

THE SELWYN COUNTY.

No. 178; Part of Lake Coleridge; 12,200 Acres (about 2,700 Acres Waste Country).

This run is at present being worked in conjunction with some 11,000 acres of freehold, 35,000 acres of Education reserve, and an 18,000-acre block of State leasehold. We estimate its carrying-capacity at about 4,500 sheep. It is, on the whole, well grassed, and it includes a sufficient proportion of winter country, while none of it could be described as unsafe. It is, however, bounded partly by Lake Coleridge and partly by the Rakaia and Wilberforce Rivers, and the adjoining freehold; and, though subdivision, if desirable, would not be difficult, it would be inadvisable, chiefly because the run is scarcely large enough for the purpose, and in a lesser degree for the reason that a considerable portion of the frontage is blocked by the freehold.

No. 179; Acheron; 18,000 Acres (13,000 Acres Waste Country).

This run consists entirely of high shingly tops. It is the back country of the adjoining Education reserve (No. 120), with which it is at present being worked. It has no value as a separate run.

THE AMURI COUNTY.

No. 233; Glynnwey; 192,000 Acres (probably more than 100,000 Acres Bush and Waste Country): Carries 20,000 Sheep and some Cattle.

This run includes some good country, but, in proportion to the bush, waste, and inferior country, this area is so small and is so situated as to preclude the possibility of a satisfactory form of subdivision. The front portion would no doubt make two nice runs; but if this were cut off the State would be left with a huge area of waste and probable unlettable country, which would become a breeding-ground for vermin and noxious weeds. Included in this run is 8,000 acres of freehold, which comprises nearly all the flat and low-lying land on the station, and its position in the centre of the leasehold would further complicate the work of subdivision.

The effect of the foregoing recommendations would be to increase the number of the runs under notice approximately from twenty-nine to forty. For the purpose of this calculation the State's portion of Mesopotamia is treated as one run.

[NOTE.—It should be understood that all detached pieces of freehold and reserve are presumed to be included in the runs with which they are now being worked.]

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