

with a scheme drawn up and approved by the Minister of the Interior in terms of the aforesaid Acts.

5. That the Board constituted as above will undertake, by means of their agents, to settle the emigrants on the Government land, to provide temporarily for their wants, and to collect the instalments of capital and interest from them in the manner herein-after mentioned, they having the benefit of the knowledge and experience both of the Canadian Government land agents, and the gratuitous co-operation of the officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Hudson Bay Company, and the Canadian North-West Land Company.

6. That the Canadian Government will give free grant lands of 160 acres to each family, and also render every assistance through the High Commissioner in London, and through their Immigration Agents in Canada, in connexion with the selection of the land for the emigrants, and their preliminary settlement. The Canadian Government will require that the emigrants selected shall be formally approved by an officer on their behalf.

7. That the money grants shall be for a period of 12 years, bearing no interest during the first four years, but the before-mentioned Board will collect the principal and interest from the settlers during the last eight years by an annuity which, on an advance of 120*l.*, would amount to 20*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* per annum. This is equivalent to an average interest of about 4*l.* 6*s.* per annum during the whole period of 12 years.

8. That the foregoing Board will take, by way of security for the sum of 120*l.* or lesser sum so advanced, a mortgage on the 160 acres of free grant lands of the Dominion Government, including a lien on the chattels, the mortgage being secured in favour of the Board by legal agreement.

9. That, if thought desirable, the Canadian Legislature will be requested to facilitate the passing of an Act in connexion with the constitution, powers, and duties of the aforesaid Board.

The Secretary for Scotland, the High Commissioner for Canada, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, and Mr. Thomas Skinner were originally appointed to form the Board. In November 1891 the Board was re-constituted, and its powers extended to the congested districts of Ireland (*see* p. 22). The following members were added:—the Hon. Horace Plunkett, Sir James King, Bart., the Under Secretary for Scotland, Major Ross of Bladensburg, Secretary, J. G. Colmer, C.M.G. There is also an honorary sub-committee of the Board in Winnipeg. A short Act was passed by the Canadian Parliament, as suggested in par. 9 above, empowering the Board to act under the Dominion Lands Act.

Thirty families, consisting of 183 persons, were sent out in 1888, and settled, through the Canada North-West Land Company, near Pelican Lake, at Killarney, 164 miles by rail south-west of Winnipeg, Manitoba. An advance of 120*l.* was made to each family; each family was settled on 160 acres of land, the land and chattels being mortgaged as a security for the loan. Of this loan an average of 54*l.* 10*s.* was spent in the passage, leaving 65*l.* 10*s.* to

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Settlement of first party at Killarney.