

them on oath and to compel the production of documents, and generally may vest in them all such powers and impose upon all other persons all such obligations, as the Governor in Council may deem necessary in order to ascertain and certify to the Governor the person or persons to whom the Patent ought to issue,—and on any such certificate under this clause the Patent shall issue in accordance therewith.

New warrant may issue in lieu of warrant lost or destroyed.

**26.** Whenever any warrant for Military Bounty land issued in pursuance of this Act, is lost or destroyed, whether the same may or may not have been sold and assigned by the original owner, the Minister of Militia and Defence, (such loss or destruction having been proved to his satisfaction,) may, and he is hereby required to cause a new warrant of like tenor to be issued in lieu thereof, in favor of the person to whom the warrant belonged at the time of its loss or destruction, if he be still living, or of his legal representatives as aforesaid, if he be no longer living, which new warrant may be assigned, located, and patented, and shall be of like value in every respect, with the original warrant, and in any and all such cases of re-issue, the original warrant, in whosesoever hands it may be, shall be null and void.

Free grant of land by Order in Council of 25th April, 1871, confirmed.

**27.** And whereas by order of the Governor in Council, dated the 25th April, 1871, it is declared that,—

The officers and soldiers of the 1st or Ontario and the 2nd or Quebec Battalion of Rifles, then stationed in Manitoba, whether in the service or dépôt companies, and not having been dismissed therefrom, should be entitled to a free grant of land without actual residence, of one quarter section,—such grant is hereby confirmed, and the Minister of Militia and Defence is hereby authorized and required to issue the necessary warrants therefor accordingly :

Assignments of interest in such free grants recognized.

**28.** And whereas effect could not be given to the above mentioned Order in Council, until the lands in Manitoba had been surveyed, and in the mean time many of the said men so entitled as above have assigned their interest in such free grants,—such assignments duly made and attested, and having the certificate of discharge in the case of non-commissioned officers or private soldiers attached thereto, and filed in the Dominion Lands Office before the issue of the warrant, shall be held to transfer in each case the interest of the man so entitled in the warrant when issued, which latter, in every such case, shall be attached, after registry, to the assignment on file, and held for delivery to the party entitled thereto, or for location.

#### ORDINARY PURCHASE AND SALE OF LANDS.

Surveyed Dominion lands open for purchase at \$1 per acre.

**29.** Unappropriated Dominion lands, the surveys of which may have been duly made and confirmed, shall, except as otherwise hereinafter provided, be open for purchase at the rate of one dollar