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S.G.R. 24/14. Run 45, Waingaromia S.D.

Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Napier, 18th July, 1908. O. E. Bartram, Esq., Hauiti.

Re Small Grazing-run No. 45, Waingaromia Survey District.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Land Board at Gisborne on the 13th instant, I have to ask you to make an inspection of the above at the first convenient opportunity, in company with the Crown Lands Ranger, in order to ascertain its suitability or otherwise for subdivision. This action has been taken in compliance with the lessee's application for a reconsideration of his case in terms of section 52 of "The Land Act, 1892."

The Crown Lands Ranger having received orders to proceed to Dunedin before the 31st instant, he may not be able to attend to this matter, in which case it will be necessary to await the appointment of his successor.

HENRY TRENT,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

S.G.R. 24/18. Run 45, Waingaromia.

Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Gisborne, 3rd August, 1908. To the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier.

Small Grazing-run 45 (Mr. Cosar).

MR. CÆSAR has just informed me that Mr. Simson has advised him that owing to his resignation he cannot carry out the resolution of the Board re accompanying Mr. Bartram over Small Grazingrun 45. Mr. Čæsar wishes me to impress on you that this is not his fault; indeed, he thinks it a hardship that the matter should remain unsettled so long. He would like some other arrangement made as soon as possible.

I should think Mr. Bartram could go over it by himself if we supply him with a tracing of the proposed subdivision. Awaiting your instructions whether I am to supply the tracing,

I am, &c., T. N. BRODRICK, Land Officer.

S.G.R. 24/19. SIR,-

Napier, 14th August, 1908.

As directed by your Board to report on Run 45, I inspected this on the 11th instant, and report as follows:-

That the Board take for settlement the north-eastern portion, comprising about 900 acres, and that the rest of the run be offered as a grazing-run to the present tenant. By carrying out this recommendation it will not be necessary to acquire the freehold for homestead-sites from Messrs. Bloomfield Bros., and also save the tenants the expense of shifting their fence-line to a very indifferent boundary, which would be costly to maintain. I attach a plan herewith showing the proposed subdivision and homestead-site. I found on inspection that one homestead-site, as before suggested, does not exist, and that the land is in its natural state.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Yours, &c., O. E. BARTRAM.

P.S.—It will be necessary, if this recommendation is carried out, to construct one road to present homestead-site and one to proposed site.—O.E.B.

Extract from Land Board Proceedings relative to Small Grazing-run No. 45, Waingaromia Survey District.

Napier, 14th August, 1908. MR. O. E. BARTRAM forwarded his report on Small Grazing-run No. 45, Waingaromia Survey District, held by J. A. Cæsar, and it was decided to modify the previous resolution herein and recommend the course of action proposed by Mr. Bartram, by which means the acquisition of the adjoining freehold will be obviated. The recommendation is that the run be cut in two; the north-eastern portion, of about 900 acres, to be offered for selection under the optional system, and a lease of the balance to be offered to Mr. Cæsar.

S.G.R. 24/20. Run 45, Waingaromia.

Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Napier, 18th August, 1908. To the Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

Small Grazing-run No. 45, Waingaromia Survey District.

I have the honour to inform you that, as the result of an application by the lessee of the above small grazing-run for a rehearing under the provisions of section 52 of "The Land Act, 1892," as was notified in my letter of the 20th June last, the Land Board, at its meeting at Gisborne on the 13th ultimo, decided to obtain further evidence with regard to the suitability of the country for settlement purposes, and it was resolved that Mr. Bartram, a member of the Board, should inspect it in company with the Crown Lands Ranger; but at the last moment the Ranger left the matter in Mr. Bartram's hands, saying that he was already fully acquainted with the country and he was prepared to indorse any decision arrived at. Mr. Bartram's report was considered by the