



The Canadian Northern Railway Company is just as ready to do what it can for a man seeking a homestead as for one who wants to buy. Its Land and Immigration Department has a large and able staff, and will promptly furnish whatever information may be required by any intending settler.

There is no "boom," no wild speculation. The people think less about what the land will sell for later than about the crops it will raise now. But as neighborhoods fill up, transfers are bound to come, and these show a change that is always in a rising scale. Men who bought three or four years ago could if they wished sell out for double or several times as much as they paid, for exactly the same reasons that in the last twenty or thirty years advanced land in the western states from a few dollars per acre to seventy-five or a hundred or higher. But it is the present and not the future price, and the productive power of the soil, that is attracting the majority of those who go.

Western Canada offers one enormously important advantage that was not open to the settlers of the western states, and thousands of Americans are taking the benefit of it. A man may homestead 160 acres of government land, and buy as much of the land around it at a low price as he may want or can see his way to paying for. But it is only fair to say that with the active extension of work on the railway so much of this is being done that it cannot last very much longer. There is no other civilized country where a newcomer may have as large a farm as he is able to buy, at only a few dollars an acre, with 160 acres free entry in addition, right in the heart of a great wheat area, with a fat loam soil, good for all crops, and for live stock as well.

EIGHT MILLION ACRES OF HOMESTEADS A YEAR

Homesteads at the rate of eight million acres a year are being entered now. All the even numbered sections of Dominion government lands excepting sections 8 and 26, or other already reserved, are open to entry by any head of a family, or by any male over 18 years of age. The surveys are all on the same township plan that prevails in the northwest states, and the homesteads are the same—160 acres each. Entry must be made in person at a Dominion lands agency in the district, or by proxy (under certain conditions) by the father, mother, son, daughter, or sister of an intending homesteader, so that members of the same family may acquire adjoining or neighboring lands.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The new towns that have been built in the last five or six years along the Canadian Northern main line and branches, and those that are coming into existence almost every month, are offering most attractive openings for merchants and craftsmen. The industrial growth and prosperity of these towns is remarkable. The farmers are thriving, and that means a demand for all kinds of merchandise, and work for men of all the familiar trades. There is room for and need of more business men, grain buyers, and workmen. Abundant raw material for many articles of common use invites the establishment of manufactures. There are coal deposits of immense extent, so that fuel is plentiful and cheap. The field for mercantile and industrial enterprise has only begun to be occupied, and offers a splendid future. The Industrial Department of the Canadian Northern Railway Company at Winnipeg will be glad to respond to inquiries concerning these things.