

residence which may be prescribed for that purpose, by any law in force in the North West Territories, shall be entitled to enter one quarter section or a less quantity of unappropriated public lands upon which such person may have filed a pre-emption claim, and which at the time of such filing shall be subject to pre-emption by the laws then in force. The said land to be in one parcel according to the legal sub-divisions of the public lands and after the same shall have been surveyed.

22. The person applying to enter land under this Act as aforesaid, shall, upon application to the proper officer, make affidavit before such officer, that he is of the age of twenty-one years, that he is a subject of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, or that he has taken the oath of allegiance and filed the declaration mentioned in the previous section ; that his application to enter the land is made for his own exclusive use and benefit, and for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons, and upon filing the said affidavit with the proper officer, and on payment of five dollars, he shall be entitled to enter the quantity of land applied for and hold possession thereof.

23. If at the expiration of three years from the date of such entry, or at any time within two years after such expiration of three years, the person making such entry, or if he be dead his widow, or in case of her death his heirs or devisee, shall prove by two credible witnesses, that he, or in case of his death before the expiration of the said three years, his widow, resided upon or cultivated the same for three years continuously from the date of the entry aforesaid, and that no part of said land has been alienated, and that he has borne true allegiance to Her Majesty, he shall, if at that time a subject of Her Majesty, or if he be dead, his widow, heirs or devisee, shall be entitled to a Patent from the Crown for the land so entered as aforesaid.

Mr. *Bellerose*—In amendment to Hon. Mr. *Blanchet's* motion on the subject of the equalization of the salaries of the officers and servants of this House : That all the words after servants of this House be struck out and the following inserted instead thereof : but it is the opinion of this House that in the existing condition of the finances of the Dominion no sum should be drawn from the public funds, on account of sums either already voted or otherwise, so to equalize the said salaries ; and consequently that the total amount of the salaries so equalized ought not to exceed the total amount now paid to the said officers and servants.