Waimarama Post-office and school.

Comprises easy hill country, carrying native pasture on papa formation. Watered by three dams and by the Puhokio Stream. There is a strip of about 15 chains along the coast which is broken and inclined to slip, but nevertheless is good sheep country which derives a certain benefit from the salt spray. Good average winter country, inclined to become parched in a very dry season. Road frontage and boundary with Section 3 adjoining is fenced; 175 chains of internal fencing, which, when external fencing is complete, will divide up into four paddocks. Altitude ranges from sea-level to 585 ft. Small amount of blackberry on this section.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 21st day of December, 1928.

GEO. W. FORBES, Minister of Lands.