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*Marlborough Runs classified.*

Department of Lands and Survey,  
Wellington, 25th January, 1897.

IT is hereby notified for public information that the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of section 189 of "The Land Act, 1892," have reported to His Excellency the Governor that the lands described in the Schedules hereto have been classified by them as therein noted.

JOHN MCKENZIE,  
Minister of Lands.

**FIRST SCHEDULE.**

PASTORAL LANDS.

BEING lands suitable exclusively for pasturage (under clause 189 of "The Land Act, 1892").

Run No.	Name of Station.	Area.
		Acres.
104	Patriarch .. .. .	14,900
105	Raglan .. .. .	37,900
106	Birch Hill .. .. .	49,300
107	Stronvar .. .. .	88,000
108	Castle Run .. .. .	7,700
109	Avondale .. .. .	34,100
110	Leefield .. .. .	12,000
111	Delta .. .. .	573
112	Dumgree .. .. .	2,900
113	Blairich, Upton Downs, Weld's Hill, Camden	49,155
114	Section 2, Block I., Hodder .. .. .	1,520
16	Section 1, Block II., Hodder, and parts Section 2, Block II., Section 1, Block III., and Section 2, Block III., Hodder	5,213
115	Woodside (Benmore) .. .. .	12,500
116	Upcot .. .. .	21,800
117	Langridge .. .. .	28,400
118	Gladstone .. .. .	9,800
119	Molesworth and Lake McRae .. .. .	101,900
120	Middlehurst .. .. .	36,100
121	Kekerangu .. .. .	53,300
122	Richmond Brook .. .. .	6,500
123	Wakefield Downs .. .. .	1,625
124	Clarence .. .. .	84,000
125	Mount Fyffe .. .. .	16,400
127	Swyncombe .. .. .	12,300
128	Snowflake .. .. .	7,400
129	Waipapa, and part of Jam .. .. .	66,300
130	Dillon .. .. .	70,700
131	Spey .. .. .	13,300
	Total .. .. .	845,586

**SECOND SCHEDULE.**

PASTORAL AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

BEING lands adapted in part for pasturage and in part for agricultural purposes (under clause 189 of "The Land Act, 1892").

Run No.	Name of Station.	Area.
126	Kincaid .. .. .	Acres. 20,500

JAMES MCKERROW, }  
S. PERCY SMITH, } Classification  
SIDNEY WEETMAN, } Commissioners.

*Pastoral Runs, Nelson, for Lease by Public Auction.*

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Nelson, 25th January, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral runs will be submitted to public auction for lease on Thursday, the 25th February, 1897, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, at 11 a.m.

**SCHEDULE.**

Run No.	Name of Run.	Area.	Term.	Upset Rental.
<i>Skiddaw and Mytholm Survey Districts.</i>				
		Acres.		
13	(Class I.)   Lake Marion ..	45,500	21 years	£75
This run is situated on the southern side of the watershed between the rivers Hope and Hurunui, fronting on Lake Sumner, and adjoining glens of Tekoa Estate. The country is partly bush, consisting of white- and silver-birch, and partly open land with tussock and sown grasses. The average altitude above sea-level is about 4,000ft., the margin of Lake Sumner being about 1,700ft. Distance from Culverden, about twenty miles.				
<i>Terako Survey District.</i>				
15	(Class I.)   Cloudy Range ..	23,400	21 years	£175
This run is weighted with £750 valuation for improvements, to be paid by incoming tenant. Boundaries subject to survey. Formerly held by Messrs. Wharton and Co.				
<i>Waiau and Terako Survey Districts.</i>				
14	(Class I.)   Hoosack .. .. .	37,500	21 years	£250
Improvements on this run are estimated at over £900, being fencing, yards, huts, &c., which are thrown in with the lease. Boundaries subject to survey. Formerly held by Mr. John Tinline and Messrs. Macfarlane.				
Possession will be given on the 1st March, 1897.				
The above runs will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."				
Purchasers must deposit statutory declarations required by section 62 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the first half-year's rent, together with license-fee and valuation for improvements, on fall of the hammer.				
THOS. HUMPHRIES, Commissioner of Crown Lands.				

## Pastoral Leases, Marlborough, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, 22nd January, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be offered for lease by public auction, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Blenheim, on Thursday, the 25th February, 1897, at 11<sup>a.m.</sup>

## PASTORAL LANDS (UNDER PART VI. OF "THE LAND ACT, 1892").

No. of Run.	Name of Run.	Area.	Term.	Upset Annual Rental.		
				£	s.	d.
		Acres.				
107	Stronvar (Class I.) ... ..	88,000	21 years	300	0	0
108	Castle " ... ..	7,700	21 "	35	0	0
109	Avondale " ... ..	34,100	21 "	150	0	0
111	Delta " ... ..	573	10 "	15	0	0
112	Dumgree " ... ..	2,900	21 "	50	0	0
116	Upcot " ... ..	21,800	21 "	60	0	0
117	Langridge " ... ..	28,400	21 "	120	0	0
118	Gladstone " ... ..	9,800	21 "	30	0	0
120	Middlehurst " ... ..	36,100	21 "	140	0	0
121	Kekerangu " ... ..	53,300	10 "	300	0	0
122	Richmond Brook " ... ..	6,500	10 "	60	0	0
123	Wakefield Downs " ... ..	1,625	10 "	50	0	0
124	Clarence " ... ..	82,500	21 "	600	0	0
126	Kincaid (Class II.) ... ..	19,000	5 "	250	0	0
127	Swyncombe (Class I.) ... ..	12,300	10 "	120	0	0
130	Dillon " ... ..	70,700	21 "	300	0	0

*Run No. 107 (Stronvar).*—Situate about forty miles from Blenheim, up the Waihopai Valley, also extends over into the Acheron Valley. Chiefly high, broken, tussock country, with some patches of birch forest. The Government having arranged to acquire about ten miles of freehold along the Waihopai River, this run can be worked independently by itself.

*Run No. 108 (Castle).*—Situate about forty-five miles from Blenheim, up the Wairau, Waihopai, and Spray Valleys. High, broken country, with some shingle spurs and birch forest.

*Run No. 109 (Avondale).*—Situate about twenty-seven miles from Blenheim, and at the back of the Avondale freeholds. High, broken country, with some birch forest along the western boundary.

*Run No. 111 (Delta).*—Situate about twelve miles from Blenheim, up the Wairau Valley, and fronting the Wairau River. All flat, poor, sandy soil, covered with manuka scrub and native grasses.

*Run No. 112 (Dumgree).*—Situate about eighteen miles from Blenheim, in the Awatere Valley. A hill-top, entirely surrounded by the Dumgree freeholds, and covered with fern and tussock.

*Run No. 116 (Upcot).*—Situate in the Awatere Valley, about fifty-five miles from Blenheim, lying at the back of the Upcot freeholds. Poor, high, broken country.

*Run No. 117 (Langridge).*—Situate in the Awatere Valley, about fifty-eight miles from Blenheim, and at the back of the freehold. Chiefly high tussock spurs running from a high shingle range.

*Run No. 118 (Gladstone).*—Situate in the Awatere Valley, about fifty-four miles from Blenheim, at the back of the Gladstone freehold, and is practically inaccessible, except through the freehold. High, mountainous country, including high, rocky ranges and shingle slides.

*Run No. 120 (Middlehurst).*—Situate in the Awatere Valley, about sixty miles from Blenheim, and at the back of the freeholds. There is some good pastoral country round Mowat's Lookout, but the remainder is high, rugged country, extending back to the summit of the Inland Kaikoura Range.

*Run No. 121 (Kekerangu).*—Situate in the Clarence Valley; the northern end is about twelve miles by bridle-track from Kekerangu Homestead, on the coast, and sixty-five miles from Blenheim. It extends southerly along the Clarence River to Red Hill Stream. This run is very much cut up by numerous freehold sections, otherwise, although broken, it is good pastoral country, chiefly limestone; there is a good deal of tauhinu and matakauri on it.

*Run No. 122 (Richmond Brook).*—Situate between the head of the Flaxbourne and the Ure Rivers; high, broken, tussock country of good quality. Accessible only up the Ure River, fifty miles from Blenheim.

*Run No. 123 (Wakefield Downs).*—Situate between two tributaries of the Blind River, and lying between the Starborough and Flaxbourne Estates. Good hillside, pastoral country; about thirty miles from Blenheim.

*Run No. 124 (Clarence).*—Situate mainly in the Clarence Valley; it is excellent country, a large portion being on limestone. The drawback to this run is the difficulty of access, the sheep having to be driven over the range to the Kaikoura side to be shorn at what is known as the reserve on the main road. This reserve is now included as part of the run, and on it are the wool-shed, yards, and other buildings, ample for homestead purposes. These buildings go with the run as part of the leasehold.

*Run No. 126 (Kincaid).*—Situate about five miles up the Hapuku and Puhipuhi (Buehue) Rivers from the coast, and stretching northerly to Mount Alexander. The southern and eastern portions are good limestone country, well grassed. The western portion extends to the summit of the Seaward Kaikouras, and is to a large extent under bush. This run is about twelve miles from Kaikoura Town.

*Run No. 127 (Swyncombe).*—Situate about twelve miles from Kaikoura Town, and at the back of the Swyncombe freehold; high, broken country, extending to the summit of the Inland Kaikoura Range. It is accessible up Cribb Creek.

*Run No. 130 (Dillon).*—Situate at the south-western corner of the Land District of Marlborough, north-east of the Guide, Acheron, and Clarence Rivers. A large proportion of this run is composed of high ranges of travelling shingle; the lower slopes and river-flats are well grassed—the southern portion, known as "Bullen's Hills," particularly so. This run is about thirty-five miles from Culverden.

The above runs will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

Possession will be given on the 1st March, 1897.

Purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 62 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the half-year's rent, license-fee, and valuation for improvements (if any) on fall of the hammer.

Maps will be ready about the 1st February.

C. W. ADAMS,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Licenses, Canterbury, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 19th January, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted to public auction, for lease, on Thursday, the 25th February, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

Pastoral Licenses (under "The Land Act, 1892").

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
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To be sold at the local Lands and Survey Office, Timaru, at 12 o'clock noon.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
88	Rhoborough Downs	Mackenzie	64,600	£ 200	21 yrs.

Situated between Lake Pukaki and the summit of the Ben Ohau Range, the elevation ranging from about 1,600ft. to 6,300ft. above sea-level.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
87	Ben Ohau	Mackenzie	54,400	200	21 yrs.

This run is situated in the forks of the Ohau and Pukaki Rivers, and extends north-westward to the foot of Lake Ohau, and takes in the southern end of the Ben Ohau Range. The south-eastern portion of the run comprises open, level tussock and stony country, at an elevation of from about 1,300ft. to 1,700ft. above sea-level; the western portion of the run is mountainous in character, the Ben Ohau Range rising to an altitude of 5,582ft.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
92	Part of Benmore	Waitaki	28,000	30	21 yrs.

Situated between Lake Ohau and the summit of the Barrier Range, the elevation ranging from about 1,700ft. to 7,650ft. above sea-level; about 10,000 acres are fairly-grassed country. This run is weighted with a valuation of £330 on account of homestead buildings, wool-shed, yards, boundary and subdivision fencing, &c., which sum must be paid by the purchaser of the license on the fall of the hammer.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
95A	Cotter's	Vincent	28,800	5	21 yrs.

Situated in the upper portion of the Hawea Valley, including the flats on both sides of the Upper Hunter River, fit for grazing cattle.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
99A	Greenbush and Island Flat	Vincent	25,500	5	21 yrs.

Situated in the Hawea Valley, including river-flats on the east side of the Hunter River, capable of grazing cattle.

To be sold at the Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, at 12 o'clock noon.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
139	Loburn	Ashley	1,100	30	3 yrs.

This run is situated between the east and west branches of the Grey River, about a mile and a half south-west of Mount Grey, and comprises hilly land, partly open tussock country, and partly covered with scrub. The elevation ranges from about 1,300ft. to 1,800ft. above sea-level.

Run No.	Name of Station.	County.	Area.	Upset Annual Rental.	Term of License.
136	Broomfield	Ashley	4,326	120	3 yrs.

This run is situated on the Mount Grey Range, about nine miles from the Amberley Railway-station; it includes the sources of the Kowai River, and comprises mountainous and hilly open country, with areas of bush and scrub. The greatest elevation varies from about 1,000ft. to 3,000ft. above sea-level.

CONDITIONS.

Possession will be given on the 1st March, 1897.

The above runs will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

Purchasers must deposit statutory declarations required by section 62 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the first half-year's rent, together with license-fee and valuation for improvements (if any), on fall of the hammer.

Full particulars, plans, forms of declaration, &c., may be obtained on application at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch. Maps will be ready about the 1st February.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-runs, Canterbury, for Lease on Application.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Christchurch, 23rd January, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-runs will be open for lease on application, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Christchurch, on and after Thursday, the 25th February, 1897, at the annual rentals noted below. In case of more than one application for a run on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

WAIMATE COUNTY.

Section.	Survey District.	Block.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Annual Rental.
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FIRST-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

Section.	Survey District.	Block.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Annual Rental.
36117	Hakateramea	X., XI., XIV., XV.	992 0 0	1 0	£ 49 12 0
36205	"	XII., XV., XVI.	2,840 0 0	0 9	106 10 0
36388	{ Nimrod .. Waihao ..	{ XIV., XV. II.	4,536 0 0	0 10	189 0 0

SECOND-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.

Section.	Survey District.	Block.	Area.	Rate per Acre.	Annual Rental.
36389	Nimrod	XIII., XIV.	8,796 0 0	0 7	256 11 0
36390	{ Hak'teramea Waihao	{ I., II.	1,887 1 0	0 7	55 1 0
36220	Nimrod	III.	3,815 3 8	0 7	111 6 0
36503	"	II., III., IV., VI., VII.			

Sections 36117, 36205, 36388, 36389, and 36390, in the Hakateramea, Nimrod, and Waihao Survey Districts, are situated on the slopes of the Station Peak Range, which extends from the junction of the Hakateramea and Waitaki Rivers to the north branch of the Waihao River. They comprise high, open hill-country; the ridges are generally broad and flat, and intersected by deep gullies, the slopes of which are easy and undulating in parts, and in others steep and broken. The soil varies in quality from fair to good, and the vegetation comprises native and English grasses. The country is fairly well watered by springs and streams, and its general elevation varies from about 1,000ft. to about 3,500ft. above sea-level. The two first-named sections are situated near the southern end of the range; Section 36117 has frontage on the Hakateramea Valley Road, and Section 36205 is accessible by a branch from the same road. Sections 36388, 36389, and 36390 are situated at the northern end of the range; the first-mentioned section has access by the Pentland Hills Road to Waimate, a distance of about twenty-six miles, the others connect with the Hakateramea Valley Road to the westward.

The sections are weighted with valuations for improvements as follows, these amounts being payable in full at the time of application:—

Section 36117, £299 10s. for hut, boundary and subdivision fencing, cultivation, &c. Section 36205, £309 10s., for boundary and subdivision fencing, sheep-yards, &c. Section 36388, £1,384 4s. 9d., for good dwelling-house, woolshed, stable and other outbuildings, sheep-yards and dip, boundary and subdivision fencing, cultivation, &c. Sections 36389 and 36390, £407 5s., for boundary and subdivision fencing and sheep-yards.

Sections 36220 and 36503 are situated on the eastern slopes of the Mount Nimrod Range, at the back of and adjacent to the Cannington and Pareora Estates, and comprise hilly and mountain open country, ranging from about 1,500ft. to 5,000ft. above sea-level, with bush in some of the gullies. The lower slopes include land of fair average quality, carrying good tussock, native, and some English grasses. The high portions of the range are rocky, and subject to heavy falls of snow in the winter season. The run is watered by branches of the White Rock River, and is well adapted for pastoral purposes; is connected with the Cave Railway-station by formed road, and is distant therefrom about eleven miles. This run is weighted with a sum of £552 for dwelling-house, boundary and subdivision fencing, planting, &c.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE

1. The term of lease is twenty-one years, with the option of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years, at a rent to be fixed by valuation, and improvements being secured to lessee as provided by "The Land Act, 1892," section 182. Each lessee is required to make the declaration as per form printed below.

2. No person can lease more than one run.
3. Residence on small grazing-runs is compulsory, and commences within three years in bush or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, unless the lessee obtain the consent of the Land Board to reside on other land in his occupation.
4. Permanent improvements must be effected equal to one year's rental by the end of the first year, two years' rental by the end of the second year, and four years' rental at the end of the sixth year; and on bush land, in addition thereto, improvements must be made to the value of 10s. an acre if first-class land, or of 5s. an acre if second-class land.
5. One half-year's rent, and £1 1s. for the lease, and the amount of valuation for improvements, must be paid immediately the application is declared successful; the rent to be paid half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease. The next payment of rent will become due on the 1st September, 1897.
6. The lessee has no right to purchase any part of the land; but he can select 150 acres around the homestead through which no road can be taken or other public privilege exercised without compensation.

DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of\* \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare—

1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.
2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of Run No.†
3. That I am purchasing such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use of any other person or persons whatever.
4. That I am not already the holder of any such lease in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such lease.
5. That I am not the holder of any run under Part VI. of the aforesaid Act, nor have I any interest in any such run.
6. That I do not own any freehold land or land held by lease or license of any kind whatever anywhere in the colony, either by myself or jointly with any other person, which, exclusive of the land I am now purchasing the lease of, will exceed in area 1,000 acres.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189 \_\_\_\_\_, before me— \_\_\_\_\_, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

\* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

SIDNEY WEETMAN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Small Grazing-run, Otago, open for Lease on Application.

Crown Land Office,  
Dunedin, 19th January, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned small grazing-run will be open for lease on application, at the Land Office, Dunedin, on and after Thursday, the 25th February, 1897, at the half-yearly rental noted below. If more than one application be received for the run on the same day, priority of selection will be decided by ballot on the following day, at 11 a.m.

SCHEDULE.

OTAGO LAND DISTRICT.  
Small Grazing-run.

Survey District.	Section.	Block.	Area.	Rent per Acre.	Half-yearly Rental.
FIRST-CLASS PASTORAL COUNTRY.					
Maniototo County.					
Gimmerburn	2	V.	A. 3,148 R. P. 3 10	s. d. 0 6	£ s. d. 39 7 3
	2 & 3	XI.	7,456 0 18	0 6	93 4 0
Ditto ..	21 & 22	III.			

Fairly good country, partly pastoral and partly agricultural; well watered; situated about twelve miles from Naseby. Valuations for improvements, payable with application or immediately the result of the ballot is declared: Section 2, Block V., £442; Sections 2 and 3, Block XI., and 21 and 22, Block III., £1,285-19s. 6d.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. The term of lease is twenty-one years, with the option of renewal for a further period of twenty-one years, at a rent to be fixed by valuation, and improvements being secured to lessee as provided by "The Land Act, 1892," section 182. Each lessee is required to make the declaration as per form printed below.
2. No person can lease more than one run.
3. Residence on the run is compulsory, and commences within three years in bush or swamp land, and within one year in open or partly open land, unless the lessee obtain the consent of the Land Board to reside on other land in his occupation.
4. Permanent improvements must be effected equal to one

year's rental by the end of the first year, two years' rental by the end of the second year, and four years' rental at the end of the sixth year; and on bush land, in addition thereto, improvements must be made to the value of 10s. an acre if first-class land, or of 5s. an acre if second-class land.

5. One half-year's rent and £1 1s. for the lease must be paid immediately the application is declared successful; the rent to be paid half-yearly in advance during the term of the lease. The next payment of rent will become due on the 1st September, 1897.

6. The lessee has no right to purchase any part of the land; but he can select 150 acres around the homestead through which no road can be taken or other public privilege exercised without compensation.

DECLARATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of\* \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare—

1. That I am of the age of seventeen years and upwards.
2. That I am the person who, subject to the provisions of "The Land Act, 1892," am desirous of becoming the purchaser of a lease of Run No.†
3. That I am purchasing such lease solely for my own use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use of any other person or persons whatever.
4. That I am not already the holder of any such lease in any part of the colony, nor have I any interest in any such lease.
5. That I am not the holder of any run under Part VI. of the aforesaid Act, nor have I any interest in any such run.
6. That I do not own any freehold land or land held by lease or license of any kind whatever anywhere in the colony, either by myself or jointly with any other person, which, exclusive of the land I am now purchasing the lease of, will exceed in area 1,000 acres.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled "The Justices of the Peace Act, 1882."

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 189 \_\_\_\_\_, before me— \_\_\_\_\_, a Justice of the Peace in and for the Colony of New Zealand.

\* Place of abode or occupation. † Here specify.

J. P. MAITLAND,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pastoral Leases, Southland, for Lease by Public Auction.

District Lands and Survey Office,  
Invercargill, 18th January, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned pastoral lands will be submitted to public auction, for lease, on Thursday, the 25th February, 1897, at the District Lands and Survey Office, Invercargill, at 11 a.m.

PASTORAL LANDS (UNDER PART VI., "THE LAND ACT, 1892").  
Run No. 150B, Wallace County: Area, 1,601 acres; term, fourteen years; annual upset rental, £20.

This run, at present held by Messrs. Rowley and Hamilton, is situated on the north-east end of Taringatura Range. The northern and eastern slopes are sound and fairly-grassed sheep-country, and the contiguity of the run to small settlement gives it a considerable value.

Run No. 323, Lake County: Area, 23,930 acres; term, 14 years; annual upset rental, £150.

The present lessee of this run is Mr. W. S. D. Trotter. The run is bounded by the Invercargill-Kingston Railway for several miles, and, with the exception of the northern portion, has good natural boundaries on the remaining sides. In some of the gullies there are patches of bush and scrub, and the north side is rocky, and somewhat difficult to muster, and to clear of rabbits. Altogether the land may be classed as fairly good sheep-country. A considerable area of the lower-lying land is capable of great improvement by cultivation and surface (grass-seed) sowing.

Run No. 491B, Southland County: Area, 883 acres 2 roods; term, 14 years; annual upset rental, £11.

This small run is now held along with the old Isla Station P.R., and some additional freehold, and about one-third of it is covered with scrub, the remainder being cold but well-grassed sheep-country.

Run No. 352B, Southland County: Area, 5,250 acres; term, 10 years; annual upset rental, £8 15s.

This run consists of high broken country, with poor vegetation, but well watered. Distance from Athol, about seven miles.

Run No. 394A, Southland County: Area, 21,345 acres; term, 10 years; annual upset rental, £45.

This run is situated about eight miles from Lumsden. The country is high and broken, and partly covered with scrub and bush. The height above sea-level is from 300ft. to 4,000ft.

Possession to be given on the 1st March, 1898, except in the case of Runs 352B and 394A, possession of which will be given on 1st March, 1897.

The above runs will be sold generally in accordance with the provisions of Part VI. of "The Land Act, 1892."

Purchasers must deposit a statutory declaration required by section 62 of "The Land Act, 1892," and pay the sum of the half-year's rent and license-fee on the fall of the hammer.

DAVID BARRON,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.