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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest 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 is situated, 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 situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10.00 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 therewith, 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, of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under 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 second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent 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 clauses (2) (3) or (4) must cultivate thirty acres of his homestead, or substitute twenty head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 50 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 six months' 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 Northwest Territories, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing land 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 Northwest 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.

NEWS SUMMARY.

The victims of the Iroquois theatre fire now number 590.

Fire on Monday gutted the northwest wing of the Iowa capitol, at Des Moines causing a loss of \$500,000.

The coldest weather recorded in five years prevailed in Ontario last week. Trains were tied up and business demoralized.

The Mail and the World state that the Ross government will introduce a prohibitory law at the next session of the legislature and then appeal to the people.

A great strike of gold at White River in the Yukon bids fair to equal the Klondyke. Men have returned with rich finds and a stampede from here is already formed.

J. J. Polls's lumber camp on the Tobique was burned on the 28th. There were thirty-five men in the crew, who lost everything. They were obliged to walk five miles to the nearest camp for food and shelter.

Twenty persons were killed and thirty-seven injured in the Rock Island passenger wreck at Willard, Kansas, on Wednesday. It is thought that carelessness of trainmen caused the wreck.

Prof. Cowie, Scotch herring expert, reports to the government that Canadian herring are quite equal in quality to those taken off the Scotch coast, and equal prices could be had for them if the fishermen followed better methods of putting them up for market.

During the past two weeks more than 40,000 wage earners, who have been idle for months, have been furnished employment by the resumption of mills in the Pittsburg, Pa., district. It is said that the demand for iron and steel products is rapidly increasing.

Four deaths took place in New York as a result of the low temperature. The bodies of the victims were found frozen stiff in the snow. Ten others were taken to the hospitals suffering from the effects of the cold, and at least two of these are expected to die.

The inspectors sent out to look into the conditions of the theatres of New York reported that they inspected fifty of the sixty-three places of amusement and did not find any violations of the building code of sufficient importance to warrant closing orders.

The Ottawa city post office and custom-house was totally destroyed by fire on Monday. The conflagration broke out in the top story of the building, and it is thought was due to the running of electric pumps in the building at too high a speed. The loss on the building and contents will be \$100,000.

Three Northwest mounted police, who had charge of the murderer Cashel, and through negligence allowed him to escape, have been tried. Piper who was in charge of the guard room was sentenced to one year, and Philips and Leslie to six months' imprisonment besides being dismissed from the force.

The Messrs. Shaw, owners of the tannery at Hawkslaw, and Messrs Gilman Bros and Burden, mill owners at Pokiook, assisted by outside capitalists, are projecting an electric road between Woodstock and Fredericton for the carriage of passenger and freight. A charter will be applied for at the next meeting of the legislature.

"The outlook, I am afraid, is becoming less favorable for the reorganization of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company," was the announcement sent on Tuesday by the Canadian members of the reorganization committee by Chairman Mofley of the reorganization committee, who is also a member of the Spayer syndicate.

Rev. C. B. Pitbaido, Winnipeg, had a narrow escape from drowning and is now in a serious condition from the effects of a cold plunge through the ice in Red River. No one saw the accident, and for nearly twenty minutes he was in this perilous predicament, calling for help. He was dragged from the ice cold water just in time.

The coroner's jury on Monday made a second tour of the Iroquois theatre, Chicago. The members spent half an hour on the stage shifting the debris piled on the floor, but no trace was found of the alleged asbestos curtain or the wire cables with which it is said it was hung. A search was made for the proscenium border lights, which it is said made it impossible to lower the asbestos curtain, but neither could they be found.

With a fire burning above their heads and threatening to destroy the building in which they were lodged, over 500 female patients of the Taunton, Mass., insane hospital were marched from the blazing women's wing to a place of safety at midnight Sunday night. The transfer of the patients to the men's was accomplished without any loss of life, injury to a single person or undue excitement.

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