

Land is considered abandoned if unoccupied for more than two months consecutively.

If so abandoned, the land becomes waste lands of the Crown.

The fee on recording is two dollars (8s).

The settler shall have the land surveyed at his own instance (subject to the rectification of the boundaries) within five years from date of record.

After survey has been made upon proof, in declaration in writing of himself and two other persons, of occupation for two years from date of pre-emption, and of having made permanent improvement on the land to the value of two dollars and fifty cents per acre, the settler on producing the pre-emption certificate, obtains a certificate of improvement upon payment of a fee of \$2.

After obtaining the certificate of improvement and paying for the land the settler is entitled to a Crown grant in fee simple. He pays \$5 therefor.

The price of Crown lands, pre-empted, is \$1 (4 shillings) per acre, which must be paid in four equal instalments, as follows:

First instalment two years from date of record or pre-emption, and yearly thereafter, but the last instalment is not payable till after the survey, if the land is unsurveyed.

Two, three, or four settlers may enter into partnership with pre-emptions of 160 acres each, and reside on one homestead. Improvements amounting to \$2.50 per acre made on some portion thereof will secure Crown grant for the whole, conditions of payment being same as above.

The Crown grant reserves to the Crown a royalty of five cents per ton on every ton of merchantable coal raised or gotten from the land, not including dross or fine slack, and fifty cents per M. on timber. Coal and petroleum lands do not pass under grant of lands acquired since passage of Land Act Amendment of 1899.

No Crown grant can be issued to an alien who may have recorded or pre-empted by virtue of his declaring his intention to become a British subject, unless he has become naturalized.

The heirs of devisees of the settler are entitled to the Crown grant on his decease.

Crown lands may be purchased to the extent of 640 acres. Minimum price of first-class land, \$5 per acre; second-class, \$2.50 per acre; third-class, \$1 per acre. No settlement duties are required on such land unless a second purchase is contemplated. In such a case the first purchase must be improved to the extent of \$5 per acre for first-class; \$2.50, second-class; and \$1.00, third-class.

Leases of Crown lands in lots not exceeding 20 acres may be obtained; and if requisite improvements are made and conditions of the lease fulfilled at the expiration of lease, Crown grants are issued.

Leases are granted for hay lands for terms not exceeding ten years, and for any purpose whatsoever, except cutting hay, for a term not exceeding 21 years.

Twenty-one years' timber leases are now subject to public competition, and the highest cash bonus is accepted, subject to the 50 cents per M. royalty above mentioned and an annual rental, in advance, of 15 cents per acre. The holder must put up a saw-mill capable of cutting not less than 1,000 feet of lumber per-day of 12 hours for every 400 acres of land in such lease; and such mill shall be kept running for at least six months in every year.

For further information application should be made to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C.

HOMESTEAD ACT.

The farm and buildings, when registered, cannot be taken for debt incurred after registration; and it is free from seizure up to a value not greater