

£100, the remainder in stock. Had sixty-three head of cattle, a dozen horses, farm-implements, household furniture. Had been farming all his life. Is married, and has a family of nine, children. Holds 149 acres in the County of Eden, Lots 26 and 27, Parish of Titirangi. Rent, £105. Seven years on this land. Lease almost expired. "Desires to get further into the country" is the reason assigned for giving up land at present held. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Did not borrow any to make this application. Did not produce bank-book in support of his financial position.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. G. M. Dodd:* Applicant for Section 112, Subdivision 4. Stated that £50 would represent the value of everything possessed by him. "I can get some stock and put up a whare to live in. I know the rental, £23 9s. half-yearly, is rather large, but my father and brothers are going to help me, and with this assistance I feel confident that I could pay the rent and make a living besides. I hold no other land. Am free from debt. I am not married. I have had a good deal of experience in general farm-work."

Mr. Greenslade knew applicant and recommended that he be allowed to go to ballot. This was supported by Mr. Harris. Board decided to allow applicant to go to ballot.

*Mr. W. G. Knight:* Applicant for Section 16, Subdivision 7.

Mr. Harris stated that he knew applicant well. Applicant called, and stated that he was twenty-seven years of age. Had a capital of £500. Was brought up on land; been in the country all his life. Is not married. Capital is at his own absolute disposal, and was not borrowed to make application. Has horses to the value of £45. Holds no other land; no partnership. Produced bank-book in support of financial position.

Approved for ballot.

*Mrs. Fanny Payse:* Applicant for Section 34, Subdivision 8, was next called, and stated that she had capital amounting to £350, which she considered sufficient means to satisfactorily work this section. Has had four years' experience of up-to-date farming. Is married, and has a family of two sons and two daughters, ages twenty, eighteen, sixteen, and fourteen years respectively. Sons have been farming and milking four years. Produced documentary evidence showing the amounts of £309 and £235 which are to be sent out from the Old Country—£550 to be at her own absolute disposal. No money borrowed to make application. She is not in partnership with any one. Holds no other land, and is free from debt.

Mr. Greenslade spoke highly of family, whom he knows well.

Granted Section 34, Subdivision 8.

*Mr. William Stoup:* Applicant for Section 35, Subdivision 9. Stated that he has £500 in cash and a hundred pounds' worth of horses. Was brought up on a farm. Good experience of poultry. Married, but has no family. Has small farm at Papakura, but there is a mortgage on it. Is free from debt. Money absolutely at his own disposal.

No documentary or other evidence produced as to financial position, but Mr. Harris spoke highly of applicant, whom he knows well.

Passed finally by Board.

*Mr. R. T. Abbott:* Applicant for Section 90, Subdivision 13. Stated that he was fifty-five years of age, and had £800 capital in live-stock, implements, and machinery. Married, and has three sons. Interested in sections, Waiotahi and Opotiki Parishes; total area, 526 acres, valued at £700. They are subject to a mortgage. One of the sons is residing thereon. Has 120 head of cattle and about twenty horses. Property at Opotiki owned jointly by himself and wife. Produced documentary evidence as to £800. Mrs. Abbott is possessed of £100 in cash. Free from debt, and no partnership.

Mr. Harris knows family well and spoke highly of them.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. H. Harding:* Applicant for Section 24, Block 14, Subdivision 39. Stated that he had capital amounting to £200. Has been farming all his life. Is married, and has three of a family—one boy and two girls. Holds no other land. Has £70 hard cash, and the rest in stock, horses, harness, wagons, and three drays. Failed to bring bank-book in support of financial position. Has had dairying experience in Wairarapa. He has been the greater part of his life dairying and sheep-farming. Did not borrow money to make application. Is free from debt, and has no partnership.

Granted selection.

*Mr. John Brown:* Applicant for Section 84, Subdivision 14. Stated he has twenty-five dairy cows and four-horse team valued at £200, and £200 in cash. Said would produce bank-book if desired. Money in Bank of New South Wales, Cambridge. No partnership, and did not borrow money to make application. Is free from debt. Been at farming all his life—dairying, sheep-farming, &c. Holds no other land.

Mr. Greenslade stated that applicant is well thought of in the district.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. Edward C. Banks and Mary Banks:* Applicants for Section 84, Subdivision 14. Mr. Banks states that he has £200 cash in bank, £650 invested in house property, Wellington. There is a mortgage on the Wellington property. Has had ten years' experience on dairy farm in North Canterbury. Is at present working on a farm at Hamilton. Wife has also had experience in dairy-farming. Has no partnership. Capital entirely at own disposal. Also wife has marriage settlement of £40 a year, or £1,000 in her own right, as long as she lives. Bank-book produced in support of financial position.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. A. J. Charles:* Applicant for Section 84, Subdivision 14. Stated that he was twenty-six years of age, and had a capital of £900, £500 being in cash. Has been reared on a farm, and has had a good deal of experience in mixed farm-work, also dairy-farming. Holds no other