

4. Two members of the Committee shall form a quorum at any meeting.

5. Save as herein provided, the Adjustment Committee shall regulate its own procedure.

6. Save as otherwise provided herein, any person may, up to and including 30th September, 1931, apply to the Chairman of the Committee, care of the Justice Department, for relief from the operations of the said Act on the ground of anomaly or hardship occasioned thereby.

7. All such applications shall be forwarded to the Committee, through the Permanent Head of the Department, for its determination.

8. No application for relief under these regulations shall be considered in respect of—

- (a) Any person in receipt, as at 31st March, 1931, of a salary at a rate exceeding £425; or
- (b) Any person bound by an agreement under subsection (2) of section 3 of the said Act.

9. Every application for relief shall specify as concisely as possible the special grounds on which the claim for relief is based, and shall also specify—

- (a) The rate of remuneration as at 31st March, 1931.
- (b) The rate of remuneration as at 31st March, 1930.

10. If in any case the Adjustment Committee is satisfied that an anomaly or hardship exists, it shall consider the special circumstances of the case and the departmental report and recommendation, and may make such decision as in the circumstances it thinks fit, just, and equitable: Provided that the Adjustment Committee shall not be obliged to make an adjustment in any case unless it is satisfied as to the merits of the application.

11. The decision of the Committee in respect of any application may be extended by the Adjustment Committee, with such modifications or variations (if any) as the Adjustment Committee thinks fit, to any other cases or classes of cases, whether or not application for relief under these regulations has been made.

12. A certificate of the decision of the Committee given under the hand of the Chairman shall be sufficient authority for failing to make any reduction or for making a reduction at a lower rate than the rate prescribed by the said Act, according to the tenor of the decision.

13. In considering any application for relief from the operation of the said Act on the ground of anomaly or hardship made by or in respect of any workers who would be bound by an award under the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1908, if they were employed by an employer bound by that award, the Adjustment Committee shall ascertain the rates of wages under that award to workers of the same class, and in determining whether or not relief should be granted and the extent of such relief shall take those rates into consideration, together with all other relevant facts.

14. In the case of persons employed by any University, college, or other institution to which section 7 of the said Act applies, the adjustment of salary to be made consequent on the reduction of grants from the Consolidated Fund as provided in that section shall be dealt with by the governing bodies of these institutions.

15. For the purposes of the said Act the equivalent of an hourly, daily, or weekly rate of salary or wages shall be computed as follows:—

- (a) **Hourly Rate:** Hourly rate as at 31st March, 1931, to be multiplied by number of hours worked for period and 10 per cent. deducted from the gross total. Where the calculation results in a fraction of a penny the amount to be paid is to be fixed at the nearest penny.
- (b) **Daily Rate:** Daily rate as at 31st March, 1931, to be multiplied by number of working-days in period and 10 per cent. deducted from the gross total. Fractions of a penny to be dealt with as in the case of hourly rates.
- (c) **Weekly Rate:** Ten per cent. to be deducted from weekly rate as at 31st March, 1931, and then calculated for payment twice monthly or monthly in the same manner as at present. Fractions of a penny to be dealt with as in the case of hourly rates.
- (d) **Annual Rate:** Ten per cent. to be deducted from annual rate as at 31st March, 1931, and then calculated for payment twice monthly or monthly in the same manner as at present.

16. The aforesaid regulations shall apply to officers of the Samoan and Cook Islands Public Service who are subject to the said Act by regulations dated 20th April.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Opening Lands in the Auckland Land District for Sale or Selection.

BLDISLOE, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Land Act, 1924, and the amendments thereof, I, Charles, Baron Bledisloe, 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 Friday, the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and also 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 do hereby declare that the said lands shall be sold, occupied, or leased under and subject to the provisions of the Land Act, 1924, and the amendments thereof.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

FIRST-CLASS LAND.

Otorohanga County.—Mangorongo Survey District.

Native Land Settlement Account (120 acres).
Crown Land (300 acres).

SECTION 18, Block IV: Area, 420 acres 0 roods 29 perches. Capital value, £525. Deposit on deferred payments, £25; half-yearly instalment on deferred payments, £16 5s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £11 5s.

Dairying and grazing property, situated on the Te Kawa-Wharepuhunga Road, fourteen miles from Te Awamutu Post-office, railway-station, dairy-factory, and saleyards by a metalled road three miles and a half from Korakonui School.

The section is in its natural state—in fern and tutu, about half the area being easy to undulating country; the balance broken, with outcrops of rhyolite and sandstone. Free of noxious weeds.

The soil is a light loam resting on sandstone and rhyolite formation, and is watered by springs and the Mangatutu River.

NOTE.—The selector will be liable for half-share in the undermentioned fencing: 76½ chains of rabbit-proof fencing on southern boundary Rangitoto A No. 4. Arrangements for the purchase of a half-interest therein will be required to be made by the selector with the adjoining owners.

SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Sections 14 and 15, Block IV: Area, 360 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £360. Deposit on deferred payments, £20. Half-yearly instalment on deferred payments, £11 1s. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, £7 4s.

Dairying and grazing property situated on the Korakonui-Maihihi Road, sixteen miles from Te Awamutu Post-office, railway-station, dairy-factory, and saleyards, and five miles from Korakonui School—fifteen miles metalled and one mile formed road.

The frontage of the section is fairly steep with broad slopes, the top country being easy undulating land. The whole of the area is in natural state, fern, and tutu. Free from noxious weeds.

The soil is a light loam resting on sandstone and rhyolite formation; watered by springs and running streams.

NOTE.—The selector will be liable for half-share in the undermentioned fencing: 35 chains southern boundary, adjoining Rangitoto A No. 4 and 71½ chains fencing on the northern boundary. Arrangements for the purchase of half-interest therein will be required to be made by the selector with adjoining owners.

THIRD-CLASS LAND.

Rotorua County.—Rotorua Survey District.

Sections 23, 27, 31, and 32, Block IV: Area, 151 acres 3 roods 37 perches. Capital value, £40. Deposit on deferred payments, £5; half-yearly instalment on deferred payments, £1 2s. 9d. Renewable lease: Half-yearly rent, 16s.

Grazing property situated nine miles from Ngongotaha Railway-station and dairy factory, and fourteen miles from Rotorua. Fair road in all weathers.

A school and post-office adjoin the area.

Undulating to hilly section of which approximately 50 acres bush land felled and grassed, but now reverting; balance in natural state. Blackberry and ragwort in evidence.