

*Mr. H. E. Button:* Applicant for Section 105, Subdivision 31. Stated that he was thirty-seven years old and possessed of a capital of £600 in cash. Had no stock. In support of his statement he produced bank-book showing £600. Has been farming nine or ten years, more particularly in cattle and sheep raising. Farming in Canterbury, Cambridge, and Tasmania. Has also had experience in agricultural and dairy-farming. Married, with family of three children—two girls and a boy. Wife has had experience in dairying for over nine years. Holds no other land. Capital at his own absolute disposal. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money to make application.

Applicant is well known to Messrs. Renshaw and Greenslade, who recommended him.

Passed; section granted.

*Mr. A. D. Anderson:* Applicant for Section 126, Subdivision 20. Stated that he had £200 in cash in bank. Is a single man. In support of statement *re* capital, he produced bank-book showing that he had the amount of £190 in bank, which is at his own absolute disposal. Has no partnership. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money for the purpose of making this application. Has been farming all his life. All kinds of work, agricultural, dairying, and stock-raising. "My brother is also in for this section, and if one of us is successful we intend to take up the land as tenants in common."

Applicant well known to Mr. Harris.

Passed.

*Mr. J. W. Anderson:* Applicant for Section 26, Subdivision 20. Stated that he was a single man worth £300 in cash and stock. About £200 in cash. Produced bank-book showing the amount of £100 to his credit. Also certificate to the effect that a loan was available on his life-insurance policy. Has two horses valued at £50. Has had eleven years' experience as manager on Okauia Estate. Has been used to all kinds of work, sheep and cattle raising, &c. Native of New Zealand. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Owes no money, and did not borrow the cash to make this application. Holds no other land.

Applicant well known to Mr. Harris.

Passed.

*Mr. Nelson Banks:* Applicant for Section 127, Subdivision 20. His brother appeared for him, and stated that he would have a capital of £600. Had no farmers' implements. If successful in ballot his mother would advance the £600. Unmarried. Has been farming six or seven years. So far as brother knows, does not owe any money. Has no partnership. Holds no other land. Intends settling on the land.

Messrs. Greenslade and Harris spoke highly of Mr. Banks.

Passed.

*Mr. S. Banks:* Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he would have £600 to go on the land with. The money would be advanced by his mother, who was giving each of her sons £600. Is landless. Owes no money, and the means would be absolutely at his own disposal. Has had experience of farming for six or seven years. Has no farming-implements. Would settle on the land at once if successful. Feels confident that he could work it to advantage.

Applicant highly spoken of by Messrs. Harris and Greenslade.

Passed.

*Mr. A. J. H. Gavin:* Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he was twenty-five years of age, and that his father guarantees him to the extent of £1,000. The applicant is the son of the Assistant Controller and Auditor-General. Telegram produced stating that father was prepared to place £1,000 at the disposal of his son if successful in ballot. Has been used to general farm-work. Had experience of ploughing for twelve months, and was also on a sheep-station. Holds no other land. Is free from debt, and is confident he could work the section to advantage.

Commissioner vouched for applicant.

Passed.

*Mr. Thomas N. Roberts:* Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he was twenty-four years of age, and had been used to general farm-work all his life. Possessed of capital to the amount of £300—£200 in Bank of New Zealand, Cambridge, and £62 in Post-Office Savings-Bank. Has no stock. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt. Holds no other land. Has had experience in cattle-raising and dairy-farming. Did not borrow money to make application. Documentary evidence as to financial position to be produced.

Approved conditionally.

*Mr. G. F. Vercoe:* Applicant for Section 131, Subdivision 20. Stated that he had about £900 in capital, besides interest in house and section at Hamilton. House and section will be sold. Has been farming all his life, except in the last few years, having been in the employ of Messrs. McNiccoll. Married, and wife has had experience in farming, being a farmer's daughter. Evidence produced showing that he possessed £1,000, which is at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt. Has no interest in any other lands except section at Hamilton. Did not borrow money to make application.

Messrs. Harris and Greenslade both vouch for his *bona fides*.

Approved.

*Mr. G. W. Vercoe:* Applicant for Section 129, Subdivision 21. Stated that he had capital to the amount of £500 at his own absolute disposal. Has no interest in any other land. Has had a lifelong experience in farming in all its branches. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money to make application.

Messrs. Harris and Greenslade vouch for the *bona fides* of applicant.

Approved.

*Mr. F. Blott:* Applicant for Section 151, Subdivision 35. Stated that he has £150 in cash; without stock or agricultural implements. Has had five years' experience in milking, rough