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CROWN LANDS AT \$3.00 PER ACRE 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 upon, 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 on 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 along side 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 sub-section 1 of this section, may, after the issue of letters patent for his homestead, or upon completing the requirements for the quarter section patent therefor, 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 (d) 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 fulfill 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.

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Rev. Jas. H. McColm, 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 Starnand and Wm. Roughley got into an altercation in the Ottawa House at Kenora, and during the fight Starnand kicked Roughley so violently that he died shortly after. Starnand has been arrested and locked up pending the coroner's inquest.

Jas. Morton of Shelbrook, 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 the ore is of much inferior quality.

Count Leo Tolstoy has written letters to Esau 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 organization 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

resolving brands of which there are 34,000, quite a number of them being discharged. Proposition is to cancel all brands and re-act on application for a term of four years.

Prisoners of Winnipeg are making another desperate effort to save Muriel, the murderer who is doomed to die on Jan. 16. E. L. Howell has left for Ottawa to interview the department of justice, and endeavor to secure a postponement of the execution, until further evidence can be secured to place before the department. Notwithstanding this the execution of the gallows is continuing and in a day or so will be completed.

E. H. Moore, lumberman; William Anderson, manager; George H. Rochester, lumberman; R. E. McCracken and Alexander Black, Ottawa; C. H. Sandercock, lumberman; Frederick C. Baker, merchant; A. H. Woodman, agent; Prince Albert, and J. H. Lamont, Regina, have been incorporated to transact a lumber business under the name of "The Prince Rupert Timber and Lumber Company," with a total capital of \$450,000 and the head office in Ottawa.

Dr. J. G. Hardy, one of the best known physicians of the Moose Mountain district, died early an illness at Carlyle. He had practiced in the west for fifteen years, ten of which were spent at Camdenville Manor. He was a liberal in politics, and several years was president of the Carlyle Liberal Association. He was born in England and was a graduate of Edinburgh and London universities.

A large deputation of western members of the house of commons waited upon the minister of customs and asked for a lower duty on threshing outfits, which have been increased rather than decreased. For instance, the duty on a threshing outfit is 24 per cent, that on the engine and separator together, but if the separator is brought in by itself the duty will be 25 p.c., and if the engine is brought in separately, the duty will be 27 1/2 p.c.

A serious accident occurred on the C.P.R. at Ernie 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 back 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.

S.O.E.B.S. SMOKER The Sons of England held a very successful smoker and concert in their lodge rooms on Wednesday evening last. Over fifty members were present. Before the program and refreshments the following officers were elected:

Past Pres.—F. M. Jackson. President—A. McDonald. Vice Pres.—A. G. Olvera. Chaplain—R. Fletcher. Treasurer—H. Helme. Secretary—F. Bland. Asst. secretary—J. Sealey. Surgeons—H. M. Stephens and W. Coles. First Com.—G. Sealey. Second com.—T. R. McCool. Third com.—B. Simmons. Fourth com.—F. Rhey. Fifth com.—E. King. Sixth com.—R. Digworth. Inside guard—A. Quirk. Outside guard—B. Beachey. Auditors—H. M. Stephens, K. M. Stone, E. B. Lorrimer. Trustees—W. Hays, Dr. Coles, G. Burrows.

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WEEKLY REVIEW

The C.P.R. survey has commenced from Weyburn to Lethbridge. Weyburn is the largest wheat shipping point in the province. The yield this year is 1,800,000 bushels. The Young Women's Christian Association building at St. Thomas, Ont., was struck by lightning last week. Little damage was done. News has been received at North Bedford that the body of Alex. Crawford, a homesteader, had been found on the prairie. The unfortunate man had frozen to death. The first instalment of ice on the dam at Galt, Ont., came down on Friday morning at 7 o'clock and a small flood is now in progress. The breaking up of the ice is the earliest in forty-nine years. The mild weather and the rains of the last few days are responsible. A tidal wave has devastated some of the Dutch East India Islands. The loss is great. According to a brief official dispatch, three hundred persons perished on the island of Tana, while forty others are known to have perished on the island of Simatu.

Canadian cattle are in good demand in England. Glasgow cables are 12 to 12 1/2 for best and 10 1/2 to 11 for seconds and ranchers. Local markets are firm with prices about the same as last week. Ephraim Rodgers, an old hunter and fisherman who lived by himself near Maria Lake, was burned to death recently, his charred remains were found among the ruins of his home. Word has been received at the department of provincial health, Winnipeg of an outbreak of smallpox at Reston, Man. Dr. Macdonald of Brandon, health inspector for the district, has visited the town and quarantined the cases, three in number. According to railroad officials at St. Paul, North Dakota has just experienced one of the worst snow storms in its history. Never have trains had so much difficulty in getting through the state and railway men fear coal and fuel famine may cause loss of life.