

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

Block of open gumfield country from two miles and a half to four miles from Waipu, varying in elevation from 50 ft. to 350 ft. above sea-level. Clay soil resting on clay formation carrying short tea-tree and wiwi.

## PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

Section 4, Block III.—About 30 acres flat; balance undulating, covered with short tea-tree, wiwi, and little wild danthonia. Gorse in patches. Poorly watered by swamp and soakage.

Section 1, Block VI.—About 20 acres flat, 200 acres undulating; balance hilly. All ploughable. Gorse in patches. Badly watered by swamp.

Section 2, Block VI.—Twenty acres flat; balance undulating to hilly. Watered by swamp soakage.

Section 3, Block VI.—Part undulating to hilly, and some broken country, but nearly all ploughable. Badly watered by soakage.

Section 5, Block VI.—Forty-three acres flat; balance undulating to hilly. Considerable amount of gorse. Badly watered by swamp and soakage.

Sections 6, 10, and 11, Block VI.—Mostly hilly, although nearly all ploughable. A good deal of gorse. Watered by swampy creek.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 1st day of October, 1930.

E. A. RANSOM, Minister of Lands.

(L. and S. 5/202.)

*Opening Lands in North Auckland Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.*

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Land Act, 1924, I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, 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 Monday, the fifteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty, 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.

## NORTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.—FIRST-CLASS LAND.

*Waitemata County.—Waitemata Survey District.—Birdwood Block.*

(Exempt from payment of rent for three years.)

SECTION 1, Block XIII: Area, 97 acres 3 roods 39 perches. Capital value, £490. Half-yearly rent, £9 16s.

Section 2, Block XIII: Area, 110 acres 2 roods 30 perches. Capital value, £615. Half-yearly rent, £12 6s.

Section 5, Block XIII: Area, 45 acres 3 roods 29 perches. Capital value, £555. Half-yearly rent, £11 2s.

Section 6, Block XIII: Area, 40 acres 0 roods 39 perches. Capital value, £400. Half-yearly rent, £8.

Section 7, Block XIII: Area, 77 acres 3 roods 39 perches. Capital value £1,260. Half-yearly rent, £25 4s.

Section 8, Block XIII: Area, 78 acres 2 roods 24 perches. Capital value, £1,130. Half-yearly rent, £22 12s.

Section 13, Block XIII: Area, 27 acres 2 roods 21 perches. Capital value, £195. Half-yearly rent, £3 18s.

Sections comprise part of the Birdwood Block, two miles and a quarter to three miles and a half from Swanson Railway-station. Elevation, 250 ft. to 450 ft. above sea-level. Two miles and a quarter to three miles and a quarter from Swanson Railway-station, and from three miles and a half to four miles and a half from Henderson. Road metalled to within a quarter of a mile of Section 8.

Section 1.—Undulating to steep country, more or less ploughable, in scrub. Clay soil on sandstone formation. Watered by swampy streams.

Section 2.—About half undulating to steep; balance steep to broken, in scrub. Twelve acres has been ploughed and grassed. Soil varies from loam to clay. Watered by swampy stream.

Section 5.—Undulating. All more or less ploughable, in hakea and scrub. Soil loamy clay and clay on sandstone formation. Poorly watered by swampy stream.

Section 6.—Undulating, in hakea and manuka; practically all ploughable. Soil dark loam resting on sandstone formation. Watered by swampy stream.

Section 7.—Undulating. All more or less ploughable. Well sheltered from prevailing winds. About 34 acres in

grass; balance scrub. Soil loamy clay on sandstone formation. Well watered by swampy stream.

Section 8.—Undulating land all more or less ploughable. Thirty-seven acres in grass, balance in scrub. Soil part loamy clay and part clay on sandstone formation. Well watered by swampy stream and springs.

Section 13.—Steep, but nearly all ploughable. In scrub. Clay soil varying from loamy clay to red clay on sandstone formation.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General, this 1st day of October, 1930.

E. A. RANSOM, Minister of Lands.

(L. and S. 5/92.)

*Opening Lands in Wellington Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.*

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Land Act, 1924, I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, 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 Monday, the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty, 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.

## WELLINGTON LAND DISTRICT.

## SECOND-CLASS LAND.

*Kaitieke County.—Hunua Survey District.—Wanganui River Trust Endowment.*

SECTIONS 19, 22, and 23, Block I: Area, 138 acres 3 roods 13 perches. Capital value, £875. Half-yearly rent, £21 17s. 6d.

Weighted with the sum of £725, for improvements comprising a five-roomed dwelling with bathroom, dairy, and motor-shed; 217 chains of internal and boundary fencing, small orchard, and felling and grassing. A cash deposit of £50 is required, and the balance of purchase-money may be secured on instalment mortgage extending over a period not exceeding 36½ years, and bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum if purchased by a discharged soldier, or 5½ per cent. per annum if purchased by a civilian.

Situated on the Taumarunui River Road, two miles from Taumarunui Railway-station by metalled road. About 38 acres of level land; balance undulating to hilly. Seventy acres are in fair pasture; balance is in manuka scrub. Soil of a light-quality loam resting on a clay and papa formation. Permanently watered. Suitable for dairying.

## THIRD-CLASS LAND.

*Waimarino County.—Whirinaki Survey District.*

(Exempt from rent for five years.)

Section 1, Block IX: Area, 1,049 acres 1 rood 23 perches. Capital value, £250. Half-yearly rent, £5.

Weighted with £110, for improvements consisting of felling and grassing, 40 chains of fencing, and a three-roomed dwelling. A cash deposit of £10, and balance of purchase-money secured on instalment mortgage under the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act for a term of ten years, and bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum if purchased by a discharged soldier, or 5½ per cent. per annum if purchased by a civilian.

Situated 10 chs. from Mangapurua Landing by bridle-track. Two hundred and forty acres have been felled and grassed, approximately 200 acres having reverted to second growth; balance in standing bush. Forest consists of rimu, matai, rata, and beech on the ridges and higher levels, with the usual undergrowth. Section is hilly and broken, with deep gorges running through it. Soil of light loam resting on a papa formation. Permanently watered. Altitude, 800 ft. to 1,200 ft. above sea-level.

*Waimarino County.—Whirinaki Survey District.*

(Exempt from rent for five years.)

Section 3, Block I: Area, 564 acres 1 rood 20 perches. Capital value, £140. Half-yearly rent, £2 16s.

Situated at Mangapurua on the Te Mata Road. Access from Mangapurua Landing or Raetihi, fifteen miles by metalled road and three miles bridle-track and clay-road.

Steep broken hilly country. Two hundred acres have been felled and grassed, but now reverted to second growth; balance is in bush consisting of tawhero, tawa, &c. There is a slab whare on the section.