

the Council should absorb some 4 or 5 perches of the present section at the corner of Woodward Street. This would, however, mean so serious a loss of space as to make the compensation to be paid by them very heavy, and possibly prevent the improvement taking place. This, however, could be avoided if the Council were in the position of being able to transfer to the owner of the corner section a section of somewhat similar size and value—the one recently vested in the Government.

We shall, therefore, be glad to know if the Government would assist the matter by placing a fair price upon the latter section, when the City Council and the owner could adjust the matter, and a very necessary public work be made possible.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

MACDONALD, WILSON, AND CO.

The Secretary, Crown Lands Department, Wellington.

Valuation Department, Wellington, 20th May, 1907.

Memorandum for the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington.

IN compliance with your request I append herewith copy of report by Mr. Martin, District Valuer, on pieces of Crown lands in and near the City of Wellington.

"I have valued the parcels of land as detailed in the schedule attached to letter of 1st instant, as follows:—

(Here follows schedule referring to six parcels of land.)

These I recommend should be disposed of at public auction. Regarding the balance I wish to make the following suggestions:—

Pt. T.A. 203:

Pt. T.A. 488, Wellington Terrace: 0a. 0r. 06·55p. C.V. £652, U.V. £652 has already been arranged for.

Pt. T.A. 488, Wellington Terrace: 0a. 0r. 04·21p. to be offered to M. A. Williams, whose buildings encroach on it, for £375 cash; in event of offer not being entertained, to be submitted to public auction, with a reserve of £312 10s."

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G. F. C. CAMPBELL, Valuer-General.

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GENTLEMEN,—

Department of Lands, Wellington, 23rd May, 1907.

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, I had already taken action and requested the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington, on the 29th April to furnish me with a valuation of the area in question, but up to this date he has not done so, and I am writing to him again, instructing him that the matter is urgent, and that a reply must be forthcoming at once. I hope to be able to put the matter before the Minister, on his return from Auckland, within the next few days.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WM. C. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

Messrs. Macdonald, Wilson, and Co., Land and Estate Agents, Lambton Quay, Wellington.

Department of Lands, Wellington, 23rd May, 1907.

Commissioner of Crown Lands, Wellington.

Surplus Lands, City of Wellington.

REFERRING to my memo. to you of the 29th April, Government require an immediate valuation obtained, so that the matter may come before Cabinet. Please furnish same without delay. I refer to the area in Wellington Terrace, &c.

WM. C. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

Department of Lands, District Office, Wellington, 29th May, 1907.

The Under-Secretary for Crown Lands, Wellington.

Unclaimed Lands, City of Wellington.—Pts. Sec. 488, City.

REFERRING to your memo. of the 29th ultimo, 41034, I have the honour to forward herewith a tracing showing the portion of 0a. 0r. 6·55p. of the above section, edged in green.

The Valuer-General has advised me that his Valuer puts the capital value of this portion at £652.

The rest of the derelict-section valuations will be forwarded shortly, after I have gone through the values with the Valuer, who is to come here presently for that purpose.

JOHN STRAUCHON,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Enclosure: Tracing.