

The matter is therefore submitted for your further consideration and direction. By granting a new lease under small-grazing-run conditions to Mr. Black of the 1,000 acres, shown edged in green on the attached tracing, there will still remain 3,334 acres available for disposal under the optional system, and, if the Commissioner and his officers consider that more than the two subdivisions recommended by the Valuer could be procured out of the balance of the run, it might be considered advisable to leave the matter in their hands to formulate a definite scheme of closer subdivision.

WM. C. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

Under-Secretary.—Submit to Board to ascertain if above suggestions can be given effect to, Mr. Black receiving preference for about 900 acres.—R. McNAB. 22/9/1908.

Department of Lands, Wellington, 22nd September, 1908.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier.

Small Grazing-run No. 43, Waingaromia Survey District. (R. G. Black.)

IN reply to your memo. S.G.R. 27/20, of the 18th instant, I have to inform you that the Hon. the Minister of Lands has carefully considered your representations, and will be glad if you will please submit the matter to the Land Board at its next meeting, in order to ascertain if the suggestions contained in your letter under reply can be given effect to, and are in accordance with the views of the Board. That is to say, the proposal to allot Mr. Black an area of about 900 acres within the area edged green in the tracing accompanying your letter on small-grazing-run tenure, and to subdivide the balance of the run into five or six suitable holdings to be offered for public competition under the optional system.

If, therefore, you will follow this course and report what resolution was passed by the Board after consideration of your suggestions, and supply any necessary plan of subdivision in accordance with the Board's views and following a practical scheme of subdivision approved by the Land Officer at Gisborne, I will place the Board's recommendations before the Minister for his consideration.

WM. C. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

SMALL GRAZING-RUN No. 45, WAINGAROMIA SURVEY DISTRICT.

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14th June, 1907.—Resolution of Land Board appointing Valuers to report whether small grazing-runs, Poverty Bay and Hawke's Bay Districts, are suitable for subdivision.

1st November, 1907.—Report of Board's Valuer on Run 45, which recommends that run be subdivided into three sections and offered under the optional system, after acquiring Bloomfield's land. Value of improvements attached, together with explanatory tracing illustrating Valuer's recommendation.

Memo. (11th December, 1907) from Land Officer, Gisborne, to Commissioner, reporting that Run 45 is suitable for subdivision into at least three sections, and recommending acquisition of Bloomfields' land for frontage purposes.

Resolution (13th December, 1907) of Land Board adopting Valuer's report and valuations respecting Run 45 for Minister's consideration.

Letter (18th February, 1908) from Commissioner to J. A. A. Caesar, lessee of Run 45, advising him that Board decided to recommend for favourable consideration of Minister that run be subdivided for closer settlement.

Memo. (18th February, 1908) from Commissioner to Under-Secretary, forwarding Valuer's reports on runs, which shows that Run 45 is suitable for subdivision, and states Land Board adopted reports and decided to recommend them for favourable consideration of Minister.

Schedule giving full particulars of runs reported on, including 45.

Memo. (22nd February, 1908) from Commissioner, to Under-Secretary, drawing attention to special conditions embodied in Valuer's report relating to runs, which includes 43, 42, 46; and minute (4th March) of Minister's decision that runs, including 45, be subdivided and disposed of.

Memo. (5th March, 1908) from Under-Secretary to Commissioner, stating that Minister agrees that run may be subdivided and disposed of under optional system, but that the adjoining owners (Messrs. Bloomfield Bros.) should be asked if they are willing to sell their land between the run and road frontage, so as to give better access for the proposed subdivisions.

Memo. (19th March) from Commissioner to Under-Secretary, advising that Minister's decision was conveyed to Land Board, and necessary steps taken with regard to acquisition of Bloomfields' land.

Memo. from Commissioner (6th April) to Under-Secretary, advising that Messrs. Bloomfield Bros. state they are willing to sell their land at £8 10s. per acre, which the Commissioner recommends should be purchased.