

Land Act, 1882, to have the land proclaimed open for sale by Land Department. By having the sales and plans all brought before the public at the same time a greater interest will be created than would be the case if the Waikaia, Hokonui, and Wyndham lands were offered at different times. The Minister of Lands concurs in the proposals of Commissioners with regard to Hokonui and Wyndham, as detailed in letter of 21st November, 1882. H. J. H. ELIOTT.

J. P. Maitland, Esq., Chairman, Otago School Commissioners, Dunedin.

No. 21.

The SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, Dunedin, to the UNDER-SECRETARY for LANDS.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 9th October, 1883.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 28th ultimo, informing me that the Government had agreed to give effect to the recommendations of the School Commissioners with reference to the reserves in the Hokonui district, and also on Run 88, Wyndham; and I have now to request you to take the necessary steps to have the lands referred to declared open for sale in terms of sections 53 to 57 of "The Land Act 1877 Amendment Act, 1882," in the following manner viz. :—

Run 88, consisting of parts of Blocks I. and IV., Mokoreta, and VII., Wyndham (as per lithograph attached), to be offered for sale, one-half of the sections to be offered for cash and one-half on deferred payment. Section 6, Block I., Mokoreta, to be offered on pastoral deferred payment; Section 243, Hokonui, subdivided into sections, to be offered for sale on deferred payments; Sections 242, 405, 406, 407, and 408, Hokonui, subdivided into sections, to be offered one-half for cash and one-half on deferred payment. In their letter of 21st November last the Commissioners recommended that Section 404A, Hokonui, be offered for sale in one lot on pastoral deferred payment; but, since then, in consequence of a petition which they received from several residents at Longridge, they requested the Government to have the arable portions of it offered for sale on deferred payment in sections of from 100 to 320 acres each, and the pastoral or hilly portions in sections not exceeding 750 acres on pastoral deferred-payment (see letter No. 139, dated 28th July last, addressed to the Secretary, Education Department, Wellington).

The survey of the Hokonui lands has been made by the Southland Survey Department, and I am informed that lithographs have been prepared in Wellington. I shall be glad to receive a supply for distribution as soon as possible.

In the case of the lands at Wendon, Wendonside, Waikaia, and Greenvale, the Commissioner of Crown Lands has already received instructions as to their disposal in terms of the Commissioner's suggestions, but he has delayed advertising them, with a view to offering the Wyndham, Mokoreta, and Hokonui sections at the same time, as suggested in your telegrams before mentioned.

I shall be glad if you will obtain the necessary proclamations for the whole of these sections as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

J. P. MAITLAND,

Chairman, School Commissioners.

The Under-Secretary for Crown Lands, Wellington.

P.S.—The Board wish Section 5, Block I., Mokoreta, to be made a cash section.

No. 22.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for LANDS to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Dunedin.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 22nd October, 1883.

PLEASE bring before Board on Wednesday the following sections, to be opened on the deferred-payment on Educational Reserves, Run 88, Wyndham: In Block I., Mokoreta, Sections 7 to 10, and 15, the parts of 9 and 10 north of road to be grouped as one allotment, the part of 10 south of road to be grouped with Section 5, and the part of Section 9 to be grouped with Section 6. The Chief Surveyor will give you the new sectional numbers of the parts of Sections 9 and 10. Also, on deferred payments, in Block IV., Mokoreta, Sections 5, 6, and 7; in Block VII., Wyndham, Section 30. In Block I., Mokoreta, Section 6 is to be offered on pastoral lease, as Government will not offer any land on pastoral deferred payment in present state of law. Ask Land Board to fix upset prices of deferred-payment sections, and rent and term of pastoral lease of Section 6, also cash prices of the sections not enumerated in the blocks which are to be offered by auction at Gore.

Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin.

FRAS. STEVENS,
(for Under-Secretary for Lands).

No. 23.

The UNDER-SECRETARY for LANDS to the COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS, Invercargill.

(Telegram.)

Wellington, 22nd October, 1883.

THE Otago School Commissioners having, in terms of section 53 of the Land Act, 1882, asked that education reserves in Hokonui district under their charge should be disposed of in terms of "The Land Act, 1877," and the Governor having agreed, you will please ask the Land Board to value the following twenty-eight sections for disposal on deferred-payments: 1 to 9 of 404A, 11 and 12 of 404A, 1, 2, and 5 of 405A, 1, 2, and 3 of 242, 1 and 3 of 406A, 3 and 4 of 407A, 1 and 3 of 408A, 1 to 5 of 243. Fix the day of application early in December. The other sections (excepting