

Small Grazing-runs, Hawke's Bay Land District, Poverty Bay, the Leases of which expire on the 28th February, 1909.

Lease No.	Run No.	Survey District.	Area.	Prairie Value.	Value of Improvements.	Present Rental.	Proposed Rental.	Lessee.
HAWKE'S BAY.								
14*	24	Pohui	A. R. P. 823 0 0	£ s. d. 2,064 0 0	£ 405	£ s. d. 26 0 0	£ s. d. 51 12 0	Todd and Griffen.
19*	16	Nuhaka	1,983 0 0	3,625 0 0	3,625	40 3 2	90 12 6	S. and J. A. Black.
20†	17	„	2,263 0 0	8,065 0 0	3,250	30 0 2	..	Crosse, Barker, and Nelson.
POVERTY BAY.								
16†	66	Taramarama ..	1,894 0 0	2,367 10 0	100	23 13 6	..	D. Couper.
17*	67	„	983 2 0	1,475 15 0	1,120	12 6 0	40 0 0	D. E. O'Neill.
23†	46	Tokomaru and Uawa	5,000 0 0	18,860 0 0	16,230	31 5 0	..	M. M. and G. Fitzgerald.
24†	45	Waingaromia ..	3,358 1 20	10,858 0 0	8,825	21 0 0	..	J. A. A. Cæsar.
26*	42	„	4,195 0 0	13,785 0 0	12,379	26 4 5	344 12 7	F. Hall.
27†	43,	„	1,928 2 32	6,983 0 0	6,078	13 10 0	..	R. G. Black.
27†	Lot 1	„
	Lot 2	„	2,425 3 8	8,576 0 0	7,665	16 10 0

* Not suitable for subdivision.

† Is suitable for subdivision.

HENRY TRENT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

2459/115A. S.G. Runs.
(Urgent.)

Gisborne, 22nd February, 1908.

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

Re Small Grazing-runs, Waingaromia, Tokomaru, and Uawa Survey Districts.

I HAVE the honour to call your attention to the special conditions recommended with respect to the following runs, to which I omitted to make special reference in forwarding reports, &c., but which you will find are embodied in said reports. I append copies of the notices that I have sent to the respective lessees. Small Grazing-run No. 42; F. Hall. Small Grazing-run No. 43; R. G. Black. Small Grazing-run No. 46; Fitzgerald Bros.

I would respectfully submit that by giving the lessees the option of accepting new leases as proposed the requirements of closer settlement will be met, and at the same time, in all probability, it will greatly assist in removing the present discontent displayed by the tenants.

HENRY TRENT,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

To be considered by Hon. Mr. McNab on return to Wellington.—W.C.K. 26/2/08.

Runs 17, 66, 45, 1 and 2 of 43, to be subdivided and disposed of. Run 46 to be offered on renewal lease to the present occupiers.—R. McNAB. 4/3/1908.

Department of Lands, Wellington, 5th March, 1908.

Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier.

Re Small Grazing-runs.

IN reply to your 2459/114, of the 18th ultimo, and subsequent correspondence in regard to certain small grazing-runs in the Hawke's Bay and Poverty Bay Districts, the Hon. the Minister of Lands has now decided that Small Grazing-runs Nos. 17, 66, 45, and Lots 1 and 2 of 43, are to be subdivided for closer settlement and disposed of under the optional system.

In regard to Small Grazing-run No. 45, already mentioned, it will have to be subdivided for closer settlement, but you should first apply to Messrs. Bloomfield Bros., and ascertain if they are willing to sell the area which they own between the boundary of the run and the road through Block VII, Waingaromia Survey District, and, if so, at what price. If they are willing to sell on reasonable terms, we will of course close with them at once, and then use the road as a frontage for the subdivisions.

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With regard to the runs to be resumed for closer settlement, please send me a certified schedule of the improvement values to be entered upon our estimates for appropriation by Parliament. Of course these values will be loaded upon the respective lands resumed.

WM. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Napier, 19th March, 1908.

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

Re Small Grazing-runs.

IN reply to your letter 57766/10, of the 5th instant, I have the honour to state that the Hon. the Minister's decision, as conveyed therein, was notified to the Land Board at its meeting on the 13th instant.