

SPIRITED SALE OF SECTIONS

A freehold subdivision of 20 sections (about five acres) at Oakura sold for around \$6000 per section in a spirited auction on the site today.

A crowd of more than 300 attended, but most of the bidding came from three buyers who between them took 10 of the first 13 lots offered. The other three were passed in.

The highest price in the

**\$1.41 FOR
\$79,200**

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EDINBURGH, Friday. — Over a three-year period it cost £45,000 (\$72,200) to operate the Inchinnan swing bridge across the River Cart in Central Scotland. In all that time the bridge was opened only four times to let ships through.

Net revenue: 80 pence (\$1.41).

This figure caught the eye of Auditor-General Sir David Pitblado, in his annual perusal of Government accounts.

"Do we need to keep the bridge manned 24 hours a

initial stages was \$6000 for two of the choice sections in the partly-developed, flat area of land in Jans Terrace.

Bidding began at \$4000 in each case, and rose by \$1000 to \$5000, and from there by increases of \$500 and then \$100.

The sections owned by Mr R. J. Jans, varied in size from 703 sq. m. to 1523 sq. m. The two sold for \$6100 were 950 sq. m. and 778 sq. m. Those passed in were some of the largest.

FARMING

Mr Jans said today his family had owned the land for 45 years. To begin with it was a 100-acre farm, but over the years parts had been sold for housing.

The Oakura Motor Camp was started by his father because of interest people were showing in the beach.

There had been a terrific amount of interest in the subdivision, which highlighted the shortage of housing in and around New Plymouth.

"Oakura must go ahead,

but the small number of sections available must hinder progress."

MOVING OUT

Mr Jans suggested more landowners in the area should develop subdivisions. The settlement was close to the city and with the beach, golf, tennis and bowling facilities nearby, it was ideal.

"People are tending to move out of New Plymouth in favour of a place like this, and in the next 10 years the place should really develop."

BUSY

TOKYO, Today (NZPA) intense activity in Tokyo, the of Tourism and the Environ Sullivan, appeared on three works, gave half a dozen Pro calls on Japanese Ministers.

The aims of Mrs Tirikatene-Sullivan's brief visit to Japan are to promote and publicise New Zealand and its tourist attractions, to get wide cove-