

divided up accordingly; tickets shall be prepared, each to contain thereon a description of the lands intended to satisfy the particular claim, for which a book of record shall be prepared; then, everything being prepared, the tickets may be put into a box, and the Lieutenant Governor shall draw them at random. Claimants of the age of 18, and over, shall receive their patents without unnecessary delay, and minors, on arriving at that age; in the settlement of Crown Lands, unappropriated public lands shall, until further directions, be open for sale, at the rate of \$1 an acre in cash.

3. Pre-emption Rights :—Any person, being the head of a family, or a single man above the age of 21 years, who has made, or shall hereafter make, a settlement in person on the public lands, who has inhabited and improved the same, and who has erected, or shall erect a dwelling thereon, may have himself entered with the land-officer of the division in which such land is, for any number of acres, not exceeding 160, or a quarter section of land, to include the residence of the claimant; and being a subject of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, may obtain a patent therefor, upon paying to the Crown the price of such lands.

4. Homestead and Volunteers' Rights :—Any person who is the head of a family, or who has attained the age of 21 years, shall, after the 1st day of May, 1871, be entitled to be entered for one quarter section, or a less quantity, of unappropriated public lands, for the purpose of securing homestead rights. With respect thereof, each officer and man of the Ontario and Quebec battalion of rifles, now in Manitoba, shall be entitled to a free grant of one quarter section. No other person shall be entitled to more than one homestead right at any time; and after the first of May, 1874, the Governor may withdraw from the operation of the above system, to the width of three townships on each side of the line, then sanctioned for the Inter-Oceanic Railway.