

Any person, male or female, having attained the age of eighteen years, can enter a claim for a quarter-section (160 acres) of unappropriated Dominion lands, as a claim for forest-tree planting, and will receive a patent on certain specified conditions and proof of cultivation. The fee for the necessary documents is \$10. No person can take up both a tree-planting grant and a pre-emption; but either one or the other can be secured in conjunction with the free grants.

Farm laborers can obtain from £30 to £40 a year and board. Female domestic servants 20s. to 24s. per month with board. Mechanics earn from 8s to 12s. per day.

The following are the prices of horses, cattle, farming implements, and commodities generally:—

Horses per pair, about £60; oxen per yoke, £26 to £30; cow, £6 to £7 each; waggons, £16 to £18 each; ox cart, £3 to £4; breaking plough, and harrow, from £6 to £8; common ploughs, about £3 12s.; reapers, £20 to £30; mowers, £14 to £25; spades, 4s. 6d.; shovels, 5s.; hay forks, 3s.; manure forks, 4s. Beef, 5d. to 7d. per pound; flour, 24s. per barrel; butter, 1s. per pound; eggs, 1s. per dozen; bread, 4½d. to 5d. per 4 lb. loaf; salt, 7d. to 8d. per lb.; potatoes, 1s. 9d. to 2s. per bushel; tea, 2s. to 2s. 3d. per lb.; sugar, 4d. to 6d.; coffee, 10d. to 1s. 6d.; tobacco, 2s. to 2s. 3d. Coal oil, 1s. 9d. per gallon. Pails, three-hoop, 1s. 4d. each. Stout suit of clothing for a man, £2 to £3; felt hats, from 4s.; boots, 8s. to 12s.; grey blankets 8s. to 12s. per pair.

ONTARIO.

Every head of a family can obtain a free grant of 200 acres of land, and any person 18 years of age may obtain 100 acres in the free-grant districts. The conditions are:—15 acres in each grant of 100 acres to be cleared and under crop in five years; a habitable house at least 16 feet by 20 built; and residence on the land at least six months in each year. The patent is issued at the end of five years.

Uncleared lands can also be purchased at prices varying from 2s. to 40s. per acre.

Cleared and improved farms with buildings can be bought at from £4 to £10 per acre. The money can nearly always be paid in instalments covering several years.

The soil of the country varies in different localities, but a large proportion is of the very best description for agricultural purposes.

The climate is much the same as in some other parts of the Dominion; but milder in the winter than in Quebec.

Cereals, grasses and roots produce large crops, and fruits grow in great abundance; hemp, tobacco, and sugar beet are also profitable crops; maize and tomatoes ripen well, and peaches and grapes come to perfection in the open air.

The Province possesses excellent means of communication both by railways, and by water through the lakes and the River St. Lawrence, with all parts of the Dominion and to the Atlantic ports.

The public schools are all free and non-sectarian. All resident children between the ages of 5 and 21 are allowed to attend them.

There are several large cities and towns in this Province, among others Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Kingston, etc.

In mineral wealth it has great resources, producing iron, copper, lead, silver, marble, petroleum, salt, etc. Its immense forests of pine timber are well known.

Its principal manufactures are cloth, linen, clothing, leather, furniture, sawn timber, flax, iron and hardware, paper, soap, cotton, and woollen goods, steam engines and locomotives, woodenware of all descriptions, agricultural implements, etc. Cattle, sheep, and pigs, dairy and agricultural produce, and fruit are exported largely from this Province, and the trade is increasing rapidly.

The rates of wages for farm laborers are from 40s. to 60s. per month, with board and lodging; for common laborers from about 3s. to 4s. 2d. a day, without board and lodging; and for female domestic servants from 14s. to £1 4s. per month, all found. Good cooks get rather more.