

Relief for Crop Failure Sufferers

In view of the drought and hard times in several land districts, it was voted on the 20th of July, 1914, to protect all entrants in the districts mentioned, and to accept the applications for settlement made on or after the 1st of April, 1915.

It was also necessary to see that the homesteaders in these distressed areas were not in want of food or fuel, so they have been divided into districts, and relief supervisors appointed to see that they are properly supplied with food for pigs and chickens, that they are supplied with fuel for stoves to do fall work.

The Government has also undertaken to supply all seed grain not so necessary to reach this large area, and it is estimated that it will take nearly one and one-half million bushels of wheat, more or less, besides oats, flax and potatoes.

An Order-in-Council has recently been passed granting all holders of entries in the Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Maple Creek, Medicine Hat and Ethelredge land districts, who have been forced to leave their land for the purpose of securing employment, the privilege of waiving as performance of residence duties, any portion of any year 1914, during which they were employed elsewhere.

This privilege is limited to cases of entrants who are actually destitute or in extreme distress owing to crop failure, and further that it applies only to entries granted prior to the 1st of August, 1914.

The sum of One Million Dollars was set aside by the Government for the express purpose of providing seed grain for the settlers in the crop failure district. A further sum of \$150,000 was also granted toward the maintenance of these settlers during the winter months. Taking into consideration all measures of relief the Government is spending in the neighborhood of \$1,800,000 in this work.

The Government took particular care that the seed grain purchased for these needy settlers should be of the very best quality. For this purpose the services of two of the foremost seedsmen in Western Canada were secured.

Every possible precaution has been taken by the Government to relieve the settlers of unnecessary hardship and to prepare them for next year's work. **Actual practical assistance has been given; not merely promises of consideration.**

Upon reading the above it can easily be seen that the Canadian Government is

The Homesteader's Friend.

More has been done for the homesteader since 1914 than during all the years of the Laurier regime.