

is evidently bent on getting all the available posts and timber of any value off this portion as fast as he can, judging by observation, to use on his freehold and leasehold lands adjoining this run. I enclose a plan of the run, having marked thereon proposed homestead-sites, poor land, steep faces, present fences, and all other information thereon, which, I hope, will give a lucid idea of the property."

Under these circumstances I have to request you to inform the Land Board that, in view of the report by the Valuer-General that the run can be subdivided into smaller areas, the Hon. the Minister of Lands cannot see his way to agree to a renewal of the lease being granted to Mr. R. G. Black.

WM. KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

Enclosure: Tracing.

*Extract from Land Board Proceedings relative to Small Grazing-run No. 43, Waingaromia Survey District, held by Mr. R. G. Black.*

Napier, 14th August, 1908.

THE Board (in committee) considered a letter from the Head Office covering a report by the Valuer-General on Small Grazing-run No. 43, Waingaromia Survey District, held by R. G. Black. and, on the motion of Mr. Bartram, seconded by Mr. Groom, this was adopted, with a decision that the present stock-paddock be reserved, and that in all cases where land is being cut up for settlement provision be made for workers' homes. The run to be subdivided into three and offered under the optional system.

S.G.R. 27/11.

Department of Lands and Survey, Napier, 19th August, 1908.

Mr. R. G. Black, c/o Land Officer, Gisborne.

*Small Grazing-run No. 43, Waingaromia Survey District.*

In continuation of my memo. S.G.R. 27/10, of the 12th June last, I have now to inform you that, consequent on the receipt of an exhaustive report by the Valuer-General, wherein he states the run could be suitably divided into three lots, it has been finally decided that a renewal of the lease cannot be granted to you.

A subdivisational survey will therefore be carried out, and the land offered for selection under the optional system in due course.

HENRY TRENT,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

2459/150, S.G. Runs.

Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Napier, 19th August, 1908.

The Under-Secretary for Lands, Wellington.

*Small Grazing-run No. 43, Waingaromia Survey District (R. G. Black).*

In reply to your memo. No. 57766 of the 8th instant, herein I have the honour to inform you that the Land Board, on the 14th instant, decided to adopt the course suggested by the report of the Valuer-General and approved by the Hon. the Minister of Lands. Mr. Black has been notified accordingly.

HENRY TRENT,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Minister of Lands, Wellington.

Napier, 1st September, 1908.

NOTICE re offer 900 acres Small Grazing-run 43 issued by Commissioner on authority Under Secretary when in Napier 11th May.

BLACK.

(Urgent.)

Mr. Black, Napier.

1st September, 1908.

FORWARD at once copy or the original of notice you refer to re the 900 acres.

ROBERT McNAB.

O.H.M.S., urgent.

Commissioner Crown Lands, Napier.

W'n, 1/9/1908.

Re Small Grazing-run 43, Waingaromia, and your memo. of the 19th August, and my memo. to you of the 8th August: Please send me copy of some notice that Mr. Black wires that you sent him offering him 900 acres on authority of Under-Secretary when in Napier eleventh May. There is no memo. from you that explains your having sent such a notice. If such notice sent, please post copy by return mail for Minister's information.

WILLIAM KENSINGTON, Under-Secretary.

S.G.R. 27/15.

Department of Lands and Survey, District Office, Napier, 1st September, 1908.

The Under-Secretary of Lands, Wellington.

*Small Grazing-run 43, Waingaromia Survey District.*

In compliance with your request as contained in your telegram of even date, I now send you a copy of the notice Mr. R. G. Black refers to, and, in order to make the matter clear, I wish to place before you the following statement:—