

Government Pamphlet on Cariboo Land

Hon. William R. Ross, Minister of Lands, has issued a pamphlet on the Cariboo Land Recording division, which describes in detail the topographic, climatic and other features of the district. This pamphlet, which will be of great value to those seeking information regarding the territory within the boundaries of the Cariboo Land Recording division, is the latest to be published of the series of similar publications issued by the Department of Lands on various sections of the Province. The pamphlets previously published were descriptive of the Fort George, Fort Fraser, Skeena and Peace River Land Recording divisions. There has been a large demand for these pamphlets, which are replete with valuable information.

Cariboo, the district with which this booklet deals, has been reached, since the days when gold was the lodestone that brought the argonauts, who were pioneers of the division, from many lands by way of Panama, California, and across the then untravelled Western Provinces over the Cariboo wagon-road. The Pacific Great Eastern Railroad is now being constructed to cross the division north and south through the valley of the Fraser River. This railroad, with many lateral and cross-lateral roads, will give access to large areas of land available for settlement.

Much of the land in this division is open, rolling grass land and uplands covered with bunch-grass—stockmen find vast areas of pasturage there—and there are wide stretches of park-like country with little clumps of poplar and other light timber. Much of the district, in addition to the great extent of excellent range it offers, on which great herds of cattle are being pastured, will be found to be admirably adapted for dairying, seed-grass production, and the growing of general farm produce of all kinds, as well as cattle, horses, sheep and hog-raising. Following upon the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railroad and resultant influx of settlers, the Cariboo division will doubtless ship much farm produce to the markets on the Coast, where the opening of the Panama Canal is bound to draw traffic, and make an ever-increasing market for farm produce.

There is much land in the Cariboo division pre-eminently adapted for farming along mixed or dairy lines; also for dry-farming, a system of agriculture which will afford large returns to the farmer. There are various areas which are drained by lakes, but others, especially on the high plateaux, are more or less arid, and dry-farming will offer the most profitable method of agriculture there. To demonstrate the method of dry-farming and the possibilities it offers for successful farming on the semi-arid lands of the Dry Belt, the Hon. the Minister of Lands, has established experimental dry farms, one of which is located at 103 Mile House—and the opportunities offered to the dry-farmer in this part of the Province are being demonstrated there.

The office of the Government agent for the division, to whom all applications for pre-emption within its boundaries must be made, is at Quesnel.

GOVERNMENT LAND MAPS COVERING NECHACO, CHILCOTEN AND NORTH THOMPSON DISTRICTS.

Three new pre-emptors' maps covering the Nechaco, Chilcoten and North Thompson districts, have just been issued by the Surveys Branch of the Department of Lands. These maps form part of a series of ten covering approximately 100,000 square miles of lands, and will prove of great assistance to intending pre-emptors. They show the lands surveyed to date in the sections covered, the tracts available for pre-emption being shown in pink, while those taken up are indicated in white. The surveyed areas shown in pink and the unsurveyed land shown in the same color can be pre-empted at the office of the Government agent of the land-recording division in which it is situated. It is necessary

to stake the unsurveyed land and describe it according to metes and bounds in the application. The surveyed tracts can be applied for without staking, being described in the application by their number.

Maps have already been issued in this series showing the lands for pre-emption in the Fort George and Tete Jaune districts. It was in these districts that 80,000 acres were opened to pre-emption last month, and over three quarters of this land remains open. The new maps cover the areas adjoining that embraced in previous ones; the whole series are drawn to connect with each other.

The Nechaco sheet shows the territory westward of the Fort George district extending to the Hazelton division and embraces the great interior lake basin, and the Nechaco, Endako and other fertile valleys. The North Thompson sheet shows the land adjoining the new C. N. P. Railway, and extends northward from the railway belt to the territory embraced in the maps previously published. It includes the Canem Lake, Bridge Lake and Bonaparte districts in eastern Lillooet and the Clearwater, Barriere and Adams Lake districts, other areas in which settlement is taking place. The Chilcoten sheet covers the northern Lillooet and southern Cariboo plateaux and valleys. Another map, the Quesnel sheet, is being completed, which will cover the territory between that embraced in the Chilcoten and North Thompson sheets.

The series of pre-emptors maps, together with the series of pamphlets published by the Department of Lands describing in detail the topographic and other features of the Fort George, Fort Fraser, Skeena, Cariboo and Peace River Land Recording divisions will prove of great value to intending settlers.

ANNUAL MEETING OF VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

At the annual general meeting of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, held July 14th, 1914, the following officers were elected: J. D. Mather, president; A. N. Wolverton, vice-president; W. H. MacInnes, re-elected hon. secretary; A. E. Austin, re-elected hon. treasurer; and Messrs. D. M. MacGregor, J. W. Manson and R. G. Harvey to act on the executive. Messrs. Buttar and Chiene were re-appointed auditors to the exchange.

DIVIDENDS.

The British Columbia Permanent Loan Co. declared the regular semi-annual dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on June 30, payable on and after July 15.

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

South Vancouver sold to an English syndicate \$189,000 Kingsway local improvement debentures.

The City of Vernon is proceeding with the expenditure of \$100,000 for sewer extensions and erection of sewage disposal plant.

New Westminster has received the proceeds of debentures sold during the spring, amounting to nearly one million dollars. Public improvements now under way will be prosecuted.

The Township of Richmond, the financial statement of which will be found on page 7 of this issue, have called for tenders up to July 18 for \$40,000 waterworks extension, \$40,000 dyking, and \$24,500 dyking debentures, all bearing 5% interest and maturing in 40 years. G. S. Willson is City Clerk.