

The other form of scrip is known as "Cash or Money Scrip." This is issued to the original heads of families, as in the case of Land Scrip, to the amount of \$160. In the case of minors, in the eye of the law, the amount is \$240. This is accepted at its face or par value by the government in payment for any Dominion land purchased, or rented for grazing, haying or mining purposes. In case of minors disposing of this "Cash Scrip," there is no let nor hindrance by law or regulation preventing their doing so during their minority.

The land scrip is issued in denominations of 160 acres and of 80 acres, respectively, which may be used to acquire contiguous or non-contiguous locations. Thus one could take the whole 160 acres in Alberta, and the other 80 acres in Manitoba.

The cash scrip is generally issued in denominations of \$160 and \$80, respectively; but, in the case of the heirs of deceased grantees, the amounts are issued in the fractional portions of the above amounts, representing the beneficiary's interest in the estate. Brokers selling this scrip also have facilities whereby they can sell any fractional amount; and to their names in the advertising columns at the end of the book those interested are referred.

Many of the recipients of scrip from the Government already held sufficient land otherwise for all their requirements; so, for this and other reasons, few of the original grantees have taken up land with their scrip and permanently held it. Consequently, a large amount of the land located by them was bought by others, who undersell the Government and the railway. There is also a considerable quantity of unlocated land scrip, mostly in the hands of brokers, which is available for location on land which may be selected by the intending purchaser. Upon this selection being made, the Half-breed (if over 21 years of age) will make the entry at the land office of the district in which the land is situated, and thereupon issue to the purchaser a quit-claim deed for the same. This quit-claim deed is sent immediately by the purchaser to the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, which in due course will issue a patent for the land to the purchaser.

In the case of cash scrip, no formalities in purchasing are required. The purchaser pays for and obtains possession of the scrip, which is accepted as

cash at the Dominion land offices in making the payments before mentioned, for any quantity of land for sale under the Dominion lands regulations.

The above is a very full description of scrip and its uses, but there are many little details, impossible within these limits to give, which render it advisable for a stranger to purchase it only through reliable dealers of standing, such as bankers and brokers.

The price at which scrip is for sale varies like stock on the market, so it is impossible to give a price here that would remain stationary. However, at all times a very great saving may be made in acquiring Government land by its means.

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The Government grants, out of the even-numbered sections which they have retained, a homestead of 160 acres to the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, upon payment of an entry fee of \$10, and the performance of certain homestead duties as to cultivation and residence, particulars of which may be seen in the Government advertisements and pamphlets. The person taking up a homestead has the right to purchase an adjoining 160 acres of the Government, paying for the same in cash or scrip. Generally no one settler is allowed to purchase more than 640 acres of Government land; but, upon application being made to the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, (to which even the smallest application to purchase land is in every case submitted by the local agent), by persons satisfactorily showing they intend to utilize more than 640 acres for farming, haying, ranching or grazing purposes, a greater area may be sold. The Government will not, knowingly, sell land to people who wish to speculate by buying wild land and leaving it waste until, by the exertions of neighboring settlers, it becomes valuable to a man whose sole outlay has been confined to the original purchase money, interest thereon, and the nominal taxation which is levied on such land as has been formed into school and road districts. For all information as to Government land available for homestead or sale enquiries should be made of the Dominion land agent of the district in which it is situated.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LANDS.

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