

Continent. Extending along and rapidly peopling those shores both by natural increase and the ceaseless waves of emigration, from the overflow of the old world, it has already traversed the continent, and the dauntless pioneers of the coming throngs, having scaled the cloud-piercing Rockies and marched down even to the shores of the great western sea, are now looking out upon the placid bosom of the broad Pacific, alike delighted with the land, the climate and the brilliant prospects unfolding before them. *caro-za* is the involuntary exclamation that bursts from the lips of all. For long ages have the pioneers of each generation journeyed to the (to them) far West, but only to find that it, like the sunset, moved on before them. Again and again have they settled down, and as often did the advancing throng follow in their footsteps. Soon the grand old forests would melt away with their denizens—the red man, the wolf and the deer—and give place to populous towns, cultivated fields, and all the adjuncts of civilized life. Still there was a far West, and the pioneer shouldering his knapsack, his gun and his axe, journeyed on, marching over the flower-bedecked prairies, or threading his devious way among the mountain heights of the Rockies, ever pursuing that ever receding name—a name to conjure with—a name that has ever fired the adventurous heart of youth and filled the brain with visions, marvelous of wealth and fame and honor, all enwrapped in the glorious possibilities of the region designated by that indefinite but magic name—the far West.

But as we have said the pioneer has at last ceased his wanderings. The golden rays of the setting sun will fail to lure him farther on, for here the east meets the west. Henceforth shall he rest in the tranquil enjoyment of a home of peace and plenty, the reward of his former daring and toil, and recount to the loved, little ones seated around and listening in open-eyed wonder, the thrilling story of some such scene as that illustrated on page seven—"the perils of the plains in pioneer days." And shall there be no more pioneers? Most assuredly there will; and they shall be no less daring, but they will be of a very different kind—pioneers in the vast realms of unexplored science—delving down into the bowels of the earth and anon soaring among the stars, combining the most simple substances and chemically endowing them with the potency of a million giants; the secret, how the tempest gathers its devastating force from the quiet ambient air and how the terrible thunder-bolt is forged from the same material, will yet be unveiled and these twin giants made subservient to the commands even of a child. Then will the millions, no longer impoverished, cease to toil for scanty bread, there shall yet grow up a higher civilization, here shall yet be evolved from the effete dynasties of an

inglorious past, a more perfect form of government, than of which the world has only dreamed and here at last, if ever, shall be realized the Golden Age.

## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LANDS.

### Information That Intending Settlers Should Preserve for Future Reference.

Crown lands in British Columbia are classified as either surveyed or unsurveyed lands, and may be acquired either by record and pre-emption, or by purchase.

#### PRE-EMPTIONS.

The following persons may record or pre-empt Crown lands, viz.: Any person being the head of a family, a widow, or a single man over 18 years of age, being a British subject, may record surveyed or unsurveyed Crown lands which are unoccupied, or unreserved, and unrecorded.

Aliens may also record such surveyed or unsurveyed lands, on making a declaration of intention to become a British subject.

The quantity of land which may be recorded or pre-empted is not to exceed 320 acres northward and eastward of the Cascade Mountains, or 160 acres in the rest of the province.

No person can hold more than one pre-emption claim at a time. Prior record or pre-emption of one claim, and all rights under it are forfeited by subsequent record or pre-emption of another claim.

Land recorded or pre-empted cannot be transferred or conveyed till after a Crown grant has been issued.

Such land, until the Crown grant is issued, is held by occupation. Such occupation must be a bona fide personal residence of the settler or homestead settler, or his family or agent. Indians or Chinese cannot be agents.

Continuous absence for a longer period than two months consecutively, of the settler or homestead settler, and his agent or family, is deemed cessation of occupation.

Land is considered abandoned if unoccupied for more than four months in the aggregate in one year, or for more than two months consecutively.

If so abandoned, the land becomes waste land of the Crown, without any cancellation of the record.

The fee on recording is two dollars.

The settler must enter into occupation of the land within thirty days after recording, and must continue to occupy it.

The settler may either have the land surveyed by his own instance (subject to rectification of boundaries,) or wait till the Chief Commissioner does so.

After survey has been made, upon proof, by declaration in writing of himself and two other persons,