

placed on the question of payments for lands by settlers, and for that purpose alone is reference made.

5. And whereas by section 26 of said Act it was provided that the existing rights, if any, of any persons or corporations in ANY OF THE LANDS SO TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE COMPANY shall not be affected by this Act. H. & N. Co.'s Deed. 70, line 46.

6. And whereas by section 5 of the said Act it was provided that the Government of Canada should be entitled out of such excepted tract to lands equal in extent to those ALIENATED UP TO THE DATE OF THE SAID ACT BY CROWN GRANT, PRE-EMPTION OR OTHERWISE, within the limits of the grant mentioned in the said section 3. H. & N. Co.'s D. 70, line 8.

B. C. GAZETTE, JUNE 19TH, 1884.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE—ISLAND RAILWAY LANDS.

7. Notice is hereby given that on and after the 1st of June next ALL THOSE LANDS which are reserved for railway purposes on Vancouver Island WILL BE OPEN FOR PRE-EMPTION by actual settlers at the rate of one dollar per acre as PROVIDED BY THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT ACT 47 VIC., CH. 14. Squatters who have occupied and improved ANY OF THE LANDS WITHIN THIS TRACT should make immediate application for a record of the same upon printed forms for the purpose, which can be obtained from the Government Agent for the District O. C. 13.

WILLIAM SMITHE,

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Victoria, B. C., May 7th, 1884.

8. "Seeing that the Province was suffering by reason of so much land being tied for railway purposes, and that intending settlers were being lost to the Province, the Government adopted a method as stated by D. W. Gordon (M. P. for Nanaimo District), on the floor of the House of Commons August 18th, 1891, as follows: 'The Commissioners would take the application and put it on file so that when the lands were dealt with according to the laws of the Province for the time being, it was understood that he would get the first opportunity of purchasing that land at the time the Settlement Act was being passed. I felt assured that a great many of these settlers would feel it a hardship in this way—and it is this point to which I wish to call the attention of the Minister of Justice (Sir John Thompson)—that instead of going on this land with a view of grabbing it away from the Crown, they were induced by local representatives to go there with Hansard, 1891. 4205.