Weighted with £20, for improvements comprising two-roomed whare and fencing. This sum is payable in cash. Grazing proposition, situated on the Ngapaenga Road, six

miles from Mairoa School and post-office and twenty miles from Te Kuiti Railway-station. Approximately 600 acres bush land, felled and grassed, all reverted; balance in standing bush. Ragwort requires attention. Well watered by springs and running streams.

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

R. MASTERS, for Minister of Lands. (L. and S. 9/2542.)

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

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General

N pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities L 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 Friday, the twentieth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, 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.

SCHEDIILE

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT .- NATIONAL-ENDOWMENT LAND. SECOND-CLASS LAND.

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 £78 15s., for improvements consisting of six-roomed house (in poor condition), slab whare, 70 chains of boundary-fencing, 25 chains internal fencing, and approximately 20 acres deteriorated pasture. This sum is payable

Grazing property, situated about twelve miles from Te Puke and three miles from Ngawaro Post-office and school.

Approximately 115 acres are in light bush; the balance (150 acres) comprising 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.

THIRD-CLASS LAND.

Waitomo County.-Kawhia South Survey District. (Exempt from rent for five years.)

Part Section 6 and Lot 3 of Section 8, Block XVI: Area. Part Section 6 and Lot 3 of Section 6, Diock Avi: Area, 2,719 acres. Capital value, £685. Half-yearly rent, £13 14s. Situated on the Mangapuhoe Road, eighteen miles by metalled road from Hangatiki Railway-station; nine miles from Waitomo Caves School, post-office, and store; and eight miles from Te Anga Saleyards. Section is undulating to broken—steep in places. About 400 acres have been felled and grassed, now reverted to second growth. Eight hundred acres open country; balance in medium to heavy bush, comprising tawa, rimu, rata, &c., with a dense undergrowth of supplejack, punga, &c.; well watered by permanent streams. The soil is of a poor quality on limestone and sandstone formation.

Whakatane County.—Rotoma Survey District.

Section 7, Block III: Area, 524 acres 0 roods 38 perches. Capital value, £135. Half-yearly rent, £2 14s.
Weighted with £81 5s. for improvements, comprising dwelling, 30 chains road-boundary fencing, half-share in 130 chains boundary-fencing, and 70 chains internal fencing. This sum is payable either in cash, or by a cash deposit of £11 5s.; the balance being secured on instalment mortgage for ten years, interest at 51 per cent, the left yearly installed. for ten years; interest at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; half-yearly instalments, £4 12s.

Grazing property when developed. Situated on the Pukemaku Road, eleven miles and a half from Matata Post-office. Nine miles from Forest Gate School, eight miles and a half from Pikowai Railway-station, and twenty-eight miles from

Te Puke.

Section is very broken, with patches of easy country. soil is a light loam resting on pumice formation, watered by springs and creeks. Ragwort and foxglove in evidence. Approximately 140 acres bush land, felled and grassed—now wholly reverted, 20 acres old cultivation; balance in natural CROWN LAND.

Waitomo County.—Kawhia South Survey District. (Exempt from rent for five years.)

Section 1, Block XV: Area, 815 acres. Capital value, £410. Half-yearly rent, £8 4s.
Situated on the Tawarau Road, about twenty-three miles from Te Kuiti, by metalled road for twenty miles; balance clay-road, impassable except on horseback. There is a school at Waitanguru, six miles distant, and post-office at Ngapaenga, two miles distant. About 600 acres have been felled and grassed, now reverted; the balance being in standing bush, comprising tawa, rimu, rata, puketea, &c., with a dense undergrowth of supplejack and punga. The soil is of medium quality on clay and limestone formation. Well watered by running streams.

Otorohanga County.-Wharepapa Survey District. (Exempt from rent for five years.)

Section 2, Block IX, and 3, Block X: Area, 1,193 acres.

Section 2, Block 1X, and 3, Block X: Area, 1,193 acres. Capital value, £590. Half-yearly rent, £11 16s.

Weighted with £400, for improvements comprising dwelling of four rooms and outbuildings; two sheds, cattle-yards, clearing and grassing, half-share 350 chains boundary-fencing, and 325 chains subdivisional and road fencing. This sum is payable either in cash or may be secured on instalment mortgage to the State Advances Superintendent for thirty years; interest 6 per cent. Instalment navyments will be free years; interest, 6 per cent. Instalment payments will be free of interest for two years from date of selection; half-yearly instalment £14 9s.

Grazing property, situated three miles from Wharepuhunga School and post-office, and nineteen miles from Te Awamutu Saleyards. Section comprises broken country. About 250 acres in worn-out pasture, 330 acres bush land, felled and grassed, now reverting to second growth; balance covered in bush and fern. Property is well watered by running streams.

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

R. MASTERS, for Minister of Lands.

(L. and S. 9/2542.)

Opening Land in the Wellington Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

N pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities L conferred on me by the Land Act, 1924, I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Baron Biedisioe, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby declare that the land described in the Schedule hereto shall be open for selection on renewable lease on Monday, the twelfth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, at the rental mentioned in the said Schedule; and I do also declare that the said land shall be leased under and subject to the provisions of the said Act.

SCHEDULE.

Wellington Land District.—Second-class Land. Kaitieke County .- Retaruke Survey District.

Sections 13 and 18, Block III: Area, 490 acres. Capital value, £735. Half-yearly rent, £15 10s.

Section 13 is Wanganui River Trust Endowment, carrying

an annual rental of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on a capital value of £320, while Section 18 is Crown land carrying a 4 per cent. rental on a capital value of £415.

Weighted with the sum of £630, for improvements consisting of felling and grassing, fencing, and a whare (10 ft. by 16 ft.). A cash deposit of £50 is required, and the balance of purchasemoney-viz., £580-is to be secured on instalment mortgage under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act for a period not exceeding thirty-six years and a half, and bearing interest at 5 per cent. in the case of a discharged soldier and 5½ per

cent. in every other case.

This property is situated on the left bank of the Wanganui River, twenty-five miles distant from Taumarunui Railwaystation, by nineteen miles of metalled road; balance formed clay-road.

Section 13 of 212 acres comprises level to easy undulating land, approximately 120 acres are in pasture; balance fern and swamp

Section 18 of 278 acres contains 200 acres of level land; balance easy undulating country. One hundred and forty acres are in grass; balance standing bush, comprising tawa, rimu, rewarewa, &c. Soil of fair-quality loam resting on papa formation. Altitude, 650 ft. to 800 ft. above sea-level. Permanently watered.

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

R. MASTERS, for Minister of Lands.

(L. and S. 9/2552.)