

implements. One of the brothers has £35, six head of cattle, and 27 acres of Crown land at Waha-roa. Messrs McCaw and Simpson could supply all information.

Passed.

*Mr. W. Patterson* applied for Section 88, Subdivision 30. Holder of a leasehold section, Cheviot. His application was not entertained. Struck out.

*Mr. H. S. Wyatt*: Applicant for Section 130, Subdivision 33. States that he is thirty-four years old. £80 in stock—prize hunter and two ponies; also £80 in cash—£30 in Post-Office Savings-Bank. Is not married. Has set of carpenters' tools. Can get assistance from manager of Loan and Mercantile Company. His idea is to run stock on the land and go out as a carpenter. Has had sixteen years' experience on farm, general work. Understands stock, fencing, and ploughing. Holds no other land. No partnership. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money simply to make application. Capital is at his own absolute disposal.

Mr. Greenslade stated that applicant is a man of repute.

The Commissioner warned the applicant that if he did not make a success of the section he would have to move.

Passed.

*Mr. William Gale*: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he has a capital of £300. Has had many years of experience in farm-work, eight years dairying; at present driving well-pipes for water, and fencing. Is married, wife applying for same section. Section at present held by her too small for dairying. Has twelve head of cattle, and finds it necessary to drive them off the section at certain times of the year for the want of grass.

It was decided to strike Mrs. Gale's name out. Husband approved after a satisfactory examination.

*Mr. H. J. Sircombe*: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30.

Application not in order.

*Mr. Daniel Casey*: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he is twenty-four years old. Has stock and cash amounting to £360. Has had eight years' experience in dairying. Is a farm labourer. Holds no other land. Did not furnish evidence as to capital. Has thirty-seven horses worth £140, fifteen cows worth £105, farm-implements worth £100. He is not in partnership. All at his own absolute disposal. Is free from debt. Has not borrowed money simply to make the application.

Mr. Greenslade recommended applicant, and states that he is a deserving hardworking man.

Passed.

*Mr. C. J. Casey*: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that his father is worth from £1,200 to £1,500, and will guarantee him to the extent of £250. Stock, sixty to seventy dairy cows and some horses. Has been a Crown tenant for the last five years. Mr. W. Casey (father called) would back son as stated.

Mr. Greenslade guarantees their *bona fides*.

Passed.

*Mr. D. Scelly*: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he has a capital of £50, and twenty-five head of cattle worth £254. Has been eighteen years on Matamata Estate. Has had experience as a dairy-farmer and butcher. Has five of a family—three girls and two boys. Holds 92 acres, 80 acres of which is in grass. Capital at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Is free from debt, and did not borrow money to make application. Could work section satisfactorily.

Passed.

*Mr. G. Bygrave*: Applicant for Section 58, Subdivision 30. States that he is forty-four years old. Has no cash, but has three horses, plough, twenty-three young cattle, and three cows, valued at £140; also three horses, valued at £30. Wife has cottage worth £100, and will sell it. Household furniture insured for £70. At present is renting small place of 65 acres on ten-years lease; rental annually is £10 10s. Lease to expire in six years and a half, but could get rid of it at once. Everything at his own disposal. Debts under £20.

Passed for ballot.

*Mr. S. G. Silvester*: Applicant for Section 83, Subdivision 37. Stated he is twenty-seven years old and has two hundred pounds' worth of stock. Admitted that his intended wife had £150. Stock was at his own absolute disposal. No partnership. Holds no other land. Has had a good deal of experience in farm-work, ploughing, &c. Intended to live on section and work it to advantage.

Passed for ballot.

*Mrs. E. Kelly*: Husband appeared for her. Applicant for Section 124, Subdivision 44. Stated wife was forty years of age. Has had twenty years' experience in farming. Has team of horses, twenty-nine cows, a lot of pigs. Has two sons—one twenty, and the other eighteen. Mr. Kelly holds section in Fencourt Estate, but it is not sufficient for requirements of family. This section principally taken up for her sons.

Applicant is well known to Mr. Greenslade, who recommends.

Section granted to Mrs. Kelly without ballot, as she was the only applicant.

*Mr. J. W. Bartlett*: Applicant for Section 83, Subdivision 37. Stated he has capital of £90. Has no stock. Holds no other land, and did not borrow money simply to make application. Is free from debt. Satisfied could work section to advantage.

Passed for ballot.

*Mr. J. Fitzgerald*: Applicant for Section 107, Subdivision 37. Stated he had £80 in cash, including horse valued at £10. Is a married man. Has been farming all his life. At present he is working on the railway. His wife has had some experience in farm-work. His furniture is worth about £25. Is free from debt. Has no partnership. Holds no other land, and did not