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SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.—SETTLEMENT LAND.

Ashburton County.—Wakanui Survey District.—Valverde Settlement.

SECTION 4 and Lots 1 and 2, D.P. 8998, Block III, Valverde Settlement: Area, 471 acres 1 rood 11 perches. Capital value, £3,065. Half-yearly rent, £76 12s. 6d.

Improvements to the value of £130, and comprising 98 chains standard and wire subdivisional fencing and 145 chains road and boundary fencing; and half value of 95 chains boundary fencing (with Section 3) and 30 chains north-west boundary fencing (with freehold) are included in the capital value.

Improvements not included in the capital value, and comprising four-roomed dwelling and leanto, chaff-house, implement-shed (unfinished), cow-byre, tractor-shed, whare, yards, water-races, plantations, shelter-belts, and 280 chains subdivisional fencing are valued at £561, which sum is either payable in cash or by a cash deposit of £46, the balance to remain on an instalment mortgage to the State Advances Superintendent; term, thirty years; interest, 5 per cent.

Situated four miles from Wakanui Post-office and school, eight miles and a half from Ashburton. Access by shingle road. Watered by county races. Light plains land, all flat and ploughable. Suitable for sheep-grazing. Oats can be successfully grown in favourable seasons. Green crops can be grown on the whole area. Property fully developed, and at present carrying fairly good feed. Capacity about 300 ewes and 60 dry sheep, besides team, &c.

SPECIAL CONDITION.

A remission of six months' rent will be given provided the lessee effects improvements equal in value to the amount of rent so remitted. Improvements to be approved by the Land Board, and to be effected to the satisfaction of the Board within one year from selection.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Term of lease: Thirty-three years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years, and a right to acquire the freehold.
2. Rent: 5 per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable 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. No person may hold more than one allotment.
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 land 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, Christchurch.

H. R. ROBINSON,
Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Settlement Land in Southland Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,

Invercargill, 29th January, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned land is open for selection on renewable lease under the Land Act, 1924, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and amendments, and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, the 18th March, 1930.

Applicants must appear personally before the Land Board for examination at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, on Thursday, 20th March, 1930, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.; but if any applicant so desires he may be examined by the Land Board of any other district.

The ballot will be held immediately upon the conclusion of the examination of applicants.

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; 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; and to landless applicants in respect of whom the Board, after taking into consideration the experience and skill of the applicants in farming operations, the proximity of their homes to the lands the subject-matter of the ballot, and any other relevant considerations, is of opinion that they should be entitled to preference equally with applicants of any of the hereinbefore specified classes.

SCHEDULE.

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

Wallace County.—Wairaki Survey District.—Beaumont Settlement.

SECTION 12, Block XXIX: Area, 222 acres 0 roods 14 perches. Capital value, £280. Half-yearly rent, £7.

Weighted with £30, value of outbuildings and fencing, to be paid for in cash.

DESCRIPTION.

Situated five miles from Nightcaps Railway-station and two miles from Opio. Altitude 600 ft. to 700 ft. Open undulating land of only medium quality. Suitable for grazing.

SPECIAL CONDITION.

After payment of first half year's rent has been made no further rent will be payable for a period of two years.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Term of lease: Thirty-three years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years, and a right to acquire the freehold.
2. Rent: Five per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable in advance on 1st January and 1st July in each year.
3. Applicants to be twenty-one years of age and upwards.
4. Applicants to furnish with applications statutory declaration, 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. No persons may hold more than one allotment.
7. Successful applicants 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.