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New Land Act Names This Sum as Minimum
Price—Increased Patronage for Minister

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The new Dominion Lands act now before parliament is an entire amendment of the existing legislation and is much less complicated.

NEW PATRONAGE.

Subsection three of section eight provides as follows:

"The minister may reserve for one year any area of agricultural land not exceeding one quarter section, for any male of the full age of seventeen years, who lives on a homestead with his father, mother, brother, sister or guardian. Provided that—

(a) the person for whom such a reservation is made shall, when he attains the age of eighteen years, make application for entry for such land as a homestead;

(b) there shall be ten acres of such land cultivated between the date of the reservation and the date of such application;

(c) in the event of failure to comply with these conditions, the reservation shall cease and determine and the land shall be open for entry to any person eligible to obtain entry for a homestead."

SQUATTERS' RIGHTS.

Section nine dealing with certain squatters provides:

"A person who has bona fide settled and made improvements on land before the survey thereof and is in occupation of such land at the time of survey, shall, if eligible under this act to make entry for a homestead, have prior right to obtain entry for the land so settled on. Provided that such right is exercised within six months after notice in writing that such land is open for entry has been given by the local agent to such person, or to a grown up person found on the land so settled on, or has been posted in a conspicuous place thereon; and that entry shall not be allowed for more than a quarter section as a homestead."

PERSONAL APPLICATION.

The department has found it necessary owing to the abuses arising out of the agency application, that is one person applying for another, to insert the following clause:

"Every application for entry shall be made by the applicant in person, except where cause is shown to the minister for allowing entry by attorney or agent, and he directs accordingly; and, in the event of such entry being allowed, application shall be made in either of the forms F or G in the schedule of this act, and the affidavit in support thereof shall be made on form H in the said schedule."

PRE-EMPTIONS.

It was recently announced that the government would throw open certain lands for pre-emption by farmers under certain conditions. The clause of the new bill dealing with this matter is as follows:

"A person who has obtained entry for a homestead and who continues to hold the land included therein, but has not acquired or does not hold a pre-emption, may pre-empt any available quarter section lying alongside such homestead or separated therefrom by only a road allowance, and upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars, such quarter section shall be entered in the books of the land office and in the returns of the agent as appertaining to the homestead, and the agent shall issue a receipt for fee in the form O in the schedule of this act; and upon (a) completing the requirements necessary to obtaining letters patent for his homestead, (b) residing on his homestead or on the land so appertaining thereto for at least six months in each of six years subsequent to the date of entry for his homestead, (c) cultivating, in addition to such cultivation as he may be required to make on his homestead, fifty acres, either on his homestead or the land appertaining thereto, and (d) paying for such land on the terms hereinafter set forth, such person shall be entitled to letters patent therefor:

"Provided that this right to pre-empt a quarter section lying alongside a homestead or separated therefrom by only a road allowance from a quarter section taken as part of a land grant by any railway company, or included in any tract of land reserved for the purpose of their being selected therefrom land for a railway land grant.

"2. A person who, previous to this enactment, obtained a homestead, but did not acquire or does not hold a pre-emption, and lying alongside whose homestead there is not a quarter section available for pre-emption under subsection 1 of this section, may, after the issue of letters patent for his homestead, or upon completing the requirements for the quarter section, pre-empt any quarter section open for entry as a homestead in the manner set forth in this section; and upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars, for which a receipt shall be issued as aforesaid, such quarter section shall be entered in the books of the land office and in the returns of the agent as so pre-empted; and after (a) residing upon the quarter section so pre-empted six months in each of the three years subsequent to the date of pre-emption, (b) cultivating fifty acres thereon, and (c) paying for such land on the terms hereinafter set forth, he shall be entitled to letters patent for the quarter section. Provided that if the quarter section so pre-empted is situated within a distance of not more than nine miles from the homestead, residence upon the homestead may be reckoned as residence upon such quarter section. And provided further that when it is shown to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the conditions obtaining in any township, or group of townships are such as make the requirement of fifty acres of cultivation excessive, he may fix a lesser area.

"4. The minimum rate payable for land under this section shall be three dollars an acre, and the amount to be paid shall be payable one-third on the expiration of three years from the date of the receipt for the fee for pre-emption, and the balance in five equal annual instalments, and the interest shall be payable at the rate of five per centum per annum at the end of each year from the date of the said receipt on the amount remaining unpaid at the time. Provided that, on the completion of the requirements requisite under this section for obtaining letters patent for a pre-empted quarter section, payment in full may be made for the same and letters patent therefor may be thereupon issued.

"5. A person who has obtained a pre-emption to purchase shall, pending the issue of letters patent, have the same rights in and to the lands pre-empted as are conveyed by an entry for a homestead under this act and the agent's receipt for the fee in either of the forms O or P in the schedule to this act shall be the evidence thereof, and the provisions of this act as to the completion of the requirements for obtaining letters patent and the issue thereof in the case of a person who obtained entry for a homestead dying or becoming insane or mentally incapable shall mutatis mutandis, apply.

"6. If a person who has pre-empted a quarter section fails to fulfil in any year the requirements of this act in respect to his homestead or such quarter section, the minister may cancel the pre-emption and in his discretion cause to be refunded any moneys paid on account thereof.

"7. Failure on the part of the person who has pre-empted a quarter section to apply for letters patent therefor within a period of eight years from the date of the pre-emption shall render his right thereto liable to forfeiture on the order of the minister."

Count Leo Tolstoy has written letters to Paul Sabatier, Paris, apropos of the letters recent book on the disestablishment of the church in France, in which the famous Russian author predicts the possible reunion of all the christian churches of the west to a state of vassalage to the Japanese and other Oriental peoples. He bases his prediction on the ground that it is only in the Orient that religion and patriotism are synonymous. Count Tolstoy said in part: "Religion is truth and goodness, the church falsehood and evil. I tell you frankly, I cannot agree with those who believe that the church is an organisation indispensable to religion."

The grand commission for Alberta and Saskatchewan finished its session, held in Medicine Hat during the week. It was decided to make a strong representation to the two governments concerning the need of

Rev. Jas. H. McCallum, for over 30 years rector in St. Thomas church, Toronto, dropped dead in his home on Friday last. Deceased who is over eighty years of age was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. A widow, three sons and two daughters survive him.

A C.P.R. east bound freight was wrecked east of Taber, Alta. early Friday morning, a broken flange on the tender resulting in the derailment of thirteen cars. The wreck was cleared after thirteen hours work. No person was injured and the engine suffered no damage.

John Stamand and Wm. Roughley got into an altercation in the Ottawa House at Kenora, and during the fight Stamand kicked Roughley so violently that he died shortly after. Stamand had been arrested and locked up pending the coroner's inquest.

Jas. Morton of Shellbrook, dropped dead in the Queen's hotel at Prince Albert on Friday last. He was in that city on business, and was sitting in the rotunda of the hotel when he suddenly fell forward and expired. Apoplexy was the cause of death. Mr. Morton leaves a widow and large family.

The Dominion government has leased the Beaubarnois canal to Robert & McIntyre of Montreal for power development purposes. It will pay the government a rental of \$12,000 a year, and will have to supply power to neighboring cities and municipalities at rates subject to the control of the government.

The discovery of a gold district said to be as rich as that of the Klondike is causing people at Baddeck, Cape Breton to anticipate a rush to that section of the country. Already upwards of one thousand claims have been filed. Ore, which assays thousands of dollars to the ton, have been taken from the Wagonamack region. This however is unproved and a great deal of ore is of much inferior quality.

A serious accident occurred on the C.P.R. at Erie on Tuesday night by which one man was injured and several cars of merchandise were destroyed. A west bound freight, coupled with the rear of the local, and as a result the passenger car and three freight cars were derailed and burned. John Ord, a passenger was caught between the coach and the nearest freight car, but escaped with slight injuries.

William K. Thomas, a brakeman on the Morrissey, Fernie and Mitchell railway was instantly killed on the 10th inst. The train crew were engaged in placing slack cars over bins of the coal oven, and the man in attempting to board the moving train, missed his footing and fell beneath the wheels, his body being crushed in a frightful manner. He was 55 years old, a native of Newfoundland, and unmarried.

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