

Presbytery Meetings.

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 Calgary, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Kamloops, Vernon, 20 Aug.
 Kootenay, Nelson, B.C. Feb. 17.
 Westminster, Chilliwack 1 Sept. 8 p. m.
 Victoria, Victoria Tues, 1 Sept. 2 p. m.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST
 Portage la Prairie, 8 March.
 Brandon, Brandon, Superior, Port Arthur, March.
 Winnipeg, Man. Coll. 15-mo.
 Rock Lake, Pilot M'd., 2 Tues. Feb.
 Glenboro, Tréme, 3 Mar.
 Portage, P. La Prairie, 24 March
 Minnedosa, Minnedosa, 17 Feb.
 Regina, at call of moderator.
 Melina, Moosejaw, Tues. 1 Sept.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON AND LONDON.
 Hamilton, Knox, Hamilton 8 Mar 8 p.m.
 Paris, Knox church 15 Mar. 10.30
 London, London, 1 March 10.30 a. m.
 Chatham, Chatham, 1 March 10 a. m.
 Stratford, Knox, Stratford Mar. 8 10.30

Huron, Clinton, Mar. 1 10.30 a. m.
 Sarnia, Sarnia, Mar. 8 11 a. m.
 Maitland, Wingham, 15 Dec. 10 a. m.
 Bruce, Paisley 1 March

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.
 Kingston, Belleville, 8th Dec. 11 a. m.
 Peterboro, Peterboro 8 March 9 a. m.
 Whitby, Whitby, April 19 10 a. m.
 Toronto, Toronto, Knox, 2 Tues. monthly.
 Lindsay, Woodville, 15 Mar. 11 a. m.
 Orangeville, Orangeville, Mar 1
 Barrie, Barrie, Mar 1 10.30 p. m.
 Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Division St. 1 Mar. 10 a. m.
 Algoma, Blind River, March.
 North Bay, Huntsville 23 Feb. 10 a. m.
 Saugeen, Mt. Forest, 1 Mar 10 a. m.
 Guelph, Elora, 15 Mar. 10.30 a. m.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.
 Quebec, Sherbrooke, 8 Dec.
 Montreal, Montreal, Knox, 1 Mar. 8.30 a. m.
 Glengarry, Cornwall, 1st March 11 a. m.
 Lanark & Renfrew, Almonte, 4th April 10.30 a. m.
 Ottawa, Ottawa, 1 Mar. 10 a. m.
 Brockville, Kemptonville, Feb. 22 5 p. m.

SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES
 Sydney, Sydney, Sept. 2
 Inverness, Pt. Hawkesbury, 15 Mar.
 P. E. L., Charlottetown, 3 Feb.

Pictou, New Glasgow, 5 May 1 p. m.
 Wallace, Oxford, 6th May, 7.30 p. m.
 Turo, Thuro, 10 May 10 a. m.
 Halifax, Halifax, 15 Mar of a week.
 Lunenburg, Lunenburg 2.30
 St. John, St. John, Oct. 21
 Miramichi, Bathurst 30 June 10.30



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Cumbriand Wharf" will be received at this office until Monday, April 15, 1904, inclusively, for the construction of a wharf at Cumberland, Russell County, Ont., according to a plan and must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party tendering declines the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.
 The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
FRED GÉLINAS, Secretary.
 Department of Public Works,
 Ottawa, March 15, 1904.
 Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department, will not be paid for it.

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THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-West Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY.
 Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken in situ, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situate, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected herewith, under one of the following plans:—

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
- (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) or any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry upon the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.
- (3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent counter-signed in the manner prescribed by this Act, and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.
- (4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clause (3) or (4) must contract 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 30 acres substantially fenced.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give 60 days notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-West Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the lands in charge, free expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

JAMES A. SMART,
 Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—In addition to Free Grant Lands to which the regulations above stated refer, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase from Railroad and other corporations and private firms in Western Canada.

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