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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, Nov. 23.

The reports of the Provincial Government surveyors concerning the North show that there are extensive areas available for agricultural purposes and some very fine horse and cattle land south of Stuart Lake and close to the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. One of the latest to arrive from the North is J. H. Brownlee, a surveyor who is known from Winnipeg to the Coast, having worked throughout the West. He surveyed 3,000 acres at the south end of Babine Lake and across the portage between Babine Lake and Stuart Lake, which will be opened for settlement. South of Stuart Lake and in a southerly direction toward Fraser Lake two full townships were examined and will be surveyed later. This latter area will be within 20 or 25 miles of the railway. Mr. Brownlee says there is more meadow land there than he has seen in any part of the northern interior. Second growth poplar prevails, but in many places the land is ready for the plow. The section is looked upon so favorably that while the land was being surveyed seven or eight people took up pre-emptions.

Large District for Settlement.

Mr. Brownlee gives the advice that it is hardly a country for men to go into with families, but for hardy frontiersmen. There is sufficient land explored to give homes for a thousand families in the district between Stuart lake to the East, Babine Lake to the West, Cunningham Lake to the north and Fraser Lake to the south.

The Government learned a lesson in the opening of the Bulkley Valley. Consequently a different policy has been adopted in regard to the land now being surveyed. As soon as the lines are laid, it is open for the man who wants to pre-empt. He can go in and get his pick of the land at \$1 an acre and not have to take it through the hands of the speculator. In the case of the Bulkley Valley, the scrip holder got first choice, then the speculator. The settler, the man who builds up the country, got what was left. That was not much. If he bought, he paid ten, twelve or fourteen times as much as was paid by the man who went in there solely to make money. Now the settler goes in and the land will not be ready for sale until the surveys are finally completed, accepted and gazetted. This may be a year, and even then, it does not necessarily imply that the speculator can have his turn. Every opportunity is being given the settler.

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PRINCE RUPERT

The terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Send for map of Townsite and Harbor photographed from official plan of British Columbia Government, Enclose 4c stamps.

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