

purposes to which it shall have been dedicated shall, so soon as possible after it shall have been made, be published in the *Government Gazette* of the Province, and set forth on the authenticated maps in the Land Office: Provided that the Superintendent may, if the Provincial Council be not then sitting, temporarily reserve land for such purposes until the next session of such Council.

20. Reserves for public highways, bridle-paths, and foot-paths shall be made by the Superintendent, and shall be set forth on the authenticated maps in the Land Office. The Superintendent and the Provincial Council may, by Ordinance, alter the line of any such highways, bridle-paths, and footpaths, and dispose of the land theretofore used for the same.

21. The Superintendent may temporarily reserve any land for the preservation or sale of the timber thereon; but such land may at any time cease so to be reserved upon a resolution of the Provincial Council.

22. The Superintendent may, upon the recommendation of the Provincial Council, by proclamation in the *Government Gazette*, reserve for the operation of these Regulations any tract of country in which the precious metals may be found to exist; and the land within such tract of country shall be disposed of according to Regulations hereafter to be issued and published in that behalf, in the same manner and under the same authority as these present Regulations.

VI.—TOWN LANDS.

23. The sites of Towns shall be determined by the Superintendent, upon the recommendation of the Provincial Council, and shall be notified by proclamation in the *Government Gazette* of the Province.

24. Town lands shall be sold by public auction, in sections, the size and upset price of which shall be determined by the Superintendent and the Provincial Council; and having been so determined for each town severally, shall not again be altered.

25. The time and place of every auction sale shall be fixed by the Superintendent, and shall be notified in the *Government Gazette*, and one or more newspapers of the Province, at least thirty days before such sale shall take place.

26. No such notification of any sale of town lands shall be published until a map of the town, signed by the Chief Surveyor, shall have been laid open for public inspection in the Land Office; and such map shall set forth, accurately delineated, all the town sections numbered consecutively, so far as laid out, showing the sections to be submitted for sale, and the public reserves in connection with them.

27. Town sections may be put up to auction, either by order of the Superintendent, or upon the application of some person who shall, at the time of making such application, deposit ten per cent. of the upset price with the Treasurer of the Waste Lands Board. Such deposit shall, if no deposit on the upset price be made, be considered as the deposit upon the sale at such public auction.

28. If any section shall be purchased by other than the original applicant, the deposit money shall be forthwith returned on demand.

29. Ten days at least before any such auction sale, a list of all the sections about to be offered for sale shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and one or more newspapers of the Province.

30. Every auction sale of land shall be held by the Commissioners in open court, as hereinbefore provided.

31. The person who shall be declared the highest bidder at such auction shall immediately pay a deposit of ten per cent. of the purchase money to the Treasurer, and, in default thereof, the section shall be again immediately put up to auction.

32. The remainder of the purchase money shall be paid to the Treasurer in full within one week after the day of sale; and, in default thereof, the purchaser shall forfeit his deposit money, and also all right or title to the land; and the section may be sold to any person applying for the same for the price at which it was knocked down at the auction; and if not so sold, the section may be again put up to auction at any future sale.

33. Upon payment of the purchase money in full, the purchaser shall receive from the Commissioners a "License to Occupy," in the form set forth in Schedule A to the Waste Lands Regulations, and such license shall be restored to the Commissioners upon the receipt of a Crown Grant of the land purchased.

VII.—RURAL LAND.

34. All lands not included in any of the foregoing Regulations shall be open for sale as rural land, at a uniform price of forty shillings per acre.

35. Save as hereinafter provided, no section of rural land shall be sold containing less than twenty acres; but any section so limited by frontage lines or private lands as to contain less than twenty acres may be sold by auction at the upset price of forty shillings per acre; the time and place of sale and the mode of sale and payment of purchase money to be as nearly as may be in accordance with the Regulations herein contained applicable to the sale of Town Land: Provided, nevertheless, that if any section so limited shall be included in a pasturage license with pre-emptive right, the holder of such license shall be entitled to exercise such pre-emptive right under these Regulations upon payment of the sum of forty pounds for such section.

36. Every section of rural land shall be in one block, and, except as hereinafter provided, of a rectangular form, and, if bounded by a frontage line, shall be of a depth of half a mile (or forty chains) from such frontage.

37. Where, from the frontage not being a straight line, or from the interference of other frontage lines, natural features, or the boundaries of private lands, the above rules in respect of form cannot be accurately observed, the form of the section shall be determined as nearly in accordance with these rules as, in the judgment of the Board, circumstances will admit.

38. In sections of land not adjacent to or bounded by a frontage line, all the sides may be equal; but one side may not be less than one-third of the other, and such section shall not be less than half a mile distant from a frontage line.

39. Any person possessing a section of land may at any time select another adjacent thereto, of such form that the two together, being considered as one section, shall be in the form required for a single section under the foregoing rules.

40. Immediately on the payment of the purchase money, the purchaser shall receive from the Commissioners a "License to Occupy" in the form set forth in the Schedule B hereunto annexed; and as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, the land shall be laid off by a Government Surveyor as nearly in accordance with the description given by the purchaser in his application as these Regulations will admit: Provided that whenever the lands selected shall be without the surveyed districts, the expense of the survey, and of connecting such surveys with the existing surveys, shall be borne by the purchaser, who shall at the time of purchase deposit the amount of the estimated cost of such surveys with the Treasurer of the Waste Lands Board, which shall be made as soon as practicable by order of the

* A frontage line shall be taken to mean the boundary of a road, river, or public reserve, or any stream or watercourse which shall have been declared by notification in the *Government Gazette* to constitute a frontage for the purpose of selection.

Chief Surveyor: Provided always that should any section, when surveyed, prove to differ in any respect from that intended by the purchaser, the Government will not be responsible for any loss or inconvenience which the purchaser may experience, nor will the purchase money be returned: Provided also that if the Surveyor shall find that the whole extent of land in the selected locality falls short of the quantity paid for by the purchaser, the Treasurer shall re-pay so much of the purchase money as exceeds the price of the land to be conveyed. The "License to Occupy" shall, in any case, be amended by the Commissioners in accordance with the report of the Surveyor, and the Crown Grant shall be made out in accordance therewith; and the "License" shall be returned to the Commissioners when the Crown Grant shall be issued.

41. Any person making a ditch and bank fence to lands adjoining waste lands of the Crown, may take out of such waste lands half the land required for the ditch and bank: Provided that no ditch or bank shall be more than six feet in width.

VIII.—COMPENSATION LANDS.

42. Whereas it is desirable that private persons should be enabled to receive portions of waste land in exchange for private lands taken for roads or for other public purposes: If any person shall be entitled to receive any compensation in respect of any land which shall have been taken for the purposes of a road or of any other public work, or in respect of any damages done to his property by the taking of such land for such purposes, such person shall, upon application to the Waste Lands Board, be entitled to a grant of rural land in such situation as he shall select, subject to the conditions as to form and frontage in these Regulations contained, to the extent of one acre for every two pounds sterling of the amount of compensation which the applicant shall be entitled to receive in respect of the land taken for such purposes, or in respect of such damage as aforesaid.

43. If any person shall contract with the Superintendent to make and complete within a given time any public road, bridge, or drain, or any part of any such road, bridge, or drain, furnishing such security as the Superintendent may require for the due completion of such contract, and shall select such portion of rural land as he shall be willing to accept by way of payment or compensation, or by way of part payment or compensation for such work, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent to reserve such portion of land from public sale for such given time, but no longer; and such person shall, on the completion of such contract, be entitled to a free grant of such land, or so much thereof as the Board shall adjudge, not exceeding one acre for every two pounds sterling which the Superintendent shall certify to the Waste Lands Board to be the *bona fide* value of the work so done by such person, according to the prices for work and materials at the time of performing such contract current in the district.

Every such reservation of land from public sale shall be published in the *Government Gazette* of the Province, as directed in clause 19 of these Regulations.

No such reservation shall continue in force for a longer period than twelve calendar months from the date on which it shall have been made.

No land included in a Pasturage License with pre-emptive right shall, as against the holder of such pre-emptive right, be so reserved or granted until he shall have been allowed the option of purchasing such land in the manner prescribed in clauses 64 and 66 of these Regulations.

No greater amount of land than 250 acres shall, under the provisions of this clause, be reserved or granted to any person under any such contract, unless in payment of work for which a vote has been passed by the Provincial Council.

No greater amount of land than 1000 acres in the aggregate shall in any one year be reserved or granted under the provisions of this clause, without the special sanction of the Provincial Council.

Provided always, that every parcel of land so granted shall be subjected to the same conditions as to form and frontage as any rural land sold under these Regulations: Provided also that no application for less than twenty acres shall be received under this clause: but that where any amount of compensation awarded by the Board shall be of less extent than twenty acres of land, the person entitled may pay the balance in cash, upon the same terms as other applicants, for the purchase of rural lands under these Regulations.

IX.—NAVAL AND MILITARY BOUNTIES.

44. Whereas the Superintendent and the Provincial Council, and other the inhabitants of Canterbury, are desirous to aid in making provision for the maintenance of such persons of her Majesty's land and sea forces as may be discharged as unfit for further service, in consequence of wounds or loss of health incurred in the present war with Russia, and also for the maintenance of the widows of those who may be killed in such war:—

Any such person or widow shall, upon application to the Waste Lands Board, and upon the production of satisfactory evidence from the proper authorities as to such discharge or death, be entitled to receive a free grant not exceeding thirty acres of the waste lands within this Province, subject to the conditions as to form and frontage contained in these Regulations: Provided always that such application shall be made to the Waste Lands Board by such person or widow in person, within three years after such discharge or death.

X.—PASTURAGE.

45. Until sold, granted, or reserved for public purposes, as herein provided, the waste lands may be occupied for pasturage purposes by persons holding licenses from the Waste Lands Board to occupy the same.

46. Any person applying for a pasturage license shall state to the Commissioners what are the boundaries and extent of the run applied for, and the number and description of the stock which he possesses, or will undertake to place upon the run within twelve months from the date of the license.

47. The extent of run allowed to each applicant shall be at the rate of 120 acres to every head of great cattle, and twenty acres to every head of small cattle. The words "great cattle" shall be construed to mean horned cattle, horses, mules, and asses (male and female), with their offspring above six months of age; and the words "small cattle" shall be construed to mean sheep (male and female), with their weaned offspring.

48. Every pasturage run shall be in one block, and, as far as circumstances will admit, of a rectangular form: the frontage, under ordinary circumstances, shall not be greater than one-half the depth.

49. The fee to be paid for the license shall be at the following rates:—For every run containing less than 1000 acres, twenty shillings for every hundred acres; for every run containing 1000 acres and not less than 5000, twopenny per acre for the first thousand, and one penny per acre for every acre in addition.

For every run containing 5000 acres or upwards, one farthing per acre for the first and second years, one-half penny per acre for the third and fourth years; three farthings per acre for the fifth and every subsequent year: Provided that the first year shall be taken to be the time elapsing from the date of the original license to the first day of May next following.

50. No pasturage license shall be granted for a less annual fee than £2 10s.

51. The fee shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Waste Lands Board, every year, in advance; for the first year