

The Hon. the Minister of Lands, Wellington.

SIR,—

1st May, 1908.

There has recently been a sale of land effected between the Hon. T. K. Macdonald and the Government. This land was first offered to the Wellington City Council. It is part Section 48, Wellington Terrace. I would be glad if you, Sir, would be good enough to grant me permission to see the correspondence in connection with this matter. The file was, I understand, recently placed at the disposal of a *New Zealand Times* reporter, so I ventured to hope that the same privilege would be granted to me.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
F. M. B. FISHER.

F. M. B. Fisher, Esq., M.P., Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—

Office of the Minister of Lands, Wellington, 4th May, 1908.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date the 1st instant. I am making inquiries into your application, and will communicate with you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

ROBT. McNAB.

Hon. Minister of Lands.—Section 488 evidently is meant, not 48. Please see 78, 91, and subsequent numbers.—F. T. O'NEILL, for U.S.C.L. 7/5/8.

U.S.—Was the file placed at the disposal of a *New Zealand Times* reporter, as stated by Mr. Fisher?—R. McNAB. 8/5/08.

Hon. Minister of Lands.—Our file of papers has not been seen by any reporter.—F. T. O'NEILL, for U.S. Lands. 11/5/08.

F. M. B. Fisher, Esq., M.P., Wellington.

DEAR SIR,—

Office of the Minister of Lands, Wellington, 12th May, 1908.

Referring to my letter to you of date 4th instant, I have made inquiries into your application, and am advised that the file of papers at the Head Office here has not been seen by any reporter. I would suggest that you state specifically what information you desire, as the question of forwarding you same can be considered. It is not usual to submit the whole file of communications for consideration.

Yours faithfully,

ROBT. McNAB.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF LAND BOARD MEETING held on Thursday, 19th December, 1907.

The following applications for land were approved:—

Application.	Applicant.	Section.	Block.	District.	Area.	Purchase-money.	Class.	System.
16141 ...	T. K. Macdonald	Pt. 488	...	City of Wellington	A. 0 R. 0 P. 6.55	£ 652	...	Cash.

True extract.—G. WRIGHT. 5/6/08.

The Hon. Minister of Lands.—This is a copy of the Land Board's minute, which covers all that is required by section 117.—WM. C. KENSINGTON, U.S. 5/6/08.

U.S.—File with papers.—R. McNAB. 5/6/08.

Telegram.—Urgent.

Under-Secretary, Lands, Wellington.

Auckland, 6/6/08.

REFERRING your wire 5th inst., regret being out of town yesterday. Remember bringing your memo. re issuing title direct to T. K. Macdonald before Land Board in Committee, when exception was taken, and power to do so questioned, it being contended that title should in first case issue to City Council; but think that, after more than once again reading over to Board your memo., which I fancy conveyed Cabinet's decision in matter, it was passed. The Board's minutes, however, show what was actually done.

JOHN STRAUCHON,
Commissioner, Crown Lands.

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