

No. 10.

REPORT ON MAEREWHENUA ESTATE, to 31st March, 1895; Otago Land District.—Total area: 11,378 acres. Purchased from Mr. John Borton. Price to be paid for land, £68,268. Possession to be given 8th August, 1895.

THIS estate is situated in a good agricultural district, adjoins the Townships of Duntroon and Georgetown, and at its nearest point is about nineteen miles from Oamaru. Railway and main roads run through the property for about ten miles. The lands consist of low-lying downs and flats, from 300ft. to 500ft. above sea level. The soil on the downs is principally on limestone formation, the flats being swampy, with shingle-banks. The estate as a whole has been remarkably well farmed, and is in first-class condition and is well fenced.

No. 11.

REPORT ON MERRIVALE ESTATE, to 31st March, 1895; Southland Land District.—Total area: 9,998 acres. Purchased from Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. Price paid for land, £24,995, 17th April, 1895. Possession given 15th April, 1895. Let for four months from 16th April, 1895, for grazing purposes, for £424.

THE estate is situated in a mixed agricultural and pastoral district, being distant 14 miles from Otautau, thirty-one miles from Riverton, and forty-six miles from Invercargill. The soil is dark, rich, and free, of good depth and sweet, lying on porous clay subsoil underlaid by limestone rock; about one-sixth part bush, the rest nearly all in pasture, ranging from high rocky pastoral to undulating agricultural; boundary- and division-fences very substantially erected.

No. 12.

REPORT ON RURAL SECTION 37, Blocks XV. and XVI., Christchurch Survey District, to 31st March, 1895; Canterbury Land District.—Total area: 47 acres 2 roods. Purchased from the Trustees of the estate of the late Sir Henry Parkes. Price paid for land, £2,137 10s., 29th June, 1895. Possession to be given 1st July, 1895.

THE section fronts on the Heathcote River, about two miles from Christchurch Post Office, and in close proximity to the Heathcote Public School. It is situated in a very closely-settled district. The land is of good quality, and is all flat, except a small terrace near the river. The soil is a nice dark rich alluvial, with a fairly good subsoil.

No. 13.

REPORT ON MIDLAND RAILWAY BLOCK 41; Canterbury Land District.—Total area: 7,347 acres and 38 perches. Purchased from the New Zealand Midland Railway Company (Limited). Price paid for land: £6,612 10s. 5d., 3rd May, 1895.

THE block commences at the Medbury Railway-station, and extends westerly up the Hurunui River about six miles; has about three miles and three-quarters of frontage to the river, and at its nearest point is about seven miles from Waikari. Is situated in a pastoral district, and is all in its native state.

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