

No Crown grant can be issued to an alien who may have recorded or pre-empted by virtue of his declaring his intention to become a British subject, unless he has become naturalized.

The heirs or devisees of the settler are entitled to the Crown grant on his decease.

Timber Lands

Timber lands (that is, lands which contain milling timber to the average extent of 8,000 feet per acre west of the Cascades—Coast Range—and 5,000 feet per acre east of the Cascades—Coast Range—to each 160 acres) are not open to pre-emption, lease or purchase.

By order in Council, dated December 24th, 1907, the Government placed a reserve on all timber lands undisposed of at that date, consequently no more licenses to cut timber will be issued until otherwise determined.

Purchases

Crown lands may be purchased to the extent of 640 acres, and for this purpose are classified as first and second class, according to the report of the surveyor. The minimum area that may be purchased shall be forty acres, measuring 20 chains by 20 chains, except in cases where such area cannot be obtained.

Purchased lands may be staked by an agent.

Lands which are suitable for agricultural purposes, or which are capable of being brought under cultivation profitably, or which are wild hay meadow lands, rank as and are considered to be first-class lands. All other lands, other than timber lands, shall rank and be classified as second-class lands. Timber lands (that is, lands which contain milling timber to the average extent of eight thousand feet per acre west of the Cascades—Coast Range— and five thousand feet per acre east of the Cascades—Coast Range—to each one hundred and sixty acres) are not open for sale.

The minimum price of first-class lands shall be \$10.00 per acre, and that of second-class lands \$5.00 per acre: Provided, however, that the Chief Commissioner may for any reason increase the price of any land above the said prices.

No improvements are required on such lands unless a second purchase is contemplated. In such case the first purchase must be improved to the extent of \$3.00 per acre.

When the application to purchase is filed, the applicant shall deposit with the Commissioner a sum equal to fifty cents per acre on the acreage applied for. When the land is finally allotted, the purchaser shall pay the balance of the purchase price.

Leases

Leases of Crown land which has been subdivided by survey in lots not exceeding twenty acres may be obtained; and if requisite improvements are made and conditions of the lease fulfilled at the expiration of lease, Crown grants are issued.

Leases (containing such covenants and conditions as may be thought advisable) of Crown lands may be granted by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the following purposes:

- (a) For the purpose of cutting hay thereon, for a term not exceeding ten years: