

land, and has no partnership in his capital. Did not borrow money to make application, and is free from debt. Showed receipts to the effect that there was £418 9s. 10d. lodged at Bank of New Zealand to his credit. Came all the way from central Otago to get land.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. Benjamin Charles:* Applicant for Section 86, Subdivision 14. Stated that he was twenty-four years of age and had a capital of £400. Intends to place stock on section and go in for milking cows. Holds no other land. Is free from debt, and has no partnership. Bank receipt produced in support of position, showing that he has in bank £386 12s. 5d. capital at his own absolute disposal. Did not borrow any money to make application.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. J. Cranwick:* Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14. Stated that he had a capital of £800 cash, also thirty horses—draught and others. Unmarried; large experience in agricultural and dairy farming. Working on the Matamata Estate for the last nine years under Mr. McCaw. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Did not borrow any money to make application. There is no partnership either. Is free from debt. Holds no other land.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. Thomas Bason:* Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14.

The applicant did not appear for examination. It was stated that he held 400 acres in Wellington District, but wished to surrender it on account of the land being so far from a railway-station, and the section being very rough and quite unsuitable for his purposes.

The matter of consideration was deferred till next day.

*Mr. David S. Robertson:* Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14. Stated that he was thirty years old. Said his father, William Robertson, would supply him with stock. Has had experience. Understands cattle and general farming. Holds no other land. Said his father would supply money to the extent of £1,000. Is free from debt.

Mr. Harris stated that Mr. Robertson was highly spoken of.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. James Kilbride:* Applicant for Section 104, Subdivision 14. Stated that he had £600 in capital, some of it in cash and some in stock, balance in property. Cash amounts to £100. Failed to produce bank receipt. Has property worth about £500—stock, £50 out of that. Is free from debt. Has had a good deal of experience. Did not borrow money to make application. No partnership. Came from Canterbury to secure land. Means at his own disposal.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. William Atkins:* Applicant for Section 66, Block II., Subdivision 55.

His mother appeared on his behalf, son being unable to attend. The mother stated that it was her son's intention to take up the land for the purpose of starting a bricklayer's plant. Son had very little means, but his father has means, and would assist him. Believed he was free from debt.

Approved for ballot.

*Mrs. Margaret J. Green:* Applicant for Section 88, Block IV., Subdivision 15.

Mrs. Green's husband attended. He stated her age was forty years. She has no means; the property belongs to him, and consists of a tip dray and wagon, spring cart, 15 Denver furrow plough, 3 plough-horses, 2 heavy draught and ordinary, 2 wagon-horses, 5 young horses, 1 light draught, 46 milking-cows, 12 heifers, six-months-old bull. Has been dairying for four years. All own personal property. Has no money in bank. Has a family of seven children. Owes no money. Everything is clear, and, if successful in ballot, the whole of the stock would be placed upon the farm, which was agreed to.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. Joseph Green:* Applicant for Section 96, Subdivision 16. He stated he was twenty-three years old and had no cash. Says he has about one hundred pounds' worth of stock. Father pledged himself to assist his son to the extent of £200 and implements for breaking up the land. Owes no money. Holds no other land. Has had some experience in stock and farm-work.

Decided to go to ballot.

*Mr. O'Keefe:* Applicant for Section 88, Subdivision 15. States that he is twenty-seven years old, and has five hundred pounds' worth of horses, cattle, and implements, and £50 in the Bank of New Zealand. Has had eight years' experience in dairying. Has no land of his own. Has interest in his mother's Fencourt section. Mother has title to it. All property at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt, and borrowed no money to make application.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. William Egan:* Applicant for Section 96, Subdivision 16. Mr. Egan's brother attended on his behalf. Works at Karangahake. Been seven or eight years there. Produced bank-book in support of his financial position, which showed he had an amount of £160, besides two houses worth £100. Married, with a family of two young children. Had twenty-three years' experience of mixed farm-work, dairy-farming, breaking up land, &c. Is not involved in any way, and no partnership. Did not borrow money to make application. If successful intends to sell his property and go on land.

Approved for ballot.

*Mr. G. Conder:* Applicant for Section 96. States that he has two farm-horses, implements, and twenty-two yearling cattle, and £40 cash; total, £150. Has been all his life on farm-work. Born at Mangere. Doing dairy-farming lately on shares. Has no other land. Did not borrow money to make application, and has no partnership in what he has got. Is free from debt.

Applicant is well known to Messrs. Harris and Greenslade, who spoke highly of him.

Approved for ballot.