

Nearly all the lands now open for sale are **subject to timber license**, which authorizes the holder of the license to cut pine and other kinds of timber. After a lot has been regularly sold, however, it drops from the license all kinds of timber except pine, and the purchaser has the right to cut and use such pine trees as may be necessary for building or fencing on his land, and may also cut and dispose of all trees that he requires to remove in the actual process of clearing the land for cultivation. The pine trees so cut and disposed of are subject to the ordinary timber dues. Although the timber other than pine is dropped from timber license, after a sale of the land is carried out, the purchaser is not entitled to cut and dispose of any kind of timber until he has gone into actual **bona fide residence** on the land, resided thereon continuously for six months, built a habitable house 16 x 20 feet, and cleared and put under cultivation two acres at least.

In certain sections settlement duties by proxy are permitted, but the requirements as regards clearance, improvements, etc., are practically double those called for in ordinary cases.

At the expiry of three years from the date of sale, and upon payment in full of the purchase money and interest and proof of the completion of the settlement duties required by the regulations, the purchaser is entitled to a patent for his land.

Lands which are thus open for sale are in the districts of Nipissing, Sudbury, Algoma, Rainy River, and Timiskaming.

Free Grants and Homesteads.

Public lands which have been surveyed and are considered suitable for settlement and cultivation, and not valuable chiefly for minerals or pine timber, may be appropriated as **Free Grants**; and such lands may be located in any of the Districts above mentioned, except Timiskaming and Patricia.

Although no fees are charged by the Department, or allowed to the land agents for locating, yet, if required to prepare the necessary affidavits, the agent may make a reasonable charge for so doing.

Who may Locate and the Quantity.

Generally speaking, all the lands lying north of the Mattawa and as far west as Manitoba are surveyed into townships, subdivided into sections and quarter sections, or into lots of 160 or 320 acres each, and the locatee, whether he be a single man over eighteen, or the head of a family with children, is entitled to 160 acres only, that is, a full quarter section or a half lot, as the case may be; and if the locatee be a married man having children he may purchase an additional area of 80 acres at 50c. an acre cash.