

of occupation for two years from date of pre-emption, and of having made permanent improvements on the land to the value of two dollars and fifty cents per acre, the settler, on producing the pre-emption certificate, obtains a certificate of improvement.

After obtaining the certificate of improvement and paying for the land, the settler is entitled to a Crown grant in fee simple.

PAYMENT FOR LAND AND CROWN GRANT.

The price of Crown lands recorded or pre-empted, is *one dollar per acre*, which must be paid in *four equal instalments*, as follows: -First instalment, one year from date of record or pre-emption, and each other instalment yearly thereafter, until the full amount is paid. But the last instalment is not payable till after the survey. The Crown grant excludes gold and silver ore and coal.

No Crown grant can be issued to an alien who may have recorded or pre-empted by virtue of his declaring his intention to become a British subject, unless he has become naturalized.

The heirs or devisees of the homestead settler are, if resident in the province, entitled to the Crown grant, on his decease.

If they are absent from the province at the time of his death, the Chief Commissioner may dispose of the pre-emption, and make such provision for the person entitled thereto, as he may deem just.

PRE-EMPTIONS FOR PARTNERSHIP PURPOSES.

Partners, not exceeding four, may pre-empt, as a firm, 160 acres, west of the Cascades, to each partner, and 320 acres, east of the Cascades, to each partner.

Each partner must represent his interest in the firm by actual residence on the land, of himself or agent. But each partner, or his agent, need not reside on his particular pre-emption.

The partners, or their agents, may reside together on one homestead, if the homestead be situated on any part of the partnership pre-emption.

For obtaining a certificate of improvement, it is sufficient to show that improvements have been made on some portion of the claim, amounting, in aggregate, to two dollars and fifty cents per acre on the whole land.

SALE OF SURVEYED LANDS.

Surveyed lands, which are not the sites of towns or suburbs thereof, and not Indian settlements, may be purchased at the rate of one dollar per acre after such lands shall have been offered for sale, at the upset price of one dollar per acre, by public auction, of which sale due and sufficient notice shall be given. Surveyed lands purchased under the provisions of this section must be paid for in full at the time of the purchase thereof.

SALE OF UNSURVEYED LANDS.

The applicant to purchase unsurveyed Crown

lands must give two months' notice of his intended application in the Government Gazette, and in any news paper circulated in the district where the lands is situate.

He must also have the land surveyed at his own expense, by a surveyor approved of and acting under the instructions of the Chief Commissioner.

The price is *one dollar per acre*, to be paid in full at time of purchase.

The quantity of land must be not less than 160 acres.

WATER RIGHTS.

Landholders may divert, for agricultural or other purposes, the required quantity of unrecorded and unappropriated water from the natural channel of any stream, lake, &c., adjacent to or passing through their land, upon obtaining the written authority of the Commissioner.

HOMESTEAD ACT.

Most important Act. The farm and buildings, when registered, cannot be taken for debt incurred after the registration; it is free from seizure up to a value not greater than 2500 dollars (£500 English); goods and chattels are also free up to 500 dollars (£100 English); cattle "farmed on shares" are also protected by an Exemption Act.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The rails are now laid on the Canada Pacific to a point 14 miles east of Port Arthur, on the Lake Superior division, and in about ten days tracklaying will begin at Nepigon, a distance of 57 miles, coming westward. It is thought this much will be ready for operation by the first of October. Mr. Ross, superintendent of the work, thinks that an additional 23 miles will be completed east of Nepigon ere the season closes. The work is not as difficult as was at first imagined. The main line west is now ironed to a point within 113 miles of Calgary. The work west of that point is also progressing very satisfactorily under the direction of Supt. of Construction Ross, acting on behalf of the Northern American Railway Construction Company. Men are now at work grading the first 20 miles of the Rocky Mountain division, and a contract for 20 miles more is just on the eve of being let. *Mail.*

An important Land Sale by public auction, will take place on the 15th inst. at the Auction House of J. P. Davies & Co. this City, commencing at noon. The land to be sold consists of 12,769 acres of surveyed land, released from the Island Railway Belt and located in North and South Saanich, Highland, Lake, Esquimalt, Metchesin and Sooke, reference being had to the maps at the Office of the Auctioneers, as to exact location of the various parcels, will more fully appear. This sale is by order of the Government.