

Crown Lands Office, Nelson, 3rd December, 1889.

The General Manager, Midland Railway Company, Greymouth.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd November relative to the unlawful cutting and selling timber from Crown lands in the Grey Valley, and in reply to inform you that I wired an advertisement as suggested to the newspapers at Greymouth and Reefton immediately on receipt of your letter.

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands Office, Nelson, 14th May, 1890.

The General Manager, Midland Railway Company, Christchurch.

I FORWARD herewith for your consideration four applications for timber licenses, and I have to ask you to be good enough to say whether you are aware of any objection to their being granted (*vide* section 31 of contract)—viz.: No. 39, James Marshall, 200 acres, Totara Flat; No. 40, Blair and Stratford, 200 acres, Grey; No. 41, C. F. C. Algie, 600 acres, Nelson Creek; No. 42, T. H. Garth, 80 acres, Mawheranui.

ALFRED GREENFIELD, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Nelson.

I, THE undersigned, do hereby apply for a provisional timber license over 200 acres of land, under section 225 of "The Land Act, 1885," and bounded as follows: On the north by the Granville Road; south by Teviot Creek; east by Brandy Jack's Track; and west by Totara Flat.

Totara Flat, 3rd December, 1889.

JAMES MARSHALL.

Received, 9th December, 1889, 9.30 a.m. No fee enclosed.—ALFRED GREENFIELD, Commissioner.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Nelson.

WE, the undersigned, do hereby apply for a provisional license for cutting, felling, and removing timber off Crown lands, under "The Land Act, 1885," and section 225 thereof, over 200 acres of Crown land situated on the Main Grey Valley Road, and bounded approximately as follows: On the south by the land held by Frederick W. Campbell under occupation license; west by the Main Grey Valley Road; north by Henry Gilmer's land; and east by Crown lands.

ADAM BLAIR,

EDWARD STRATFORD

Ahaura, 21st November, 1889.

(By J. Hargreaves, Agent for Applicants).

Received at Ahaura at 9 a.m. on the 22nd November, 1889.—F. H. IBBETSON, Local Land Officer.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Nelson.

I HEREBY apply to have the land situate and bounded as follows set apart or aside as timber land:—Boundaries: On the northward by Nelson Creek, on the eastward by a track leading from Hatter's Terrace to Kangaroo, on the southward by Red Jack's Creek, and on the westward by Main Grey Valley Road, not exceeding in the whole 600 acres, upon such terms as your Board may decide, under the provisions of "The Land Act, 1885," section 226.

COLIN F. C. ALGIE, Sawmill Proprietor

(By J. W. Jones, Ahaura, Agent).

Ahaura, 28th November, 1889.

Received at Ahaura on the 28th November, 1889, at 11.40 a.m.—F. H. IBBETSON, Local Land Officer.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Nelson.

I HEREBY apply for a license for cutting, felling, and removing timber off Crown land, under "The Land Act, 1885," over 80 acres of land, as per plan attached, the particulars of which are as follows:—District: Mawheranui. Boundaries: Bounded on the northward by the Grey Valley Road, a length of 40 chains; east by Section No. 76; and on the south and west by unoccupied Crown land: the land applied for being part of Sections Nos. 78 and 80 in said district.

21st April, 1890.

THOMAS H. GARTH, Ahaura, Storekeeper.

Received at Ahaura, this 21st day of April, 1890, at 9.15 a.m.—F. H. IBBETSON, Local Land Officer.

SIR,—

New Zealand Midland Railway Company, Christchurch, 5th June, 1890.

Referring to your memorandum of the 14th May last as to the following applications to you for timber licenses,—No. 39, James Marshall, 200 acres; No. 40, Blair and Stratford, 200 acres; No. 41, C. F. C. Algie, 600 acres; No. 42, T. H. Garth,—I have to point out that the Government have no power under the Midland Railway contract to grant licenses to the above applicants, Nos. 39, 40, and 42, none of them being for existing sawmills or *bona fide* gold-mining purposes, and therefore they do not come within the meaning of clauses 31 and 18 of the contract. The company, however, will be prepared to grant these applicants timber licenses on the usual form, under clause 33 of the contract, on their defining the areas they require. Messrs. Blair and Stratford (No. 40) have already agreed to take such an area from the company. Application No. 41 is not of the same nature, as you will notice that in it Mr. Algie asks to have the land he mentions "set apart or aside as timber lands." This there is no power to do under the Midland Railway Contract. Mr. Algie does not ask the area to be granted to him.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT WILSON,

General Manager.

The Commissioner, Crown Lands, Nelson.