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### Synops of Canadian North-West Land Regulations.

**T**HE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency) on certain conditions.

**Duties**—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

**Duties**—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take expurchased homestead in certain district. Price \$3.00 per acre. **Duties**—Must reside six months of three years, cultivate 50 acres an acre a house worth \$300.

The acres of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, shrubby or any land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

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### Fertilizer

It is hard to make most of the farmers realize that there is a great possibility of them not being able to get what commercial fertilizer they will require this spring. But never the less it is an absolute fact and the wise farmer will take home his fertilizer soon. As if you wait till spring you may not be able to get any. As even now it is very hard to get what you want as transportation is so bad we have only a few more cars of Basic Slag to sell.

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### THE HEN'S MOULTING PERIOD SHOWS HER UTILITY

Each year the hen goes through a physiological process known as moulting, in which the fowl sheds the old feathers and replaces them with new. This is a very serious drain on the vitality of the laying hen. Usually they cease laying entirely during the months of October November and December. Where the late and early winter usually furnish cold weather, it is a period of extreme hardship for farm poultry unless they are properly taken care of. The New York State College of Agriculture has made some interesting findings regarding the moulting period of fowls. This may be summarized as follows:

- 1—The hen feathers more quickly in those areas which protect the vital parts.
- 2—From the incubator to the laying period, chicks experience at least four moultings, either partially or completely.
- 3—Hens frequently lay during the summer while partially moulting but seldom during the general moulting.
- 4—Young hens moult more quickly than older ones.
- 5—Hens moulting very late moult in less time than those moulting earlier.
- 6—Hens moulting very late give a higher yearly production than those moulting earlier.
- 7—Hens lose in weight while moulting.
- 8—Broodiness appears to retard moulting.
- 9—Starving the hens appears to increase broodiness.
- 10—Hens moulting early resume production more quickly after moulting than those moulting later.
- 11—Hens moulting early lay more eggs during early winter than hens moulting late.
- 12—The most prolific hens moult the latest.

It is thus seen that hens which moult late are usually the heavy producers. There is a lesson in this for every poultry keeper. Take proper care of the hens that moult late because of the cold weather. Such hens make excellent breeders in the spring and should be properly cared for. This can be done by putting them into the house early and not allowing them to suffer from the cold winds.

The shedding of feathers is a heavy drain on the constitution of the fowl because it is necessary to manufacture a new coat. The making of new feathers can be greatly aided by feeding highly protein or meat foods. The ordinary grains like wheat, corn and oats do not contain enough protein. Most scraps from the house or commercial beef scraps are necessary if best results are to be obtained. If a fowl is thoroughly chilled and thereby weakened by late moulting during cold weather, she will find it difficult to recuperate until the late winter or early spring. By giving her extra care she can

### POULTRY HOUSE DISINFECTION

The principal factor of eradication of poultry diseases is the adoption of proper sanitary measures at the outset. Infectious disorders will recur no matter how wisely treated, unless such treatment is supplemented by the liberal use of efficient disinfectants. Disinfection is the one basic principle upon which rests freedom from disease and prevention must occupy the foremost place if headway is to be gained.

**The Proper Method of disinfecting fowl houses is as follows:**

Remove all litter from the floor and nesting places and burn as near the building as convenient to avoid contamination of the surrounding soil. If possible remove nests, roosts, and other portable fixtures and place in the sunlight. Empty all hoppers, feed bins, etc., of dry mash and other grains and discard grit or scald with boiling water before using a second time. Scald all utensils, pans, etc., if cotton froths are used, these should be removed and either washed thoroughly or scalded with boiling water. The windows should be taken out and washed with warm water and soap, the frames being well scrubbed with a hard brush. If straw lofts are used, the straw should be removed and burned with the litter. The inside should then be thoroughly swept down to remove cobwebs, dust accumulations, etc., or if possible, flushed out with a good hose. All accumulations of hard droppings should be loosened by softening with water and then scrapped clean with a hoe or other sharp instrument. Disinfection may be commenced. Mix fifty pounds of unslaked or quicklime in a barrel of water and add to this one gallon of good commercial disinfectant. If a smaller amount is required it may be made by adding two and one-half pounds of quicklime to a pail of water plus half a teaspoonful of disinfectant. Be sure that the lime is not slaked by exposure to the air as all its disinfecting power is thereby lost. The easiest method of applying the lime-wash is by means of a spray-pump which can be purchased at a reasonable cost and can be used to advantage in other buildings. Before using the lime solution it is advisable to strain it through a fairly fine sieve or cheese cloth as the filter is liable to become clogged. In the absence of a spray pump, a whitewash brush may be used although it is difficult to fill the cracks and crevices without a stream to drive in the solution. These cracks as breeding places for mites, lice, etc., and should be given careful attention. Where an infectious disease, such as tuberculosis, has been present, it is wise to spray the interior at least twice with an interval of one week between each application. Otherwise one good treatment will be sufficient. The runs, if not too large, should be covered with a thin coating of air-slaked lime and when spaded or plough-



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to discharge that duty to the uttermost. "The interests of the Dominion are paramount at this time. Co-operation with a union government does not require a liberal to leave his party or a conservative to leave his. In these circumstances and for these purposes this paper believes that the liberal party of Nova Scotia should give its co-operation to the new government. We believe further that the liberal party of this province should accept the invitation of Sir Robert Borden to name representative of that party to sit in the cabinet at Ottawa, and, by so doing further strengthen the claim of the new government to be in name and fact a union government."

### SEVIGNY BLAMES LAURIER

Quebec, Sunday—In an interview, Hon. Albert Seigny, Minister of Interior Revenue, affirmed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier committed a crime in refusing to unite the two great races that live in Canada. By his attitude and that of his members, who wanted to save their skin and not their honor, the French-Canadians, who were a brave people had been made to appear a race of cowards. If Laurier had accepted union there would have been a prompt settlement of the Ontario and Manitoba difficulties.

"Instead of rising to the height of the situation," said Mr. Seigny, "Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave the weight of his prestige and his influence to the Montreal dynamiters, to the Quebec wind-owashers and to the opportunists of this province."

As a result of his attitude the Quebec minister said that Sir Wilfrid now found himself abandoned by the best men of his party and the French Canadian people were humiliated and demoralized.

Mr. Seigny roundly scored the Liberals and the Nationalists in this province for the manner in which they had poisoned public opinion and worked up racial hatred.

We quote in part from an editorial in the Morning Chronicle of the 18th on the subject of unity:

"We are engaged in a great war which taxes our every energy. We must sink our local prejudices and concede something to the prejudices of our political opponents. United we can best discharge our duty to the state and to civilization; divided we may fail, as we may fail, as we have heretofore failed,



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