

APPENDIX A.

MANITOBA LAND REGULATIONS.

On the 2nd of March last, the Government issued a set of regulations regarding the lands in Manitoba. These rules were afterwards amended, upon the 29th of April, in several important points:—First, The period of occupation is shortened from five to three years; secondly, naturalized citizens are made equally eligible with native-born subjects to receive patents; thirdly, no condition of settlement is requisite for volunteers; fourthly, the road allowance is widened from a chain to a chain and a half; and lastly, the option is given to settlers on prairie lands, to acquire sufficient wood-land to supply them with building material and firing. The scheme, as thus amended, may be shortly stated as follows:

1. System of Survey:—The system of survey shall be rectangular; the townships shall consist of 36 sections of one mile square each, and road allowances; the international boundary shall form the base for townships; the meridian line run in the autumn of 1869, for some 90 miles north from the international boundary line, and known as the Winnipeg meridian, shall be adopted and continued as the meridian from which the ranges of townships shall number, east and west, in the Province.

2. Lands for the Half-Breeds:—The distribution of the 1,400,000 of acres, appropriated under the Manitoba Act, for the benefit of the families of the half-breeds. Every half-breed resident of the Province of Manitoba at the time of the transfer thereof to Canada (the 15th day of July, A. D. 1870), and every child of every such half-breed, shall be entitled to participation in the 1,400,000 acres—the most liberal construction being put upon the word “resident.”

No conditions of settlement shall be imposed on grants made to half-breeds in pursuance of the provisions of the Act referred to; and there shall be no other restrictions, as to their power of dealing with their lands when granted, than those which the laws of Manitoba may prescribe.

The Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba shall designate the townships or parts of townships in which allotments to the half-breeds shall be made, and the mode of allotting those lands shall be as follows: If not already obtained, an accurate census shall be taken to determine the number of persons who may be entitled to participate upon such class; the number of acres to which each may be entitled shall be ascertained; the number and area of individual grants having been ascertained, the land selected by the Lieutenant Governor for the purpose shall be