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# CROWN LANDS.

FOR LEASE IN PERPETUITY.

The undermentioned estates, which have been recently purchased by the Government will be opened for selection shortly :-

STARBOROUGH ESTATE, 13th March, 1899.

WAIKAKAHI ESTATE, 20th March, 1899.

MAHORA ESTATE, 22nd March, 1899.

WILLOWS ESTATE, 22nd March 1899.

## THE STARBOROUGH ESTATE

Marlborough District, will be open for selection on lease in perpetuity on MONDAY, the 13th MARCH, 1899. It contains FORTY-ONE AGRICULTURAL SECTIONS, ranging from 268 acres to 983 acres, at an annual rental of 2s to 6s 9d per acre; and FOUR SMALL GRAZING-RUNS, average area, 3000 acres; annual rent, 1s 9d per acre. The total area for disposal is 33,415 acres. The estate is on the Awatere River, about 18 miles from Blenheim, and intersected by main road from Blenheim to Kaikoura. A railway is in course of construction to the Township of Seddon. A large area consists of good flats, terraces, and rolling downs. The soil is generally excellent, and a large portion of the estate has been cultivated and cropped, and is now in grass.

## THE WAIKAKAHI ESTATE,

Canterbury, will be open for selection on MONDAY, 20th MARCH, at Christchurch, Timaru, and Waimate. It contains ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX AGRICULTURAL SECTIONS of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN ACRES, ranging from 45 acres to 795 acres each, at annual rentals varying from 2s 9d to £1 per acre. FOURTEEN SMALL GRAZING-RUNS, containing FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN ACRES, from 611 acres to 1,473 acres each. Annual rental ranges from 2s 10d to 6s 7d per acre, and the TOWNSHIP OF MORVEN, containing 105 sections, 45 sections of which will be for selection on the same date.

The estate is situated in South Canterbury, between the Waitaki and Waihao Rivers: is eminently suitable for the growth of cereals and for mixed farming of all kinds. The small grazing-runs surpass in quality, and facilities for working, anything that has hitherto been offered on that tenure. The land is in good heart, well watered by natural streams, wells, or water-races.

The main line of railway passes through the estate, and a branch line runs within one mile of it. The roads are metalled, and only a few miles more require to be made to the new farms.

## MAHORA SETTLEMENT,

Hawke's Bay, open for selection at NAPIER, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH. There are THIRTY-FOUR SECTIONS of RICH AGRICULTURAL LAND in the settlement, varying from 10 acres to 71 acres, the annual rental ranging from £1 5s 7d to £1 13s 4d per acre. The settlement forms one of the best properties in Hawke's Bay for cropping, grass-seed growing, market-gardening, or orcharding. Distance from Hastings from two to three miles, and about twelve miles from Napier. The main road and the Napier-Wellington Railway passes alongside.

## WILLOW SETTLEMENT,

Cook County, open at NAPIER and GISBORNE, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH. It comprises 760 acres of first-class agricultural land, divided into TWENTY-TWO SECTIONS, from 17 acres to 54 acres, at an annual rental of 8s 8d to £1 5s 10d per acre. The land is suitable for any kind of agriculture, cropping, dairying, or orcharding. The climate is excellent, and the rainfall about 40in.

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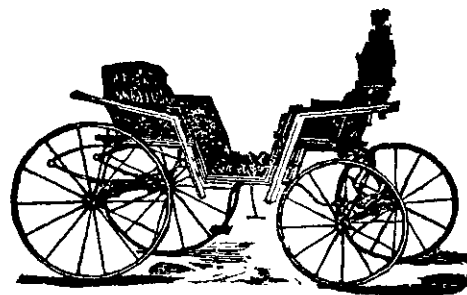
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