

IV. This Proclamation may be cited for all purposes as the 'Country Land Act, 1861.'

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony at Victoria, Vancouver Island, the 19th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1861, and in the 24th year of Her Majesty's reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

By command of his Excellency,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

A Proclamation, dated May 18, 1861, has also been issued, conferring certain remissions in the purchase-money of country lands purchased for actual settlement by retired military and naval officers.

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## VANCOUVER ISLAND.

### LAND PROCLAMATIONS

By his Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, C.B., &c. &c.

#### I.

WHEREAS I have been empowered by Her Majesty's Government to fix the upset price of country land within the colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies at 4s. 2d. per acre.

And whereas I have been authorized as aforesaid to take such steps as may tend to promote the settlement of country land in the said colony.

And whereas it is expedient to make public the method by which *bonâ fide* settlers may acquire the same land.

Be it therefore known unto all men:

*All country land to be sold at 4s. 2d. per acre.*

I. That the upset price of all country land in Vancouver Island shall be from henceforth 4s. 2d. per acre.

*British subjects may enter upon and occupy land, not being otherwise reserved, in certain quantities and in certain districts.*

II. That from and after the date hereof, male British subjects, and aliens who shall take the oath of allegiance before the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island, above the age of eighteen years, may pre-empt unsold Crown lands in the districts of Victoria, Esquimalt, Metchosen, the Highlands, Sooke, North and South Saanich, Salt Spring Island, Sallas Island, and Chemainis (not being an Indian reserve or settlement), of the area and under the conditions following:

A single man, 150 acres.

A married man, whose wife is resident in the colony, 200 acres.

For each of his children under the age of eighteen years, resident in the said colony, an additional 10 acres.