

or they, or some of them, have resided upon and cultivated the land during the said term of three years, shall be entitled to a patent for the land; provided such proof is accepted by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, or in his absence by a member of the Land Board, and on payment of one dollar per acre for the land: Provided also, that the patent therefor shall not issue to any person not then a subject of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization:

(b.) Provided, that in case of a settler who may have obtained homestead entry for land occupied by him previous to survey thereof, in manner hereinbefore mentioned, residence upon and cultivation of the land for three years next preceding the application for patent shall, for the purpose of the issue of patent, be held to be equivalent to that prescribed in the foregoing sub-clause of this section, if such residence and cultivation be otherwise in conformity with the provisions of these regulations:

Sec. 23. Any person proving that he has resided on the land for which he has homestead entry for twelve months from the date of his perfecting his entry therefor, and that he has brought under cultivation at least thirty acres thereof, may, before the expiration of the three years defined in sub-section (b) of Section 22, obtain a patent by paying two dollars and fifty cents per acre for the land:

Sec. 24. Any person claiming a patent under a homestead entry shall also be entitled thereto upon making payment therefor at the rate of one dollar per acre and proving to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Dominion Lands or the Dominion Lands Board,—

(a.) That he perfected his homestead entry by commencing the cultivation of the homestead within six months from the date of his homestead entry;

(b.) That within the first year after the date of his homestead entry he broke and prepared for crop not less than five acres of his homestead quarter-section; or if the land affected by his homestead entry be timber land, then in lieu of breaking and preparing for crop five acres he may substitute therefor the clearing and fencing of three acres;

(c.) That within the second year he cropped the said five acres, and broke and prepared for crop not less than ten acres in addition, making not less than fifteen acres in all; or if the land affected by his homestead entry be timber land in lieu of cropping five acres and, breaking and preparing for crop ten acres additional, he may substitute therefor cropping the three acres broken the previous year and clearing and fencing five acres in addition, making in all eight acres cleared and fenced, three of which shall also be cropped;

(d.) That he has erected a habitable house upon his homestead before the expiration of the second year after his homestead entry, and has *bona fide* resided therein and has cultivated the land for three years next prior to the date of his application for his patent;

(e.) That at the commencement of the third year after the date of his homestead entry, or previously, he commenced the residence on his homestead required by the next preceding paragraph of this section: