amounting to £50. There was a mortgage on sections, which left £600 after deduction of mortgage. Free from debt, except mortgage. It is intention of both to live on this property and dispose of the other sections. They also had household furniture to the value of £150, two horses, cart, ten pounds' worth of sheet iron, sixty fowls, £15 in bank, the remainder lent out at interest.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. Ratcliffe: Applicant for Section 79, Block II., Tapapa Survey District. Stated he had house and land worth £500. The land is in Grey Lynn Estate. Six-roomed house on it. He gave £105 10s. for the land. Has a clear title, which is in his own name. Depending entirely on sale of this to make a start in Matamata. Married and has two sons. Has had farming experience; wife has had six months' experience in dairy-farming. Possesses no land except above. Free from debt; no partnership.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. W. L. Mardon: Applicant for Section 5, Block II. Stated he was thirty years of age. Had capital of £70—£30 hard cash, and the remainder in cattle and horses. Has been farming all his life. A single man.

The Commissioner said, What is your intention if you get on the land? There are 185 acres of land and apparently you have only £30.

Mr. Mardon replied, It is my intention to go in for milking. I have promises of assistance from brother and uncle, and with this help I could get on all right and improve as time progressed. I hold no other land. Am free from debt. Means all my own.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. B. Schwarz: Applicant for Section 5, Block II., Te Papa. Stated that he was twenty-seven years of age. Possessed a capital of £170—£148 in hard cash and about £20 in wages. Has one horse. Been farming all his life. Is a single man. Means absolutely at his own disposal. At present working on a farm at Cambridge. Holds no other land. Is free from debt. Produced certificate as to £148 in bank at Cambridge.

Passed for ballot.

Messrs. Oliver Brothers: Applicants for Section 2, Block II. Stated that they were twenty-seven and twenty-eight years of age respectively. Had £500 between them. Had no farm-implements. Had six months' experience in dairying, and both about two years' experience in all in farming. Unmarried. Money mentioned above held jointly. Free from debt; at present travelling. Produced bank-book showing £180 in bank.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. James Walker Moore: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Said he was thirty-two years of age, and had £300 in capital—£200 in cash and the other £100 in horses. Has had fifteen years' experience in farming. Is married, and wife has been used to cows and to milking, but no land experience. Has some money lent out. Has household furniture to the value of £20. Holds no other land. Free from debt. Produced bank-book showing £200—at his own absolute disposal, and not borrowed for the purpose of making this application.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. J. H. Pohlen: Applicant for Section 70, Subdivision 56. The Commissioner explained to Mr. Pohlen that his application could not be accepted as he already held 810 acres in another Land for Settlements estate, and that on that account he was not allowed by law to ballot for this.

Cancelled.

Mr. J. H. Johnston: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2, and his son, James Johnston, applies for Section 84. The father states that there is a capital of £1,300. They have been only a fortnight in the colony. One section would meet their requirements, and they would invest their whole capital therein. Father guaranteed his son assistance to the extent of £650. Would give letter to this effect. Preferred Section 84, for which they stood a very poor chance, but were quite willing to withdraw from Section 84 if successful in drawing the other.

Mr. J. H. Johnston, sen., was then examined. He stated that he was fifty-seven years of age. Had been all his life farming, and had considerable experience in South Australia. Was a married man, with three sons and a daughter. Held no land in the colony; only a new arrival. Had borrowed no money. Had no household furniture. Had brought very little with them, except wearing-apparel. No partnership in capital. Felt satisfied that they had sufficient means to carry on these two farms. The freehold that he had in Victoria is not disposed of, but the value placed on it is £1,000, and he had brought £300 cash with him. Free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. F. Barugh: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Said he was fifty-two years of age. Had a capital of £230 at his disposal, partly cash and stock. About £120 cash at his own absolute disposal. Was able to raise more money if required. Produced bank-book showing £85 in bank. Had experience in farming; milked cows all his life. Free from debt. Holds no other land.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. W. Goodwin: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Stated that he was thirty-nine years old. Had capital to the amount of £575, and horses to the value of £40. Had twenty-two years' experience in farming, and thoroughly understood dairying. Was married, and wife was familiar with dairying. Family consisted of a boy six years and a half old. Holds no other land, and capital at his own absolute disposal, and had not borrowed any money for the purpose of making application. Produced bank-book (Bank of New Zealand) showing credit balance of £435, and Post-Office Savings-Bank book showing £140. Free from debt, and had no partnership.

Approved for ballot.

Mr. G. J. Duxfield: Applicant for Section 17, Subdivision 2. Stated that he was forty-six years of age. Has cash and stock amounting to £500. The amount of hard cash would be about