

other land, and is free from debt. Has been farming all his life. Is a native of New Zealand. Could successfully work the section with means and experience he has had.

Passed.

*Mr. W. D. Robins* called: Not present. Applicant for Section 2, Subdivision 1.

Wait over.

*Mr. J. W. Simpson*: Applicant for Section 84, Subdivision 14. States that he has capital in cash and stock amounting to £800. Implements and stock amount to £400. Has been farming all his life. Understands all about sheep and dairying. Has been employed by the Department showing settlers over Matamata Estate. Is married, with one child. Holds no other land, and no other person has interest in the money but himself. No partnership, and did not borrow money to make application. Feels confident that he could satisfactorily work the section and make a living.

Passed.

*Mr. F. E. Foster*: Applicant for Section 84, Subdivision 14. Dairy-farmer. States he has means amounting to about £400 cash. Has had great experience in farming. Holds no other land. Money at his own absolute disposal.

Passed.

*Mr. Thomas Bason*: Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14. Farmer in the Wellington District. About forty years of age. States that he has £300 in cash. No certificate or document produced to support financial position. Applicant requested to furnish it. Has thirty head of cattle and one horse; value of stock about £100. Half of them are young. Owes about £10. Is not landless; has about 400 acres in Wellington District. The land is not good, and is three miles off the road, and he can get to it only by horse, as it is very rough country. He has complied with the residence conditions. There is no school and no creamery. He is running sheep and stock on the land. Has four girls and one boy, ranging from five to sixteen, and they are deprived of schooling—one of the reasons why applicant wants to get to a place where he can send his children to school. He admits that only a poor living is got off this land. There is 300 acres in grass, and five hundred sheep on it and a few head of cattle. The land is partly fenced. He would sell and settle at Matamata if successful.

Applicant's position was considered by the Board, and, after some discussion, Mr. Greenslade moved, and Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion, That Mr. Bason's application be passed for ballot. This was opposed by the Commissioner and Mr. Renshaw, but it was eventually carried, Mr. Harris voting in favour of the motion.

*Mr. Charles Gibbard*: Applicant for Section 103, Subdivision 28. States that he has £500 in cash; and bank-books produced in support of financial position. £236 net all his own, wife £160; £55 paid as deposit. Has four or five cows and half an acre of leasehold. Has no other land. Is a nurseryman. Understands fruit-growing. Has been all his life on a farm. Has dairying experience, cattle, and rearing stock and sheep. Understands fencing. Capital at his own absolute disposal, and did not borrow any money to make the application. No partnership. Has had farming experience in the Old Country. Is free from debt, and considers he could successfully work the section.

Passed.

*Mr. W. Wallace*: Applicant for Section 103, Subdivision 28. States that he has about £300, of which £42 is in stock. Bank-books of himself and wife produced, which show that he has cash to the amount of £204, wife £82. Was reared on a farm. Dairying at Cambridge at present. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt, and holds no other land. Did not borrow money to make application.

Applicant agreed to withdraw from Section 103, as his wife was the only applicant for Section 121, Subdivision 32, and they both desired to settle together on this land. Husband's capital would all be utilised to the benefit of Section 121.

The withdrawal, return of deposit, and granting of Section 121, Subdivision 32, to Mrs. Wallace was agreed to by the Board.

*Messrs. E. G. White and Brown* apply as tenants in common for Section 119, Subdivision 28. Joint capital is £800. Certificate as to capital satisfactory. Horses (twelve) valued at £240. Mr. White's capital is £735, and Mr. Brown's £110. Both been farming all their lives. Mr. Brown has three teams of horses. Money at their own absolute disposal, and not borrowed simply to make application. No partnership. Hold no other land. Are free from debt. Could work section to advantage.

Passed for ballot.

*Mr. William Merrick*: Applicant for Section 109, Subdivision 3. States that he has a capital of £80, and is thirty years old. Has been farming all his life. General work. Is not married. No partnership. Money at his own absolute disposal. Had Home experience as a farmer. Owes no money, and did not borrow any money to make application. Holds no other land.

Passed for ballot.

*Mr. H. H. Smith*: Applicant for Section 60, Subdivision 29. Mr. Radcliffe held this section for about sixteen years before the Government took over the estate. Board thought that Mr. Radcliffe's claims should be considered. The position was placed before Mr. Smith, who without the slightest hesitation or pressure relinquished in favour of Mr. Radcliffe. He was then allowed to make application for Section 110, Subdivision 3, and said he was twenty-six years old, and had a capital of £150 in cash. Has had a great deal of experience in farming, general work. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt, and never borrowed money simply to make application.

*Mr. J. T. Williams*: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. Has stock and cash amounting to about £200. Intention of the three brothers to go in for this land as tenants in common. There are seven head of cattle, and property at Onehunga worth £100. Is a farm labourer. Has no