



THE COUNTY OF
WESTLAND GAZETTE.

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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by the 35th Section of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," it is provided that the Governor may, from time to time, make regulations prescribing the mode in which applications may be made for leases of land for agricultural purposes, the quantity of land not exceeding fifty acres, which shall and may be granted in a lease in any particular block; the amount of deposit to be paid by any applicant therefor, and by any objector thereto; the terms and conditions upon which such leases may be held, occupied, assigned, transferred, forfeited, and cancelled; the amount of rent payable therefor, and the times and places of payment; the conditions upon and the manner in which entry to search for gold, or for metal or mineral, upon any land so leased may be authorised; and the terms and conditions upon which holders of miner's rights may be permitted to mine upon land, the lease for which shall have been determined, on account of its auriferous character; and such regulations from time to time to amend, alter, and revoke :

And whereas, by "The Gold Fields Act Amendment Act, 1869," it is enacted that the word "fifty" in the proviso to the 35th Section of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866," is repealed, and that the said proviso shall hereafter be read and construed as though the words "two hundred" had been inserted therein in lieu of and substitution for the word "fifty":

And whereas, by an instrument in writing, dated the 18th day of August, 1869, His Excellency the Governor did, under his hand

and the Public Seal of the Colony, delegate unto me, Conrad Hoos, Chairman of the County Council of Westland, so long as I shall continue to be such Chairman, all the powers vested in him by the fifth part of "The Gold Fields Act, 1866 :

Now, therefore, I, Conrad Hoos, Chairman of the County Council of the County of Westland, by virtue of the powers delegated to me in that behalf, do hereby proclaim that the following Regulations shall be applicable to leases and licenses granted for agricultural purposes within the County of Westland, under section thirty-nine of the said Act.

Given under my hand, at Hokitika, this
25th day of February, one thousand
eight hundred and seventy.

C. Hoos.

AGRICULTURAL LEASE REGULATIONS.

I. Agricultural leases will not be granted for lands within the boundaries of proclaimed townships, public reserves, or on lands open for sale, or which may present auriferous indications upon survey.

II. Every application for an agricultural lease must be made (in the form of the Schedule annexed or to the like effect) through the Warden of the district wherein the land is situate, and must be accompanied by a deposit of Two Pounds Ten Shillings (£2 10s) as security for the cost of survey of suburban land and Five Pounds (£5) for rural land, at such rates as are hereinafter more particularly determined.

III. Every agricultural lease when granted shall be for a term of seven (7) years.

IV. The boundaries of the area applied for must be approximately defined by blazing, posts, or trenches.

V. When the land applied for shall be in the vicinity of a township or other centre of population (the vicinity to be determined by the Governor or some person appointed by him for that purpose) it shall be deemed to be suburban land, and the maximum quantity to be leased in one block shall not exceed ten acres.

VI. When the land applied for shall not be under the above-mentioned condition, it shall be deemed to be rural land, and may be leased in areas of from thirty to two hundred acres.

VII. Every section of suburban or rural land shall be in one block, and, except as hereinafter provided, of a rectangular form. In the interpretation of these regulations a frontage line shall be taken to mean the boundary of a road, river, stream, or water-course.

VIII. Where, from the frontage not being a straight line, or from the interference of other frontage lines, natural features, or the boundaries of private lands, the rules provided in these regulations in respect of form cannot be accurately observed, the form of the section shall be determined as nearly in accordance with these regulations as in the judgment of the surveyor circumstances will admit.

IX. As soon as practicable after the receipt of any application and deposit as aforesaid, a surveyor will be instructed to proceed to the ground for the purpose of examining, surveying, and reporting upon the same.

X. All leases which may be issued after the commencement of these regulations shall bear date on the day when the persons named herein as lessees respectively first became entitled to such leases, and shall be of the same force and validity as if they had been sealed on the day on which the same shall bear date; and shall be issued in the name of the person or persons who became originally entitled, though such person or persons may in the meantime have died or transferred their interest; and such lessees shall be deemed to be entitled to such lease on the date on which the Governor shall signify in writing his intention to grant such lease.

XI. Agricultural leases will not be transferable without the special sanction and authority of His Excellency the Governor, and for every such transfer a fee or fine of 10s. will be charged.

XII. Leases will be cancelled if the land is sublet or transferred without the sanction and authority of His Excellency the Governor; or if cultivation is not commenced within three months after the issue of the lease, or if at any time during the currency of the lease the land shall be neglected for a period of six months.

XIII. The Government reserves to itself the right at any time, during the currency of the lease, to cause to be laid out and reserved through such land such roads, tramways, or railways as it may deem fit. Upon the survey of all lands leased, an amount equal to five per cent. of the total acreage so leased shall be added for the aforesaid purposes.

XIV. The Government reserves to itself the right of entering upon any land so leased as aforesaid for the purpose of searching for gold or any other metal or mineral, and for determining any lease when such metals or minerals shall have been discovered thereon.

XV. In the event of the determination of an agricultural lease on account of the highly auriferous nature of the land thereby demised, the amount of compensation adjudged to be paid to the holder thereof shall (except in special cases) be contributed by the persons desirous of mining thereon.

XVI. In suburban land, when the ground applied for is bounded by a frontage line, and does not exceed: First, three (3) acres in extent, it shall have a depth of five chains from such frontage line; Second, if over three (3) acres and not over ten (10) acres, it shall have a depth of twelve and a-half chains from such frontage line. If not adjacent to or bounded by a frontage line all the sides may be equal; but one side may not be less than one-third of the other, and such section shall not be less than twelve and a-half chains from such frontage line.

XVII. Every section of rural land, if bounded by a frontage line, shall be of a depth of one half-mile from such frontage. If not adjacent to or bounded by a frontage line all sides may be equal, but one side may not be less than one-third the other; and such section shall not be less than one half-mile from a frontage.

XVIII. The rent charged shall be—First: For suburban land, four shillings (4s.) per acre per annum, payable yearly in advance. Second: For rural land, two shillings (2s.) per acre per annum, payable yearly in advance. Provided always, and in all cases, that any fractional part of an acre will be considered as an acre, and charged accordingly, and that no amount shall be received for rental less than eight shillings (8s.)

XIX. That a fee of Fifteen Shillings for 5 acres and One Pound for a larger area shall be paid for the Lease.

XX. The fees charged for survey will be as follows:—

For an ordinary survey (when the area does not exceed four (4) acres), ten shillings (10s).

For any larger area, at the rate of two shillings and sixpence (2s 6d) per acre.

SCHEDULE.

No. Place and date.

To the Warden at

I hereby apply for a lease of land for agricultural purposes, situate at (here state the locality), and comprising acres; and I deposit herewith the sum of to cover the cost of survey, and I agree to pay the further costs, if any, of such survey, according to the scale prescribed by the Agricultural Lease Regulations.

Signature (name and address in full).

County Chairman's Office,
Hokitika, 25th, Feb., 1870.

THE Chairman of the County Council directs it to be notified for general information that he has appointed

MR. CHARLES KLEES
Toll Collector at the Teremakau Ferry.

A. E. TENNANT,
Chief Clerk.

County Chairman's Office,
Hokitika, 25th Feb., 1870.

THE Chairman of the County Council directs it to be notified for general information that

MR. WILLIAM LEACH
has been declared duly elected as a Member of the Paroa Road Board in the room of Mr. James Hamilton, resigned.

A. E. TENNANT,
Chief Clerk.

