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MATAMATA ESTATE

(REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE DEALT WITH BY THE AUCKLAND LAND BOARD IN DISPOSING OF THE).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 5th October, 1904.

Ordered, "That a return of all reports and correspondence dealt with by the Auckland Land Board in disposing of the Matamata Estate be laid on the table of the House."—(Mr. LAWRY.)

MEMORANDUM.

THE order of the House asks for the return of all correspondence dealt with by the Auckland Land Board in disposing of the Matamata Estate.

It is pointed out that, as the correspondence is very voluminous, it would not be possible to comply with the order at an early date, and it is suggested that a *précis* of the correspondence, attached hereto, may be taken as complying with the order.

4th November, 1904.

WM. C. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

MATAMATA SETTLEMENT.

Copy of Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions passed by the Land Board in connection with the Opening of the above Estate.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Land Board for the Land District of Auckland was held at the Principal Land Office of the district on the 7th June, 1904, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Mackenzie (in the chair), Mr. Harris, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Greenslade.

It was resolved to affirm the action of the Chairman in inserting the advertisement calling the attention of selectors to the necessity for presenting themselves before the Board on the 8th and 9th instant for examination, and requesting them to provide documentary evidence of their means to work the land, and also announcing that the ballot would take place at the Sailors' Mission Hall, Albert Street, on the 10th instant.

The Board went into committee, and went through the applications by selectors of sections in the Matamata Estate, and settled the mode of procedure to be taken in examining the intending selectors who would present themselves before the Board on the 8th and 9th instant.

The Commissioner stated that he had called the members together in order to run through the applications in a general way and familiarise themselves with the applications prior to the applicants being examined. There would, no doubt, be a considerable rush later on, when applicants would be crowding on each other, and having a little knowledge of each beforehand would doubtless help the members a great deal.

Mr. Greenslade thought the Commissioner's forethought would be a great help to them in coming to conclusions, and the other members expressed themselves also in a similar strain.

With regard to the homestead, the members expressed themselves strongly on the question of the capital required, and the class of men who should be allowed to get into possession. All agreed that a man without capital and necessary experience would endanger the Crown's interests, as well as that of the estate; stress being laid on the buildings, fences, and plantations getting into disrepair, and the risk that might be run of the Californian thistle in any way getting the upper hand on what the Board looked upon as the very eye of the estate.

It was also agreed to by the members, particularly those who had been over the property, that a capital of from £2,000 to £3,000 was necessary for the efficient working, stocking, manuring, and cropping of the homestead—certainly not less than £2,000.

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PRESENT: Mr. Mackenzie (in the chair), Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Harris, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Greenslade.

The Chairman stated that this special meeting was in accordance with the notice contained in the pamphlet on the Matamata Settlement sale, at which selectors were notified they had to appear personally to answer any questions the Board might desire to ask. Applicants must be prepared to produce for the satisfaction of the Board documentary evidence of the means which they possess for stocking and working the land.

A large number of selectors appeared before the Board and were examined minutely as to their means, and, in cases where they were unable to produce documentary evidence as to their means, were called upon to obtain telegraphic or written certificates from a bank, Post-Office Savings-Bank, &c., as to the amounts lying to their credit.

In several cases individual members of the Board personally guaranteed selectors' fitness and financial means.

The Board adjourned at 6 p.m. until Thursday.

The Land Board met at 10 a.m. at the same place on the 9th June, 1904.

PRESENT: All members; Commissioner in chair.

The examination by members of selectors was continued. The applicants for the homestead were minutely examined.

After some discussion as to raising the minimum to £2,500 as necessary to work the homestead, it was unanimously resolved that the original minimum of £2,000, as agreed to on the Tuesday, be fixed as the minimum capital required to successfully work the homestead.

Each application was then considered separately on its merits, and the following decision arrived at:—

Mr. James Poff: Rejected on account of shortage of capital and lacking in experience.

D. A. McKay: Rejected on account of deficient capital.

Mrs. McKay: Deficient capital.

Angus McKay: Deficient capital.

Andrew McKay: Deficient capital.

Mrs. J. Maisey: The Board regretted having to reject her application. Though thoroughly experienced, it is felt that her capital is insufficient to successfully carry on the farm.

Mrs. F. McCaw: Deficient in experience and capital.

W. McCaw: Deficient in capital.

John McCaw: The Board approved of his application, as he possessed sufficient capital and experience to successfully work the homestead.

The Board adjourned at 6.45 p.m. until Friday, 10th June, 1904.

On Friday, the 10th June, 1904, the Board met and adjourned to the Sailors' Mission Hall, Albert Street, to hold the first ballot for allotments in the Matamata Estate, as advertised in the local papers.

PRESENT: Mr. Mackenzie (in the chair), Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Harris, Mr. Greenslade, Mr. Armstrong.

The ballot was conducted by the officers of the Department, presided over by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in the presence of the members of the Land Board and a large number of the selectors themselves.

The ballot closed at 1 p.m., and the Land Board adjourned to the Principal Land Office of the district, where they sat to receive fresh applications, and to adjust individual cases of exchange, the result of the ballot.

William Goodwin, who applied for Section 17, Subdivision 2, and drew Section 12, asked for refund of deposit, as Section 12 was not suitable for his wants.

It was resolved to allow William Goodwin to withdraw from Section 12 and obtain the refund of his deposit on the understanding that Richard Smith applied for Section 12.

It was resolved to allow Mr. J. F. Vercoe, who drew Section 126, Subdivision 20, to exchange with A. D. Anderson, who drew Section 121 of the same subdivision.

Mr. Basin objected to take up Section 85, Subdivision 14, and Mr. J. W. Simpson, who was struck out of the ballot, expressed his willingness to take the same.

It was resolved to allow the exchange to be made, Mr. Basin to be returned his deposit, and J. W. Simpson to adjust any differences in the deposits with the Receiver of Land Revenue.

It was resolved to empower the Commissioner to adjust an exchange between T. Fitzgerald, who obtained Section 83, Subdivision 37, and W. McFadden, who obtained Section 79 of the same subdivision, on both parties being agreeable.

It was resolved to allow John Cranslin to take up Section 10, Subdivision 14, in place of D. S. Robertson.

As Mr. Simms first drew Section 57 of Subdivision 26, this left Section 56 available for Mr. Timms and Section 55 for Mr. Young, in accordance with their applications.

It was resolved on reconsideration to allot Section 56 to Mr. Timms and Section 55 to Mr. Young.

It was resolved that all the successful applicants for sections in the Matamata Estate that were balloted for or arranged or otherwise up to 4 p.m. of this day be approved, but that the selector of Section 133, Subdivision 21, be informed that his application is approved subject to the Commissioner determining the right of ingress and egress to the track passing the homestead on Section 131, and through Section 132 to the main road, and also subject to his fixing

the term of use; that the selector of Section 132 be informed that his application is approved subject to the Commissioner determining the right of egress and ingress to the track passing the homestead on Section 131 from the main road, and also subject to his fixing the term of use; that the selector of Section 131 be informed that his application is approved, but the tenants of Sections 132 and 133 have the right to use the track passing the homestead on his section from the main road to Section 132, the Commissioner to define the conditions of ingress and egress, and to determine the term of use.

Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Greenslade seconded, That the Board places on record its appreciation of the services of the staff who carried out the official work in connection with the cutting-up and disposal of the Matamata Estate, specially mentioning the names of Mr. J. B. Thompson (surveyor), Mr. R. Leckie, Mr. Keenan, and Mr. Munro.

Minutes of the special meetings held on the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th June, 1904, confirmed.

JAMES RENSHAW, Chairman.

A meeting of the Land Board for the Land District of Auckland was held at the Principal Land Office of the district on the 24th June, 1904, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Renshaw (in the chair), Mr. Harris, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Greenslade.

John Reid drew Section 71, Block II., Tapapa Survey District, Matamata, in ballot on the 10th instant, and deposited £2 13s. 8d. He asks to be allowed to withdraw, and makes a fresh application for Section 28, Block XIV., of 384 acres, and forwards deposit of £28 13s. It was resolved to allow John Reid to withdraw application for Section 71; and that application for Section 28, Block IV., be approved instead.

John H. Johnston applied to withdraw from Section 13, Subdivision 2, Matamata Settlement, as it is unsuitable, his father having secured Section 113. Applicant drew Section 13, and deposited £22 19s. 5d., which has since been transferred to the Public Account by the Receiver of Land Revenue.

It was resolved to defer the same.

J. W. Garland was allotted Section 123, Block XII., Tapapa Survey District, Matamata Settlement, on the 10th June. He now asks to be allowed Section 36, Block III., in lieu of it.

It was resolved to grant the application.

It was resolved to refuse the application of William Merrick to withdraw from Section 109, Subdivision 3, Matamata Settlement, and for return of deposit.

It was resolved to grant the application of Elizabeth Roberts for Section 133, Subdivision 21, Matamata Settlement.

It was resolved to allow C. J. Duxfield to exchange Section 9, Block II., for Section 106, Block II., Subdivision 22, Matamata Settlement.

It was resolved to approve of T. P. Vulgar's application for Section 37, Block III., Subdivision 10, Matamata Settlement, the Commissioner to be satisfied as to his means.

J. W. Anderson applied to withdraw his application for Section 128, Subdivision 20, in the Matamata Settlement, and asked for return of deposit, because his brother held Section 126 in the same subdivision, through the grouping system, although they only wanted one section.

It was resolved to grant request and return deposit. Section 128, Subdivision 20, being granted to Murdoch Anderson.

A meeting of the Land Board for the Land District of Auckland was held at the Principal Land Office of the district on the 22nd July, 1904, at 10 a.m.

It was resolved that Mr. Streiff can take advantage of section 24, subsection (3), of the Land for Settlements Regulations and pay off the value of buildings on the 1st January next on Section 120, Matamata Settlement, but there is no power to remit interest paid on first half of instalment.

It was resolved to grant Mrs. M. Abbot, lessee of Section 70, Block II., Matamata Settlement, exemption from personal residence so as to enable her to reside on her husband's section (No. 90), subject to the approval of the Minister.

It was resolved that J. H. Johnston be allowed to withdraw his application for Section 13, Block II., Te Papa Survey District (Matamata Settlement); but the deposit of £22 19s. 5d. must be forfeited, as the Crown has lost a half-year's rent over the transaction.

Two applications—viz., the New Zealand Dairy Association and the Auckland Fresh Food and Ice Company—have been received for the five creamery-sites in the Matamata Settlement, under section 64, subsection (1), of "The Land for Settlements Consolidation Act, 1900."

It was resolved to leave this matter in the hands of the Commissioner of Crown Lands with full power to act. Mr. Greenslade did not vote on this matter.

It was resolved to allow William Singer, jun., to withdraw from Section 66, Block II., Tapapa Survey District, and transfer to Mrs. B. Farrell. Deposit to be returned to William Singer, jun.

MATAMATA SETTLEMENT.

The following is a report of the examination of applicants for land in the Matamata Settlement. Each candidate for land appeared personally before the Board and was put through a searching examination by the Commissioner regarding capital, stock, experience in farming—in fact, a complete statement as to his financial position and his eligibility to take up the land applied for and insure its being worked to the best advantage.

The sitting of the Land Board was held on the 9th and 10th June, 1904. A full attendance of members was present, and the Commissioner of Crown Lands occupied the chair.

Mr. George Good called: Applicant for Section 64, Block II. Admitted that he had but little previous experience in farming. Held half-share interest in Section L.I.P. 94, Whakatane. Has had it only for a short time. Exempted from occupying it on account of residing on adjoining section. If successful, intends to reside on the Matamata section and start a carpenter's shop. Is married, but has no family. Possesses a capital of £50 cash at his own disposal and one horse. In addition, he had household furniture and is free of debt.

The Board considered the candidate suitable for ballot.

Mr. G. James Heslop: Applicant for Section 64, Block II. Said he had capital and stock to the value of £60—hard cash, £30. A married man; a farmer all his life. His intention was to take up land in Matamata to make a home for himself. Means were at his own disposal, was free of debt, and had no other land. Was not applying for this land for anything but *bonâ fide* purposes.

The Board considered the candidate suitable for ballot.

Messrs. McNicoll and Co.: Applicants for Section 64. Mr. Vercoe appeared and represented the company. Stated that the intention of the company was to take up land only for sale-yard purposes.

Admitted to ballot.

Mr. J. Price: Applicant for Section 65. Stated that he had capital to the amount of £200. Blacksmith by trade; unmarried. Holds no other land. Intended to live on Matamata section and start blacksmith's shop. Capital at his own disposal. Free from debt, and did not want the land for speculative purposes.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. W. Singer: Applicant for Section 66. Stated he was forty years of age. Possessed stock and farming-implements valued at £100; had £25 hard cash. Has had a good deal of experience in farming, and holds no other land. His intention was to make a home at Matamata if successful. Is free from debt and partnership, and requires the land only for the purpose of making a home. Stock and implements at his own disposal.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. F. G. Devey: Applicant for Section 70. Stated he has stock worth £200, hard cash £60. Is a blacksmith's wheelwright, and had a shop at Waitekauri, all his own property. Is free from debt. Married man, with family of three boys and one girl. Intended to start blacksmith's shop at Matamata and make a home for himself and family.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. W. G. Devey: Applicant for Section 71. Stated he had a capital of £100 in hard cash; no stock. By trade a wheelwright. Married, with a family of eight children. Intention was to take up land and start business. Means possessed were at his own disposal. Free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

Mrs. Margaret Abbott: Applicant for Section 71, Subdivision 56. Stated she had cash to the amount of £50, and a few acres of freehold land, which was being worked by her son. She desired to take up this land to make a home and live more quietly. Had experience of farming. Capital at her own disposal. Would sell freehold land if successful. Was free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

Mrs. Bridget Farrell: Applicant for Section 153, Subdivision 57. Stated that she wanted to acquire the land for a future home. Husband was employed at the railway works. Stated that she could build a house. Possessed £50 in cash, house and furniture as well. Her only desire was to secure this land for the purpose of making a home for herself and family. Had experience in farming. Means were at her own disposal. Free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

Mrs. Louisa E. Loye (not present): Applicant for Section 1, Block XIV.

Mr. Armstrong proposed that this case be left entirely to the Commissioner to deal with, which was agreed to. Deposit paid, £1 18s. 6d. Mrs. Loye to supply particulars in accordance with regulation requirements.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs: Applicants for Section 1, Block XIII., Subdivision 61. Stated had cash amounting to £500 between both. Intended to take up land for purpose of starting a boarding-house or store. Cash was at their own disposal. Free from debt. Hold no other land.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. M. Burnell: Applicant for Section 1, Block XIII. Stated he had capital of £400—£300 in hard cash, the remainder in furniture and household requirements. His intention was to secure the land and start a little business, and make a home for himself and wife. Holds no other land. Means at his own disposal. Free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. M. Campbell: Applicant for Sections 134 and 135, grazing-run, Block XII.

This application was postponed till 2 o'clock next day to await arrival and obtain advice from Mr. Kensington on it. Applicant holds no other property.

Mr. William E. Hall: Subdivision 27, Section 101, Block VI., Te Papa. Stated he was a farm labourer. Besides possessing £350 cash, he had machinery to the value of £25. Some of his money was in the Post-office Savings-bank, Cambridge, and some he had lent on interest. About £150 in the bank. Money absolutely at his own disposal. Had no stock. Has had considerable experience in farming; born and reared on a farm, doing a little of everything. Holds no other land. Free from debt.

Approved conditionally on his producing evidence as to £150 in bank.

Mr. J. H. McNair and Mrs. Emily McNair: Applicants for Section 103, Block VI., Subdivision 28. Mr. McNair stated that he had no means of his own. There was £650 joint capital belonging to both. Wife holds two sections, a house on one being valued at £150. He had cash

amounting to £50. There was a mortgage on sections, which left £600 after deduction of mortgage. Free from debt, except mortgage. It is intention of both to live on this property and dispose of the other sections. They also had household furniture to the value of £150, two horses, cart, ten pounds' worth of sheet iron, sixty fowls, £15 in bank, the remainder lent out at interest.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. Ratcliffe: Applicant for Section 79, Block II., Tapapa Survey District. Stated he had house and land worth £500. The land is in Grey Lynn Estate. Six-roomed house on it. He gave £105 10s. for the land. Has a clear title, which is in his own name. Depending entirely on sale of this to make a start in Matamata. Married and has two sons. Has had farming experience; wife has had six months' experience in dairy-farming. Possesses no land except above. Free from debt; no partnership.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. W. L. Mardon: Applicant for Section 5, Block II. Stated he was thirty years of age. Had capital of £70—£30 hard cash, and the remainder in cattle and horses. Has been farming all his life. A single man.

The Commissioner said, What is your intention if you get on the land? There are 185 acres of land and apparently you have only £30.

Mr. Mardon replied, It is my intention to go in for milking. I have promises of assistance from brother and uncle, and with this help I could get on all right and improve as time progressed. I hold no other land. Am free from debt. Means all my own.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. B. Schwarz: Applicant for Section 5, Block II., Te Papa. Stated that he was twenty-seven years of age. Possessed a capital of £170—£148 in hard cash and about £20 in wages. Has one horse. Been farming all his life. Is a single man. Means absolutely at his own disposal. At present working on a farm at Cambridge. Holds no other land. Is free from debt. Produced certificate as to £148 in bank at Cambridge.

Passed for ballot.

Messrs. Oliver Brothers: Applicants for Section 2, Block II. Stated that they were twenty-seven and twenty-eight years of age respectively. Had £500 between them. Had no farm-implements. Had six months' experience in dairying, and both about two years' experience in all in farming. Unmarried. Money mentioned above held jointly. Free from debt; at present travelling. Produced bank-book showing £180 in bank.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. James Walker Moore: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Said he was thirty-two years of age, and had £300 in capital—£200 in cash and the other £100 in horses. Has had fifteen years' experience in farming. Is married, and wife has been used to cows and to milking, but no land experience. Has some money lent out. Has household furniture to the value of £20. Holds no other land. Free from debt. Produced bank-book showing £200—at his own absolute disposal, and not borrowed for the purpose of making this application.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. J. H. Pohlen: Applicant for Section 70, Subdivision 56. The Commissioner explained to Mr. Pohlen that his application could not be accepted as he already held 810 acres in another Land for Settlements estate, and that on that account he was not allowed by law to ballot for this. Cancelled.

Mr. J. H. Johnston: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2, and his son, James Johnston, applies for Section 84. The father states that there is a capital of £1,300. They have been only a fortnight in the colony. One section would meet their requirements, and they would invest their whole capital therein. Father guaranteed his son assistance to the extent of £650. Would give letter to this effect. Preferred Section 84, for which they stood a very poor chance, but were quite willing to withdraw from Section 84 if successful in drawing the other.

Mr. J. H. Johnston, sen., was then examined. He stated that he was fifty-seven years of age. Had been all his life farming, and had considerable experience in South Australia. Was a married man, with three sons and a daughter. Held no land in the colony; only a new arrival. Had borrowed no money. Had no household furniture. Had brought very little with them, except wearing-apparel. No partnership in capital. Felt satisfied that they had sufficient means to carry on these two farms. The freehold that he had in Victoria is not disposed of, but the value placed on it is £1,000, and he had brought £300 cash with him. Free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. F. Barugh: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Said he was fifty-two years of age. Had a capital of £230 at his disposal, partly cash and stock. About £120 cash at his own absolute disposal. Was able to raise more money if required. Produced bank-book showing £85 in bank. Had experience in farming; milked cows all his life. Free from debt. Holds no other land.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. W. Goodwin: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Stated that he was thirty-nine years old. Had capital to the amount of £575, and horses to the value of £40. Had twenty-two years' experience in farming, and thoroughly understood dairying. Was married, and wife was familiar with dairying. Family consisted of a boy six years and a half old. Holds no other land, and capital at his own absolute disposal, and had not borrowed any money for the purpose of making application. Produced bank-book (Bank of New Zealand) showing credit balance of £435, and Post-Office Savings-Bank book showing £140. Free from debt, and had no partnership.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. G. J. Duxfield: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Stated that he was forty-six years of age. Has cash and stock amounting to £500. The amount of hard cash would be about

£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

land, and has no partnership in his capital. Did not borrow money to make application, and is free from debt. Showed receipts to the effect that there was £418 9s. 10d. lodged at Bank of New Zealand to his credit. Came all the way from central Otago to get land.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. Benjamin Charles: Applicant for Section 86, Subdivision 14. Stated that he was twenty-four years of age and had a capital of £400. Intends to place stock on section and go in for milking cows. Holds no other land. Is free from debt, and has no partnership. Bank receipt produced in support of position, showing that he has in bank £386 12s. 5d. capital at his own absolute disposal. Did not borrow any money to make application.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. J. Cranwick: Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14. Stated that he had a capital of £800 cash, also thirty horses—draught and others. Unmarried; large experience in agricultural and dairy farming. Working on the Matamata Estate for the last nine years under Mr. McCaw. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Did not borrow any money to make application. There is no partnership either. Is free from debt. Holds no other land.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. Thomas Bason: Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14.

The applicant did not appear for examination. It was stated that he held 400 acres in Wellington District, but wished to surrender it on account of the land being so far from a railway-station, and the section being very rough and quite unsuitable for his purposes.

The matter of consideration was deferred till next day.

Mr. David S. Robertson: Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14. Stated that he was thirty years old. Said his father, William Robertson, would supply him with stock. Has had experience. Understands cattle and general farming. Holds no other land. Said his father would supply money to the extent of £1,000. Is free from debt.

Mr. Harris stated that Mr. Robertson was highly spoken of.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. James Kilbride: Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14. Stated that he had £600 in capital, some of it in cash and some in stock, balance in property. Cash amounts to £100. Failed to produce bank receipt. Has property worth about £500—stock, £50 out of that. Is free from debt. Has had a good deal of experience. Did not borrow money to make application. No partnership. Came from Canterbury to secure land. Means at his own disposal.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. William Atkins: Applicant for Section 66, Block II., Subdivision 55.

His mother appeared on his behalf, son being unable to attend. The mother stated that it was her son's intention to take up the land for the purpose of starting a bricklayer's plant. Son had very little means, but his father has means, and would assist him. Believed he was free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

Mrs. Margaret J. Green: Applicant for Section 88, Block IV., Subdivision 15.

Mrs. Green's husband attended. He stated her age was forty years. She has no means; the property belongs to him, and consists of a tip dray and wagon, spring cart, 15 Denver furrow plough, 3 plough-horses, 2 heavy draught and ordinary, 2 wagon-horses, 5 young horses, 1 light draught, 46 milking-cows, 12 heifers, six-months-old bull. Has been dairying for four years. All own personal property. Has no money in bank. Has a family of seven children. Owes no money. Everything is clear, and, if successful in ballot, the whole of the stock would be placed upon the farm, which was agreed to.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. Joseph Green: Applicant for Section 96, Subdivision 16. He stated he was twenty-three years old and had no cash. Says he has about one hundred pounds' worth of stock. Father pledged himself to assist his son to the extent of £200 and implements for breaking up the land. Owes no money. Holds no other land. Has had some experience in stock and farm-work.

Decided to go to ballot.

Mr. O'Keefe: Applicant for Section 88, Subdivision 15. States that he is twenty-seven years old, and has five hundred pounds' worth of horses, cattle, and implements, and £50 in the Bank of New Zealand. Has had eight years' experience in dairying. Has no land of his own. Has interest in his mother's Fencourt section. Mother has title to it. All property at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt, and borrowed no money to make application.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. William Egan: Applicant for Section 96, Subdivision 16. Mr. Egan's brother attended on his behalf. Works at Karangahake. Been seven or eight years there. Produced bank-book in support of his financial position, which showed he had an amount of £160, besides two houses worth £100. Married, with a family of two young children. Had twenty-three years' experience of mixed farm-work, dairy-farming, breaking up land, &c. Is not involved in any way, and no partnership. Did not borrow money to make application. If successful intends to sell his property and go on land.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. G. Conder: Applicant for Section 96. States that he has two farm-horses, implements, and twenty-two yearling cattle, and £40 cash; total, £150. Has been all his life on farm-work. Born at Mangere. Doing dairy-farming lately on shares. Has no other land. Did not borrow money to make application, and has no partnership in what he has got. Is free from debt.

Applicant is well known to Messrs. Harris and Greenslade, who spoke highly of him.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. Leonard Stanley: Applicant for Section 94, Subdivision 16. Stated he had £200 in cash and stock. Has been twenty-two years in New Zealand. Has had experience in dairying. Is a carpenter and general labourer. Wife born and reared in country. Possesses knowledge of dairying. Has no other land. Is free from debt, and produced £160 in hard cash in support of his application. Did not borrow money to make application.

Well known to Mr. Armstrong.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. H. John Hills: Applicant for Section 99, Subdivision 17. Stated that he had £330 in household furniture and stock. Has been dairy-farming in the North and South Islands. Wife has had experience in dairying. Holds no other property. Has capital in Bank of Australasia, but could not get book to-day. Would produce it if required. Just arrived from Christchurch. A letter of recommendation from Mr. Kensington was received. His old bank-book showed that he had £287, and some £55 had been paid in since. Is free from debt. Did not borrow any money to make application. Has no partner. All his own.

Granted the section.

Mrs. Hills: Applicant for Section 100, wife of H. John Hills. She was allowed to withdraw her application, and the Board agreed to refund deposit.

Mr. A. A. Bowler and Mrs. W. Bowler: Applicants for Section 114, Subdivision 18. The Board agreed to grant applicants Section 113, instead of 114 as applied. Applicants agreed. Have a capital of £1,600.

Mr. Greenslade said he could thoroughly vouch for these people.

Section 113 granted them.

Mr. Gunn: Applicant for Section 56, Subdivision 26. States he is twenty-seven years old. Has £70 in cash, also a building-section valued at £70. Has no stock. Total capital is £140. Has money in Post-Office Savings-Bank, but did not bring bank-book. Had four years' experience of mixed farming in England. Reared on a farm. At present working for Bowler brothers. Has no other land except building-section. All means at his absolute disposal. Owes no money.

Bona fides guaranteed by Mr. Greenslade.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. A. Henry Robertson: Applicant for Section 114, Subdivision 18. States he is twenty-seven years old. Father will guarantee him to the extent of £1,000. Married, but has no family. Owes no money. Holds no other land. Has fair experience in mixed farming. Following the occupation of a tailor at present. Father gave a written guarantee that he would furnish his son with £1,000 capital if successful in ballot.

Allotted without ballot.

Mr. Edward Bowler: Applicant for Section 115, Subdivision 18.

Mr. Greenslade said he was a man of means and guaranteed his genuineness. An excellent settler.

Granted section.

Messrs. R. and W. Joughin: Applicants for Section 117, Block V., Subdivision 18. Stated that they were partners, twenty-three and twenty-five years of age respectively. Possessed a capital of £200—£160 in property, the remainder in cash. Owned houses on sections held under miner's right, Waihi. £40 cash in bank; no proof supplied. Owe no money. If successful intend to live on section right away. Asked to produce documentary evidence as to money.

Passed for ballot.

Mrs. Euphemia Robertson: Applicant for Section 120, Subdivision 19. Statement received from husband on behalf of wife asking to be allowed to withdraw from section. Agreed to by Board.

Messrs. D. and G. Robertson: Applicants for Section 145, Subdivision 36. Want to withdraw their applications for above. The reasons given are that one has already gone on the land, and the other is too young, and his intention is to stay in town. When the land was first applied for it was the intention to place the sons thereon. They have no means except what their father gives them, and as they will not go upon the land he does not wish to compel them to do so. He now wishes that they be allowed to withdraw.

Agreed to.

Mr. Streiff: Applicant for Section 120, Subdivision 19. Stated that he has a capital of £2,000. Produced bank-manager's letter to the effect that he held on Mr. Streiff's account 4-per-cent. debentures, New Zealand Government, valued at £1,000. Sargood, Son, and Ewen spoke highly of applicant. Said means that he had were entirely at his own disposal. No partnership. Requires land specially for vine-growing. Has had no experience in farming, but his son, who is nearly twenty-one, had three years at Tatarariki as dairy-farmer with Rutherford's.

Mr. Greenslade: First-class man, with whom I am well acquainted.

Commissioner (to applicant): I will not say much at this stage, but in all probability you will get it.

Passed.

Mr. M. G. Mogford: Applicant for Section 102, Subdivision 31. Stated that he had a capital of £550, value of store, which he was selling out, and matter would be finally settled in a few days. Has £100 now. Has been farming most of his life. Storekeeper at present. Has no partnership. All property and cash at his own absolute disposal. Owes no money. Married; wife has had experience in farming.

Applicant well known to Board-members.

Granted.

Mr. H. E. Button: Applicant for Section 105, Subdivision 31. Stated that he was thirty-seven years old and possessed of a capital of £600 in cash. Had no stock. In support of his statement he produced bank-book showing £600. Has been farming nine or ten years, more particularly in cattle and sheep raising. Farming in Canterbury, Cambridge, and Tasmania. Has also had experience in agricultural and dairy-farming. Married, with family of three children—two girls and a boy. Wife has had experience in dairying for over nine years. Holds no other land. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money to make application.

Applicant is well known to Messrs. Renshaw and Greenslade, who recommended him.

Passed; section granted.

Mr. A. D. Anderson: Applicant for Section 126, Subdivision 20. Stated that he had £200 in cash in bank. Is a single man. In support of statement *re* capital, he produced bank-book showing that he had the amount of £190 in bank, which is at his own absolute disposal. Has no partnership. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money for the purpose of making this application. Has been farming all his life. All kinds of work, agricultural, dairying, and stock-raising. "My brother is also in for this section, and if one of us is successful we intend to take up the land as tenants in common."

Applicant well known to Mr. Harris.

Passed.

Mr. J. W. Anderson: Applicant for Section 26, Subdivision 20. Stated that he was a single man worth £300 in cash and stock. About £200 in cash. Produced bank-book showing the amount of £100 to his credit. Also certificate to the effect that a loan was available on his life-insurance policy. Has two horses valued at £50. Has had eleven years' experience as manager on Okauia Estate. Has been used to all kinds of work, sheep and cattle raising, &c. Native of New Zealand. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Owes no money, and did not borrow the cash to make this application. Holds no other land.

Applicant well known to Mr. Harris.

Passed.

Mr. Nelson Banks: Applicant for Section 127, Subdivision 20. His brother appeared for him, and stated that he would have a capital of £600. Had no farmers' implements. If successful in ballot his mother would advance the £600. Unmarried. Has been farming six or seven years. So far as brother knows, does not owe any money. Has no partnership. Holds no other land. Intends settling on the land.

Messrs. Greenslade and Harris spoke highly of Mr. Banks.

Passed.

Mr. S. Banks: Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he would have £600 to go on the land with. The money would be advanced by his mother, who was giving each of her sons £600. Is landless. Owes no money, and the means would be absolutely at his own disposal. Has had experience of farming for six or seven years. Has no farming-implements. Would settle on the land at once if successful. Feels confident that he could work it to advantage.

Applicant highly spoken of by Messrs. Harris and Greenslade.

Passed.

Mr. A. J. H. Gavin: Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he was twenty-five years of age, and that his father guarantees him to the extent of £1,000. The applicant is the son of the Assistant Controller and Auditor-General. Telegram produced stating that father was prepared to place £1,000 at the disposal of his son if successful in ballot. Has been used to general farm-work. Had experience of ploughing for twelve months, and was also on a sheep-station. Holds no other land. Is free from debt, and is confident he could work the section to advantage.

Commissioner vouched for applicant.

Passed.

Mr. Thomas N. Roberts: Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he was twenty-four years of age, and had been used to general farm-work all his life. Possessed of capital to the amount of £300—£200 in Bank of New Zealand, Cambridge, and £62 in Post-Office Savings-Bank. Has no stock. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt. Holds no other land. Has had experience in cattle-raising and dairy-farming. Did not borrow money to make application. Documentary evidence as to financial position to be produced.

Approved conditionally.

Mr. G. F. Vercoe: Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he had about £900 in capital, besides interest in house and section at Hamilton. House and section will be sold. Has been farming all his life, except in the last few years, having been in the employ of Messrs. McNiccoll. Married, and wife has had experience in farming, being a farmer's daughter. Evidence produced showing that he possessed £1,000, which is at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt. Has no interest in any other lands except section at Hamilton. Did not borrow money to make application.

Messrs. Harris and Greenslade both vouch for his *bona fides*.

Approved.

Mr. G. W. Vercoe: Applicant for Section 129, Subdivision 21. Stated that he had capital to the amount of £500 at his own absolute disposal. Has no interest in any other land. Has had a lifelong experience in farming in all its branches. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money to make application.

Messrs. Harris and Greenslade vouch for the *bona fides* of applicant.

Approved.

Mr. F. Blott: Applicant for Section 151, Subdivision 35. Stated that he has £150 in cash; without stock or agricultural implements. Has had five years' experience in milking, rough

farming, bush land, fencing, and general all-round bush-work. Has no interest in any other land. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Owes no money. Has no partnership. Produced satisfactory evidence in support of his financial position, bank-book showing £121 16s. cash.

Section granted; only applicant.

Mr. Arthur James Young: Applicant for Section 55, Subdivision 26. States that he is twenty-four years old. Has a capital of £170. Has been amongst stock and doing general farm-work all his life. Employed ploughing up Matamata way last season. At present engaged as labourer, Auckland Gas Company. Married; wife has been on her father's farm all her life. Applicant's intention is to go in for dairying. Has no partnership. Owes no money. Holds no other land. Produced bank-book showing £95. Did not borrow money to make application.

Approved.

Mr. J. W. Simms, jun.: Applicant for Section 56, Subdivision 26. States that he is twenty-eight years of age, and has capital of £300 in cash, as well as a wagon, horse, and the harness, valued at £65. Mr. Hollier, Te Awamutu, would provide him with £100 if successful. Showed documentary evidence to this effect. Also, his father had promised him £40. Was reared on a dairy and agricultural farm. Employed as a station-hand at present. Has no interest in any other land. No partnership. Owes no money. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Did not borrow money to make application.

Passed.

Mr. W. E. Robins called: Not present. Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27.

Mr. Alfred Jane: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. Mr. Kelly represented Mr. Jane, and stated that he was a carpenter, and that he had £49 in the bank and a horse and trap. It was Mr. Jane's intention to follow up his trade at Matamata.

Mr. Armstrong said that he believed there would be a great deal of building going on, and this would greatly assist Mr. Jane.

Mr. Thompson said he knew Mr. Jane, who appeared to be a very active young fellow.

Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Jane had nine years' experience in general farming, and was for two years on Matamata Estate.

Commissioner: Mr. Jane has only a capital of £49, and I consider this far too little to satisfactorily work a farm containing 172 acres like the section in question. Besides, there are a good number of applicants who are in a better position to work this farm, and it would be decreasing their chances of success. I feel that I shall have to oppose this application being approved for ballot.

A division was taken as follows: In favour—Messrs. Greenslade and Armstrong; against—The Commissioner, and Messrs. Harris and Renshaw.

Application refused on account of not having sufficient means.

Mr. R. H. Heaslip: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he is forty-three years of age. He has fifteen cows, six heifers, and three working-horses, valued at £250. Also, has a freehold of 29 acres at Cambridge worth about £174, and cash amounting to £50. Would dispose of freehold if successful in ballot. All stock and cash at his own absolute disposal. Free from debt. Has no interest in any other land except that at Cambridge. Has been farming all his life. Did not borrow any money to make application.

Passed.

Mr. R. MacLeod: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he has £435 capital, made up with contracting plant and stock. Plant is valued at about £250. Cash in hand amounts to £185. Produced bank-book showing the amount of £154 11s. 2d. to his credit. Has had experience in general all-round farming, dairying, agricultural. Has been working for Assets Board, fencing, scrubbing, &c. Native of colony. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Is free from debt. Holds no other land. Has partner in contracting plant, but his own share is worth £250. Did not borrow money to make application.

Passed.

Mr. Francis Richmond: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he is thirty-seven years of age and has £450 in cash. Supported his statement as to capital by production of bank-book showing £470 9s. 7d. Has had twenty years' experience in farming in Old Country and New Zealand. Understands dairying. At present labourer on railway-line. Married. His wife has had fifteen years' experience. Consented to his name being struck out as an applicant for Section 101, as his wife has an application in for that section. Admitted that £325 of his capital was in his wife's name. Stated that he was getting more money from Home. Was free from debt. Holds no other land. No partnership. Did not borrow money to make application.

Passed.

Mrs. Margaret Jane Richmond: Applicant for Section 101, Subdivision 27. Has had fifteen years' experience in farming. Is free from debt. Stated that she and her husband were applying for land. Had about £450 between them. Holds no other land. Did not borrow money to make application. Has no stock or implements. Is confident that she could make a living on section. Is expecting some money from Home.

Passed.

Mr. W. Thomson: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he is about thirty years old and has a capital of £340. In support of statement produced bank-book showing that he had £340 in cash. Has no stock. Has been fourteen years on a farm. Born in the colony. Is single, and does not hold any other land. Capital is at his own absolute disposal, and did not borrow any money to make this application. Is confident that he could farm section to advantage.

Passed.

Mr. Alfred Patty: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he has a capital of £350. In support of statement he produced bank-book which showed £300. Has no stock.

Has had a good deal of experience in farming and dairying and all-round work, and is following his occupation of a farmer at present. Is not married. Holds no other land. Has no partnership. Capital at his own absolute disposal, and did not borrow money to make application. He thinks he could satisfactorily work the section with the capital at his command.

Passed.

Mr. C. J. Clarke: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he is twenty-one years of age. Has a capital of £200. His father finding money. Telegram required from manager of Bank of New South Wales guaranteeing £200. Has had a fair experience, having been on a farm for about nine years. Is not married. Holds no other section. Is free from debt. Considers that he could work section to advantage and make a living.

Passed.

Mr. M. J. Piggott: Applicant for Section 101, Subdivision 27. States that he has £260 in cash and stock, made up in the following way: Capital in bank, £60; owns five-roomed house at Karangahake, valued at £65; horse and some harness, £15; father promised to assist him to the extent of £100: total, £240. States that his father owns a farm at Bombay. Mr. Coleman, lawyer, Auckland, vouched for financial ability of applicant. Is a married man. Was reared in a farming district and managed his father's farm. Holds no other land. Is not in partnership with any one. Is free from debt. His bank-book showed that he had £63 in bank, and he said that he could raise £100 on mortgage if required. Felt confident that he could work the section to advantage if successful. Did not borrow any money to make application.

Passed.

Mr. E. Heasman: Applicant for Section 101, Subdivision 27. States that he has £100 in Post-Office Savings-Bank, and could realise about £50 on stock, horses, &c. Intends to go in partnership with son. Money in bank belongs to his son. Came from south, where he had 5 acres, suburban section. Has been employed at dairy-work for about twenty years. Has cash to the amount of £60 with him, and money at his own absolute disposal. Has been living on station for about five years. Information regarding financial position satisfactory. Considered he could work the section to advantage if successful. Did not borrow money to make application. Is free from debt, and has no interest in any other land.

Passed.

Mr. T. P. Kemp: Applicant for Section 101, Subdivision 27. States that he is thirty-three years old. Has been carpentering and farming at Onehunga. Has about £150 in cash, which is at his own absolute disposal. Holds no other land. Has been farming all his life. For last five years has been looking after his father's place at Onehunga—8 acres of orchard, rest growing potatoes, onions, &c. Understands milking. Did not borrow money to make application. Is free from debt.

Passed.

Mr. J. H. Smith, who applies for Section 100, Subdivision 27, was called, but did not appear.

Mr. F. Lang: Applied for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he has a capital of £200. The Acting-Consul of Austria could speak for him. It was arranged for him to attend at 11 o'clock.

The Secretary to the Consul attended, and said he knew applicant's relations, who were well-to-do, and that he was expecting money from Home. Of course, he could not guarantee anything, but thought that the applicant could be relied on to receive £200. His parents were dead. He had a brother a lawyer, and a brother-in-law in a large way in business as a jeweller in Vienna.

Applicant has had sixteen years' experience in agricultural and dairy farming, and studied scientific agriculture at the High School, Vienna. He has considerable knowledge of beet-root industry.

Commissioner: Is it the wish of the Board that this applicant be allowed to go to ballot?

Mr. Armstrong proposed that the application be thrown out, seconded by Mr. Greenslade.

Messrs. Harris and Renshaw supported the application, and, after considerable discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and it was decided to allow the applicant to go to ballot.

Mr. A. C. Johnson: Applicant for Section 100, Subdivision 27. States that he has capital of £100, but no stock or implements. Has experience of cows and general farm-work around Te Aroha. Has been working on the Matamata Estate. Bank-book shows the amount of £90 to his credit. Holds no other land. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money to make application. Is not in partnership, and considers he could work section and make a living.

Passed.

Mr. J. John Reid: Applicant for Section 70, Subdivision 56. Everything in connection with this application was considered to be in order, and the Board therefore passed it for ballot.

Mr. M. G. Crossley: Applicant for Section 153, Subdivision 57. Has no other land.

Land Board considered applicant in every way eligible, and passed for ballot.

Mr. E. Jones: Applicant for Section 14.

The Board found this application to be in order, and accordingly passed it for ballot. Approved finally.

Mrs. Anna M. Price: Applicant for Section 12, Subdivision 61.

The Board considered this application to be in order, and finally approved.

Mr. J. McShean: Applicant for Section 3, Subdivision 61.

The Board considered application in order, and approved.

Mr. W. Ball: Applicant for Section 15, Block II., Subdivision 1. States that he is thirty-three years old and has a capital of £536 in cash. Produced bank-book, which showed £536 14s. to his credit. Has had ten years' experience on agricultural land and dairying. Has also had general experience in sheep-raising. Has been managing a farm at Opotiki containing about 125 acres. Is not married. The capital is at his own absolute disposal, and was not borrowed to make application. No partnership. Has three horses and a plough, worth about £100. Holds no

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

implements. One of the brothers has £35, six head of cattle, and 27 acres of Crown land at Waha-roa. Messrs McCaw and Simpson could supply all information.

Passed.

Mr. W. Patterson applied for Section 88, Subdivision 30. Holder of a leasehold section, Cheviot. His application was not entertained. Struck out.

Mr. H. S. Wyatt: Applicant for Section 130, Subdivision 33. States that he is thirty-four years old. £80 in stock—prize hunter and two ponies; also £80 in cash—£30 in Post-Office Savings-Bank. Is not married. Has set of carpenters' tools. Can get assistance from manager of Loan and Mercantile Company. His idea is to run stock on the land and go out as a carpenter. Has had sixteen years' experience on farm, general work. Understands stock, fencing, and ploughing. Holds no other land. No partnership. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money simply to make application. Capital is at his own absolute disposal.

Mr. Greenslade stated that applicant is a man of repute.

The Commissioner warned the applicant that if he did not make a success of the section he would have to move.

Passed.

Mr. William Gale: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he has a capital of £300. Has had many years of experience in farm-work, eight years dairying; at present driving well-pipes for water, and fencing. Is married, wife applying for same section. Section at present held by her too small for dairying. Has twelve head of cattle, and finds it necessary to drive them off the section at certain times of the year for the want of grass.

It was decided to strike Mrs. Gale's name out. Husband approved after a satisfactory examination.

Mr. H. J. Sircombe: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30.

Application not in order.

Mr. Daniel Casey: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he is twenty-four years old. Has stock and cash amounting to £360. Has had eight years' experience in dairying. Is a farm labourer. Holds no other land. Did not furnish evidence as to capital. Has thirty-seven horses worth £140, fifteen cows worth £105, farm-implements worth £100. He is not in partnership. All at his own absolute disposal. Is free from debt. Has not borrowed money simply to make the application.

Mr. Greenslade recommended applicant, and states that he is a deserving hardworking man.

Passed.

Mr. C. J. Casey: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that his father is worth from £1,200 to £1,500, and will guarantee him to the extent of £250. Stock, sixty to seventy dairy cows and some horses. Has been a Crown tenant for the last five years. Mr. W. Casey (father called) would back son as stated.

Mr. Greenslade guarantees their *bona fides*.

Passed.

Mr. D. Scelly: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he has a capital of £50, and twenty-five head of cattle worth £254. Has been eighteen years on Matamata Estate. Has had experience as a dairy-farmer and butcher. Has five of a family—three girls and two boys. Holds 92 acres, 80 acres of which is in grass. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money to make application. Could work section satisfactorily.

Passed.

Mr. G. Bygrave: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he is forty-four years old. Has no cash, but has three horses, plough, twenty-three young cattle, and three cows, valued at £140; also three horses, valued at £30. Wife has cottage worth £100, and will sell it. Household furniture insured for £70. At present is renting small place of 65 acres on ten-years lease; rental annually is £10 10s. Lease to expire in six years and a half, but could get rid of it at once. Everything at his own disposal. Debts under £20.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. S. G. Silvester: Applicant for Section 83, Subdivision 37. Stated he is twenty-seven years old and has two hundred pounds' worth of stock. Admitted that his intended wife had £150. Stock was at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Holds no other land. Has had a good deal of experience in farm-work, ploughing, &c. Intended to live on section and work it to advantage.

Passed for ballot.

Mrs. E. Kelly: Husband appeared for her. Applicant for Section 124, Subdivision 44. Stated wife was forty years of age. Has had twenty years' experience in farming. Has team of horses, twenty-nine cows, a lot of pigs. Has two sons—one twenty, and the other eighteen. Mr. Kelly holds section in Fencourt Estate, but it is not sufficient for requirements of family. This section principally taken up for her sons.

Applicant is well known to Mr. Greenslade, who recommends.

Section granted to Mrs. Kelly without ballot, as she was the only applicant.

Mr. J. W. Bartlett: Applicant for Section 83, Subdivision 37. Stated he has capital of £90. Has no stock. Holds no other land, and did not borrow money simply to make application. Is free from debt. Satisfied could work section to advantage.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald: Applicant for Section 107, Subdivision 37. Stated he had £80 in cash, including horse valued at £10. Is a married man. Has been farming all his life. At present he is working on the railway. His wife has had some experience in farm-work. His furniture is worth about £25. Is free from debt. Has no partnership. Holds no other land, and did not

borrow any money simply to make application. Considers he could manage with the above amount.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. T. F. Roche: Applicant for Section 83, Subdivision 37. Stated he had a capital of £500. Thirty years station-manager. Is not married. Free from debt, and did not borrow any money simply to make application. Holds no other land.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. W. McFadden: Applicant for Section 83, Subdivision 37. Stated that he had £200 cash. Is not married. Has been farming all his life. Produced his bank-book and showed that he had £188 to his credit in the bank, which is at his own absolute disposal. Holds no other land. Is free from debt. Has no partnership. Did not borrow any money simply to make application. Considers he has sufficient capital to work the farm and get a living out of it.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. J. A. Caldwell: Applicant for Section 18A, Subdivision 38. Stated that he had a capital of £200 in cash. He produced bank-book in support of statement—£254. Ten years' experience in farming and fruit-growing. Has been mining for the last ten years. Belongs to Old Country. Unmarried. Cash his own. No partnership. Is free from debt. Did not borrow money simply to make application.

Passed.

Mr. A. Watts: Applicant for Section 18A, Subdivision 38. Stated that he had £50 capital in cash and a few horses and cows. He follows the occupation of a creamery-manager. Has been doing dairying and creamery-work for the last five years. Has been working among cows; has done fencing. He has had a general experience in farming. Holds no other land. Is free from debt. Did not borrow money simply to make application. Considers that with the experience he has had and the capital at his own absolute disposal he could make a do of the section.

Mr. Greenslade said he could vouch for applicant.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. Robins withdrew from Section 100, Subdivision 1.

The application of *Mr. J. H. Smith*, who did not appear, was considered by the Board, and he was allowed to go to the ballot. He applied for Section 100, Subdivision 37.

Mr. F. E. Foster: Applicant for Section 84, Subdivision 14. He stated that he had a capital of £400. Manager of Bank of New Zealand reported applicant as being a decent hardworking dairy-farmer and would make a good settler. Did not consider him to be worth much capital.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. John Tyson: Applicant for Section 51, Subdivision 29. States he is fifty-four years of age. His stock, implements, and cash amount to £300; cash alone is about £30. He has twenty cows milking, value £120; seven horses, £82; wagon, £40; spring cart, £10; one hack, £8; twelve calves, each twelve months' old, £24; six sows, £18; one boar, £3; furniture, £40. Is free from debt. The whole of his stock and cash is at his own absolute disposal. Has been a tenant for nine years on the estate.

Commissioner: I do not like the look of your land, and the farm will have to be considerably improved before we shall be satisfied.

The section was granted outright to *Mr. Tyson*, as the other application was informal.

The Commissioner pointed out very clearly, and gave the applicant to understand that he would in the next two years have to make great improvements on his farm; this *Mr. Tyson* thoroughly understood, and agreed to do his utmost to satisfy the Commissioner.

Mr. H. J. Ratcliffe: Applicant for Section 60, Subdivision 29. States he has £20 cash in the Post-Office Savings-Bank. Has fourteen dairy cows, three horses, plough, harrow, &c. Has been fifteen years on the ground. His first lease was for seven years, and has paid the same rent all through. He has been dairying for twenty years. His wife also has had large experience. He owes no money, and has no partnership.

Commissioner: What improvements have you effected?

Applicant: I have fenced seven paddocks.

Commissioner: The Government will expect more than that from you, also greater improvements will have to be effected before this Department is satisfied. The section will be granted to you under those conditions.

Passed for ballot.

The Commissioner afterwards explained that the last two applicants would doubtless make better farmers now that they held land under a better tenure. He thought it just as well to let them know that they had particularly been noted.

Mr. Malcolm Campbell: Applicant for grazing-run, 2,956 acres, Subdivision 62, Sections 134 and 135, Block XII. States he has a capital of £1,800 cash. No stock or implements. Produced satisfactory evidence in support of financial position. Showed deposit-receipt for £186 4s. Owes no money, and did not borrow any for the purpose of making this application. Has farming experience for the last twenty years. The question arose that the applicant had capital in excess of requirements, but as he was the only applicant for the land the Board decided to grant it to him outright, to take possession on the 1st July.

Mr. R. Smith: Applicant for Section 97, Block IX., Subdivision 35. Produced bank-book showing £50. Has been farming all his life; his wife has also had a great deal of experience in farming. His wife has three cows, also horse and trap, and £200. They are not in debt in any way, and with capital in hand and stock they consider they have sufficient to work this farm profitably. Money at own absolute disposal, and did not borrow any simply to make application.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. H. Bullock: Applicant for Section 97, Subdivision 35. He states he has a capital of £250 cash. Produced satisfactory evidence in support of statement. Has no stock. Has done farming all his life. Born in England, and has been in the colony about fourteen years. His capital is at his own absolute disposal. No partnership, and did not borrow any money simply for the purpose of making application.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. J. W. Garland and Mrs. Annie Garland: Applicants for Section 97, Subdivision 35, Block IX. Produced satisfactory evidence as to their financial position. Has had farming experience.

The Board was satisfied and allowed them to go to ballot.

Mr. W. Fitzgerald: Applicant for Section 97, Subdivision 35. Stated he is thirty years of age and has £200 in cash and horses; three draught and four hacks, £20; single-furrow plough. Has had twenty years' experience at dairying. Bank-book produced shows £131 to his credit. Money at his own absolute disposal. Did not borrow any simply to make application. Is free from debt.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. W. F. Bush: Applicant for Section 97, Subdivision 35. Stated he is twenty-five years of age. Has £300 cash. Has twelve years' experience on farm, six months on dairy farm. Holds no other land. No partnership. Produced satisfactory bank-receipt for £300. Capital at his own disposal, and did not borrow any for the purpose of making application.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. R. A. Stanley: Applicant for Section 1, Subdivision 37. Stated he is twenty-eight years of age. Has £150 in stock and capital—cash amounts to about £56. Produced satisfactory evidence as to cash. Has two working-horses and some unbroken hacks. Has been all his life farming; at present working on a farm at Okoroire. Owes no money. Has no partnership. Holds no other land, and did not borrow any cash simply to make application.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. J. Goldsworthy, jun.: Applicant for Section 1, Subdivision 37. Applicant did not attend the Land Board meeting, and made no reference to his financial position. The Board therefore decided to strike out his name, which was accordingly done.

Mr. Horace Chitty: Applicant for Section 80, Block II., Subdivision 37. Stated he was twenty-seven years of age. Had £90 in cash and one farm-horse. Has had twelve years' experience in farming. Is not married. Holds no other land. Produced a bank-book showing £46 to his credit. Stated he had left other cash at home. Did not borrow any simply to make application. Was free from debt.

Passed at ballot.

Mary L. Brown: Applicant for Section 81, Subdivision 37. Her father represented applicant. Stated she had £300 in capital. Satisfactory proof produced as to financial ability. Applicant satisfactory in other ways.

Mr. Greenslade vouched for them.

Passed for ballot.

Mr. W. Stanley: Applicant for Section 81, Subdivision 37. Stated £500 in cash and stock. Cash £200, but did not produce evidence to show that he had that amount. Lifetime experience in all classes of farming. Is married, and wife understands farming. Has eight of a family. Is free from debt. Has no partnership. Did not borrow any money simply to make application.

Passed for ballot.

Special Memorandum from the Commissioner.

The foregoing is a gist of what took place at the ballot. There was a great deal of conversational discussion, particularly with regard to some of the applicants who possessed but small means. In these cases the applicants were often known to the Board, and members were able to vouch for their ability to farm the sections to advantage. Of course, the appearance of the men went a long way, and it was thought that it was the only chance that men of their class had of securing homes without having to find a large amount of capital.

Those who had limited means were made to understand clearly that they were getting a fair show, but if they were unable to carry on the land would have to be given to those who could. For various reasons it was found necessary that the land should be in occupation to keep down weeds, &c., and, as a large number of the settlers have ample means, the admission of a few poorer men would provide labour and help the settlement.

J. MACKENZIE,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

31st October, 1904.

SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

File.	Date.	From	To	Subject.
5420/57A	26/7/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Under-Secretary ..	Applicant for Section 138, whose application was passed by the Board conditionally upon production of correct form and satisfactory answers to questions wants to withdraw, being unable to subscribe to declaration. Asks if land must be gazetted, or does it remain open still.

SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE—*continued.*

File.	Date.	From	To	Subject.
5420/33	26/7/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Board's approval only being provisional, subsection (15), section 49, of Act applies, and land remains open without re-advertising.
5420/61A	21/7/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Surveyor-General ..	Pointing out that selectors who do not get possession of their holdings until the 1st October, 1904, urge that rent should only commence from that date, and not the 1st July as advertised in pamphlet.
5420/61B	4/8/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	States that subsection (2), section 5, of the regulations and subsection (18) of section 89 of the Act govern the matter. Selectors who were unwilling to be debited with rental from the 1st July, 1904, should have refrained from making their applications until after that date.
5420/9	12/7/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Under-Secretary ..	Asking if necessary to summon applicants for unopposed sections living out of district for examination in cases where questions on form answered and declarations satisfactory.
5420/10	12/7/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Applicants in position quoted need not attend for examination. Section 49, subsection (14), sub-subsection (d), gives Board power to dispense with personal attendance.
5420/53	3/8/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Surveyor-General ..	Quoting case of three new arrivals in colony who desire to select two sections (contiguous) in the three names as their interests are one, and asking if the Hon. the Minister will agree to the issue of one lease for same.
5420/67	10/8/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Stating that Act and present regulations do not empower Board to issue one lease in all three names for two sections, but on account of poorness of one of the sections the Board might waive personal residence on it if lessee lived on adjoining leasehold with his friends.
4384/361	2/6/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Surveyor-General ..	Asks for instruction <i>re</i> return of deposits to applicants unsuccessful in ballot for the section in group which they required and for interpretation of Regulation 18 in pamphlet.
4384/361	2/6/04	Surveyor-General ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Cannot give authoritative opinion <i>re</i> Regulation 18 in absence of Minister, but believe if sections have been classified there will be no difficulty in Board arranging matter.
6459/1..	29/8/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Surveyor-General ..	Stating case of applicants, R. J. Maisey and sons, who purpose applying for Sections 26, 27, and 27A, Matamata, but owing to poorness of land are not in a position to take up residence at once, and asks if Minister will waive personal residence for four or five years.
6459/2..	13/9/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Conveying Minister's approval of Mr. Maisey being granted Sections 26, 27, 27A, with exemption from residence for four years under section 142, "The Land Act, 1892."
6459/4..	1/10/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Under-Secretary ..	Stating that particulars furnished to Surveyor-General in letter of the 29th August, 1904, <i>re</i> R. J. Maisey are scarcely correct. The applicants are his wife, son, and self, and his means are in excess of the proportion prescribed under the regulations. Points out that the sections are not "poor man's" land, and will require even more means than Mr. Maisey and family have to fully develop the sections. Asks if Minister will approve of the three applications and still allow the four years' exemption under altered circumstances.
6459/5..	13/10/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Conveying Minister's approval of Maisey's three applications, and relaxing personal residence for four years under section 143, subsection (4), of "The Land Act, 1892."
..	28/10/04	Land Board	Resolved to approve of applications from Maisey and family (three) for Sections 26, 27, and 27A, Matamata.

SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE—*continued.*

File.	Date.	From	To	Subject.
5317/1..	27/6/04	A. L. Wood, Amberley	Commissioner of Crown Lands	<i>Re</i> Section 2, Block II., Tapapa Survey District, stating that, having failed to appear for examination by the Land Board, he was under the impression that his application was not passed.
5317/2..	12/7/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	A. L. Wood	Replying that formal notice of granting of his application by the Land Board has already been forwarded to him.
5317/3..	2/8/04	A. L. Wood, Amberley	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Stating that he has now inspected Section 2, and finds it suitable only for dairy-farming, whilst his experience is only in sheep-farming. Asks to be allowed to withdraw and get a refund of money paid.
5317/4..	17/8/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	States that Mr. Rutherford, M.H.R., urges return of Wood's deposit, and recommends Board to consider case.
5317/5..	18/8/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Under-Secretary ..	Will bring Wood's case before Board, but does not think Crown should suffer loss of rental which would follow withdrawal of application and refund. Gives facts of case, and points out that Mr. Wood should have given his reasons for withdrawal more promptly.
5317/6..	26/8/04	Land Board	Resolved to allow Wood to withdraw, but deposit to be forfeited.
5317/7..	26/8/04	Commissioner of Crown Land	Under-Secretary	Conveying Land Board's decision as to Wood's application.
5317/8..	31/8/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	A. L. Wood	Conveying Board's decision as to withdrawal and forfeiture of deposit.
5317/9..	8/9/04	A. L. Wood	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Urging reasons why deposit should not be forfeited.
5317/10	17/9/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	A. L. Wood	Stating that after careful consideration does not see any good reason urged for bringing the matter before Land Board again.
5317/11	20/9/04	Under-Secretary (telegram)	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Asking if it is intended to refund Wood's deposit, and if any one else has selected the land.
5317/12	20/9/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands (telegram)	Under-Secretary ..	Board has declined to refund, and land must be readvertised before it can be taken up.
5953/1..	25/7/04	J. McCaw, Matamata ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Setting out the steps taken at a meeting of Matamata settlers <i>re</i> dairying for opening season, and stating that the offer of Messrs. Ambury and English had been accepted—viz., erection of a creamery in September. Guarantee of 8½d. per pound for butter-fat for the season.
5953/1b	28/6/04	Fresh Food and Ice Company, Auckland	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Applying for four creamery-sites in Matamata Settlement.
5953/1c	25/6/04	New Zealand Dairy Association (Limited), Auckland	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Applying for five creamery-sites in Matamata Settlement.
5953/1d	22/7/04	Land Board	Resolved to leave the matter of disposal of creamery-sites in the hands of Commissioner of Crown Lands to deal with.
5953/4..	2/8/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Surveyor-General ..	Setting forth proposals in regard to the disposal of creamery-sites, and stating that a petition from thirty-six settlers has been presented urging the granting the west part of Section 69 (2 acres) to three selected settlers (a trust)—Ambury, English, and Co.—to erect the creamery, and guarantee 8½d. per pound for butter-fat. Asks for Minister's approval to this arrangement.
5953/7..	8/9/04	Under-Secretary ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Conveying Minister's approval of disposal of creamery-site as suggested, settlers interests to be carefully safeguarded.
5953/13	16/8/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	J. McCaw and others, Matamata	Stating that Government has agreed to the sale of 2 acres, west part Section 69, at £11 per acre, as a site for a creamery, and requesting settlers interested to have deed of trust prepared.
5953/14	26/8/04	Land Board	Confirmed Commissioner's action in regard to creamery-site.
5953/15	30/8/04	P. Gilchrist, solicitor, Te Aroha	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Forwarding draft of deed of trust <i>re</i> creamery-site for approval.
5953/17	2/9/04	Commissioner of Crown Lands	P. Gilchrist, Te Aroha	Requesting that the deed be recast, leaving out the Commissioner of Crown Lands as a party.
5953/19	13/9/04	P. Gilchrist, solicitor ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Forwarding deed of trust amended.
5953/21	13/9/04	J. McCaw, Matamata ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands	Forwarding purchase-money (£23 1s.) and grant-fee for freehold for creamery-site.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE AUCKLAND LAND BOARD.

Section.	Block.	Area.	District.	Applicant.	Address.	Date of Approval.
107	II.	A. 55 R. 0 P. 20	Tapapa	C. H. T. Chitty	Cambridge	10/6/04
59	XIII.	107 2 0	Wairere	J. Tyson	Waharoa	"
90	VI.	345 0 0	Tapapa	R. T. Abbott	Matamata	"
110	II.	180 1 9	"	H. H. Smith	"	"
120	V.	320 0 0	"	A. Streiff	"	"
146	I.	437 0 0	"	J. D. Fischer	Auckland	"
142	V.	314 0 0	"	J. B. Zartea	Wellington	"
121	V.	368 0 0	"	E. Wallace	Cambridge	"
105	II.	181 3 27	"	E. H. Button	Ponsonby	"
102	VI.	226 0 0	"	H. E. Mogford	Matamata	"
150	I.	365 0 0	"	G. Johnston	Waihi	"
151	I.	265 2 0	"	F. Blott	Karangahake	"
139	V.	316 0 0	"	F. Lang	Hinuvera	9/6/04
109	II.	172 0 37	"	W. Merrick	Hastings	10/6/04
112	II.	224 0 0	"	G. M. Dodd	Kiwitahi	8/6/04
16	III.	487 2 35	"	W. J. Knight	Mangere	10/6/04
99	VI.	278 0 0	"	H. J. Hills	Auckland	"
114	I.	362 0 0	"	A. H. Robertson	Mangere	"
93	VI.	111 2 0	"	A. S. Leonard	Auckland	8/6/04
65	II.	10 0 0	"	J. Price	Matamata	"
68	II.	4 0 0	"	F. J. Devey	Waitekauri	"
67	II.	4 0 0	"	W. G. Devey	Morrinsville	"
70	II.	4 0 0	"	M. Abbott	Matamata	"
153	II.	4 0 0	"	G. Crosley	Tauranga	9/6/04
148	I.	372 0 0	"	W. Thomson	Auckland	10/6/04
57	II.	221 0 0	"	S. Gunn	Te Aroha	8/6/04
149	I.	273 0 0	"	J. S. Piggott	Karangahake	"
40	V.	325 0 0	"	R. McLeod	Tirau	"
55	II.	146 3 20	"	A. J. Young	Auckland	"
34	XIV.	291 0 0	Wairere	F. Payze	Cambridge	"
19	XIV.	368 0 16	"	F. J. Brassington	Cheviot	"
126	XIII.	564 3 0	Tapapa	A. D. Anderson	Hamilton	"
14	VII.	0 1 0	Matamata	E. Jones	Paeroa	"
1-7.	XV.	4 2 0	Waharoa	G. J. Heaslip	Cambridge	"
10-14	V.	635 0 0	Tapapa	N. Banks	"	"
145	II.	367 0 0	"	A. A. Bowler	Te Aroha	"
113	I.	444 0 0	"	E. Bowler	"	"
5	XIII.	0 1 0	Matamata	R. N. Bushby	Whakarewarewa	9/6/04
1-14	X.	3 2 0	Waharoa	L. E. J. Loye	Kawhia	8/6/04
36	III.	249 3 34	Tapapa	J. W. Garland	Cambridge West	"
89	VI.	331 0 0	"	G. Smith	Opotiki	"
117	V.	468 0 0	"	R. and W. Joughin	Waihi	"
137	V.	808 0 0	"	J. O'Keefe	Moawhango	22/7/04
123	XIII.	0 1 0	Matamata	J. M. Clark	Auckland	"
123	IX.	248 2 0	Tapapa	W. Gale	Hinuera	"
2	VI.	0 1 0	Matamata	F. J. Sanders	Cambridge	"
30	XIV.	288 0 0	Wairere	M. G. von Klitzing	Henderson	"
2	III.	0 1 0	Matamata	R. H. V. Scott	Waitoa	"
20	XIV.	472 0 17	Wairere	W. Vallance	Auckland	"
21	XIV.	589 0 11	"	T. Vallance	"	"
19	VIII.	0 1 0	Matamata	J. L. Ross	"	"
17	VII.	0 1 0	"	T. P. L. Weitemeyer	"	"
10	VII.	0 1 0	"	J. W. Fordham	Devonport	"
5	XIV.	0 1 0	"	M. A. Fordham	"	"
143	V.	857 0 0	Tapapa	John Reid	Matamata	"
2	VII.	0 1 0	Matamata	W. J. Addis	Opotiki	"
33	XIV.	327 0 0	Wairere	B. Garland	Cambridge	"
128	XVI.	430 0 0	Cambridge	M. G. Anderson	Pukerimu	24/6/04
16	VIII.	0 1 0	Matamata	C. Coogan	Taihapa	22/7/04
144	V.	629 0 0	Tapapa	C. E. H. Zohrab	Hamilton	"
18	VIII.	0 1 0	Matamata	John McIntyre	Matamata	"
17	VIII.	0 1 0	"	J. McIntyre	"	"
101	VI.	137 0 0	Tapapa	W. E. Hall	Cambridge	8/6/04
103	VI.	262 0 0	"	I. H. McNair	Grey Lynn	"
80	II.	46 3 4	"	J. W. T. Bartlett	Auckland	10/6/04
79	II.	52 0 0	"	E. Burnell	"	"
1	II.	56 3 0	"	H. Ratcliffe	"	8/6/04
108	II.	59 1 25	"	W. Stanley	Penrose	9/6/04
83	II.	71 3 16	"	J. Fitzgerald	Mackaytown	"
64	II.	10 3 17	"	G. Good	Matamata	8/6/04
5	II.	185 2 0	"	W. L. Mardon	Auckland	"
15	II.	205 1 0	"	W. Ball	Opotiki	9/6/04
147	I.	439 0 0	"	W. Moore	Paeroa	10/6/04
38	III.	220 0 0	"	M. M. Charles	Cambridge	9/6/04
14	II.	200 3 7	"	F. H. Good	Matamata	"
4	II.	190 1 0	"	J. P. and W. M. Oliver	Auckland	8/6/04
116	VI.	403 0 0	"	J. Johnston	Newton	"
98	IX.	249 2 0	"	B. Charles	Cambridge	"
122	IX.	325 0 0	"	C. J. Clark	Auckland	10/6/04
88	VI.	341 0 0	"	M. J. Green	Tauwhare	8/6/04
84	II.	411 3 0	"	J. Kilbride	Hamilton	"

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS, ETC.—continued.

Section.	Block.	Area.	District.	Applicant.	Address.	Date of Approval.
12	II.	A. 206 R. 2 P. 28	Tapapa	R. Smith	Cambridge	10/6/04
106	II.	358 0 0	"	G. J. Duxfield	Port Chevalier	24/6/04
17	III.	300 1 22	"	F. Barugh	Ramarama	8/6/04
13	II.	194 3 15	"	J. H. Johnston	Newton	"
60	XIII.	112 0 0	Wairere	J. Ratcliffe	Waharoa	9/6/04
56	II.	207 0 0	Tapapa	J. W. Tims, jun.	Morrinsville	10/6/04
81	II.	58 1 5	"	T. F. Roche	Oropi	9/6/04
35	XIV.	258 0 0	Wairere	William Stoup	Mangere	8/6/04
58	XIII.	251 0 0	"	C. J. Casey	Waihou	9/6/04
18A	XIII.	32 0 0	"	A. Watts	Waharoa	"
127	XIII.	487 0 10	Tapapa	S. Banks	Cambridge	8/6/04
2	XIII.	0 1 0	Matamata	M. J. Kilmartin	Devonport	9/6/04
12	VII.	0 1 0	"	A. M. Prince	Rotorua	8/6/04
3	III.	0 1 0	"	J. McSheen	Arahiwi	9/6/04
4	XIII.	0 1 0	"	T. C. Schnackenberg	Ellerslie	"
1	XIII.	0 1 22	"	Annie Dobbs	Auckland	8/6/04
1	III.	0 1 6	"	William Atkins, jun.	Te Aroha	"
1	VI.	0 1 3	"	J. H. Bushby	Rotorua	10/6/04
1-13	XIII.	3 3 25	Waharoa	J. Wightman	Ponsonby	9/6/04
1-7						
9-11	XIV.	2 3 15	"	E. S. Scelly	Waharoa	10/6/04
13						
3	II.	159 0 8	Tapapa	B. Schwarz	Cambridge	8/6/04
124	IX.	413 2 0	"	E. Kelly	Hautapu	9/6/04
22	XIV.	588 3 3	Wairere	J. Brown	Cambridge	8/6/04
10	II.	192 1 30	Tapapa	E. G. Beeson	Te Aroha	9/6/04
39	III.	984 0 0	"	John McCaw	Matamata	"
23	XIV.	474 0 12	Wairere	W. Rolston	Taihape	8/6/04
4	III.	313 2 0	Tapapa	J. Coogan	"	"
40	III.	312 2 0	"	R. Sorensen	Onehunga	9/6/04
24	XIV.	467 1 33	Wairere	H. R. Harding	Taihape	8/6/04
11	II.	211 2 11	Tapapa	H. Bullock	Auckland	"
141	V.	301 0 0	"	R. A. Stanley	Penrose	9/6/04
32	XIV.	380 0 0	Wairere	J. W. Moore	Matamata	8/6/04
130	XVI.	304 0 0	Cambridge	H. S. Wyatt	Cambridge	9/6/04
104	VI.	340 0 0	Tapapa	J. Cranswick	Matamata	8/6/04
97	IX.	150 3 30	"	W. F. Rush	Tirau	9/6/04
129	XVI.	562 3 0	Cambridge	G. W. Vercoe	Ohaupo	8/6/04
92	VI.	353 0 0	Tapapa	R. H. Heaslip	Cambridge	"
132	XII.	451 2 0	Cambridge	T. M. Roberts	"	"
111	II.	271 0 0	Tapapa	Alfred Patty	"	"
85	II.	364 0 0	"	J. W. Simpson	Matamata	10/6/04
95	IX.	210 0 0	"	G. E. Conder	Hautapu	8/6/04
91	VI.	286 0 0	"	E. T. O'Keefe	"	"
119	VI.	281 0 0	"	E. G. Brown and E. G. White	Matamata	"
87	VI.	365 0 0	"	E. C. Banks	Hamilton	"
86	VI.	368 0 0	"	M. Banks	Matamata	"
100	VI.	172 0 0	"	M. J. Richmond	Waikino	"
94	VI.	192 1 0	"	J. Green	Tauwhare	"
125	IX.	658 0 0	"	J. H. Smith	Hinuera	22/7/04
66	II.	9 0 0	"	B. Farrell	Kihikihi	"
28	XIV.	384 0 0	Wairere	E. S. Smith	Ohutu	"
118	VI.	423 0 0	Tapapa	F. Jones	Wellington	"
3	VI.	0 1 0	Matamata	R. B. Morgan	Hautapu	"
133	XII.	496 3 20	Cambridge	E. Roberts	Cambridge	24/6/04
25	XIV.	514 0 0	Wairere	A. Jones	Eureka	22/7/04
136	VIII.	875 0 0	Cambridge	W. Patterson	Matamata	"
18	III.	581 1 12	Tapapa	W. H. Miles	Cheviot	"
4	III.	0 1 0	Matamata	W. H. Pohlen	Newmarket	26/8/04
137A	V.	807 0 0	Tapapa	R. C. Paterson	Auckland	"
71	II.	5 1 29	"	P. M. Pohlen	Newmarket	"
131	XVI.	441 2 0	Cambridge	J. F. Vercoe	Matamata	8/6/04
18	VII.	0 1 0	Matamata	C. Rowan	"	23/9/04
19	VII.	0 1 0	"	C. Klette	Auckland	"
6	VII.	0 1 0	"	R. H. Conder	Hautapu	"
1-14	IX.	3 2 0	Waharoa	J. H. Johnstone, jun.	Waharoa	"

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSAL AND SETTLEMENT OF
THE MATAMATA ESTATE.

In continuation of Return No. 111, Paper No. 275 C, laid upon the Table of the House of Representatives on the 4th November, 1904, on the motion of Mr. Lawry.]

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From the COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS, Auckland, to the SURVEYOR-GENERAL relative to the Disposal and Settlement of the Matamata Estate.

(Telegram.)

Auckland, 7th November, 1904.

MATAMATA SETTLEMENT: Following information might be added, if thought desirable, and in time, to the parliamentary return: Auckland Land Board inspected Matamata 2nd November. Found, out of 117 farms, ninety-eight settlers actually resident, with homesteads and improvements; four non-resident, with improvements. Only eight have not started, whilst four other applicants await Board's approval. Three have been forfeited, and will be taken up again as soon as reoffered. Regarding stock, 1,500 cattle, 400 horses, and 7,000 sheep are owned by settlers, with butter-factory in full swing, supplied by 700 cows, sending 1,500 gallons of milk daily. Settlers all contented and in excellent spirits.

JAMES MACKENZIE,

Surveyor-General, Wellington.

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

For the Hon. the Minister of Lands.

J. W. A. MARCHANT,
Surveyor-General.
7/11/04.