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arbor day.

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proclamation.

And the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint by proclamation a day to be observed as "arbor day" for the planting of forest trees.

5. Such regulations may be altered or repealed without, however, affecting any right acquired under such regulations.

6. The Commissioner shall, whenever such land order has been offered him in payment of the purchase money of public lands, mention the same upon the back of such land order, and shall give to the holder of such land order a receipt or certificate, which shall have the same effect as if the purchase money of such land had been paid in cash according to law and the regulations respecting the sale of public lands.

7. When the land order has been fully exercised it shall be given up to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

8. No land can be acquired under this Act unless it is of fifty acres in extent, and does not exceed two hundred acres; but if any person is entitled to a land order for less than fifty acres he may pay the balance in money, under the same terms and conditions as other public lands are acquired.

9. The planting of seeds, nuts, or cuttings shall be considered a compliance with the provisions of this Act.

10. The present Act shall come into force by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in such parts of the province as shall be fixed in such proclamation or by any other proclamation to be thereafter issued.

SCHEDULE.

In the exercise of the powers in me vested by the Act 45 Vict. chap. 13. I hereby authorise _____, of _____, in the district of _____, to purchase to the amount of _____ dollars any of the public lands in the Crown Lands Agency of _____, open for sale or selection, without payment in cash therefor, subject, however, to the provisions in the said Act contained.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 18 _____.

(Signature),

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The increasing care and attention bestowed by the public authorities of the Dominion on the protection of the still existing "timber lands" is fully shown by the enactments just cited, which have been given in full, as they will probably furnish useful examples for enactments in the mother country, when we come to deal practically with the question of home-grown timber. Special attention is invited to the provisions for instituting an "arbor day," on the model of that now existing for some years in the United States, and which has been productive of so much success in practical arboriculture, so many as 26 millions of trees having been planted in the State of Nebraska alone.

The following sections extracted from recent Acts further point in the same direction.

An Act to amend the Acts respecting the sale and management of public lands, received assent on the 27th May 1882, contains the following sections:—

17A. The pine timber upon public lands shall in future be reserved in all sales, grants, location tickets, leases or permits of occupation, and letters patent.

Notwithstanding such reserve, the locatees, being holders or not of letters patent, or their assigns, may, however, cut and use such pine trees as may be necessary for the purpose of building on the said lands; and, by paying the same price as the holders of licenses to cut timber, they may dispose at pleasure of those which they may cut down in the clearing of the land necessary to obtain letters patent.

17B. After the issue of the letters patent it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to issue to the grantees of such lands or their assigns a license to cut and use for purposes of commerce pine trees measuring not less than 12 inches in diameter at the stump, and forming part of the said reserve, upon condition that they pay to the said Commissioner the usual dues imposed by the regulations upon holders of licenses to cut timber, and that they comply with such other conditions that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may be pleased to impose upon them.

Further power is granted to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for making regulations, not inconsistent with the preceding sections 17A and 17B, for all that concerns the preservation or working of the pine so reserved, for determining the cases in which such reserve such not exist, the conditions upon which licenses to cut reserved