

these are becoming scarcer each year and it is usually necessary to go some distance from settlement to find unoccupied land. Any Dominion Land's office, which are situated in all large centres in the prairie provinces, will give you particulars of available land. Free homesteads may also be filed on in British Columbia.

Q.—Can I purchase raw lands nearer to settlement at low price?

A.—Yes. Certain large organizations, notably the Canadian Pacific Railway, have large holdings of rich agricultural land in the west, fairly close to railway transportation facilities, selling as low as \$15 per acre, and at an average of about \$18.

Q.—What kind of land is it?

A.—The land is virgin prairie, level or rolling, with or without timber. It is rolling enough to give good drainage; is free from stones, weeds and noxious growths. Native grasses provide excellent winter feed. In sections trees and brush afford shelter to cattle summer and winter. The areas about water-courses provide a supply of timber for fencing and other purposes.

Q.—On what terms is this land sold?

A.—C.P.R. farm land is sold to actual settlers on an amortization plan which spreads the payments over a period of thirty-five years. Under this plan all the settler pays down is 7 per cent. of the purchase price. He then has one year's free use of the land without any interest chargeable whatsoever after which the balance is amortized on 34 equal annual payments, which makes the second payment fall due two years after the purchase of the land.

Q.—Has the Canadian Pacific irrigated land for sale?

A.—Yes. The company has spent millions of dollars developing its irrigated districts in Southern Alberta and has choice irrigated farms in these districts averaging \$50 per acre. The amortization system of payments extending over thirty-four years applies equally to these irrigated lands.

Q.—Does the company grant loans to settlers for improvements?

A.—Yes, to married men with agricultural experience taking irrigated land.