



SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situate. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader. The homesteader is required to perform the homestead duties under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of land in each year for three years.
(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.
(3) If the father (or mother if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).
(4) The term 'vicinity' in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.
(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

Six months' notice in writing must be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of intention to apply for patent.

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In experiments with a rod of this type, one of the geologists of the United States Geological Survey found that at points it turned downward independently of his will, but more complete tests showed that the downturning resulted from slight and—until watched for—unconscious changes in the inclination of his body, the effects of which were communicated through the arms and wrists to the rod. No movement of the rod from causes outside the body could be detected, and it soon became obvious that the view held by other men of science is correct—that the operation of the 'divining rod' is generally due to unconscious movements of the body or of the muscles of the hand. The experiments made show that these movements happen most frequently at places where the operator's experience has led him to believe that water may be found. The uselessness of the divining rod is indicated by the facts that the rod may be worked at will by the operator, that he fails to detect strong currents of water running in tunnels and other channels that afford no surface indications of water, and that his locations in lime stone regions where water flows in well-defined channels are rarely more successful than those dependent on mere guesses. In fact, its operators are successful only in regions in which ground water occurs in a definite sheet in porous material or in more or less clayey deposits, such as the pebbly clay or till in which, although a few failures occur, wells would get water anywhere. Ground water occurs under certain definite conditions, and as in humid regions a stream may be predicted wherever a valley is known, so one familiar with rocks and ground water conditions may predict places where ground water can be found. No appliance, either electrical or mechanical, has yet been successfully used for detecting water in places where plain common sense or mere guessing would not have shown its presence just as well.

HORSE RATIONS.

In the United States artillery and cavalry, a horse weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds is given 12 pounds of oats, corn or barley, and about 14 pounds of hay per day. In Germany ten pounds of oats and 5.5 pounds of hay and 7.7 pounds of bright straw make the daily ration for the cavalry horse. On common duty, the English cavalry horse receives 10 pounds of oats, 12 pounds of hay and 8 pounds of straw per day. On severe duty the daily grain ration is increased to 12 or 14 pounds. It can be seen that about one pound of grain and a trifle over one pound of hay are fed for each 100 pounds of weight. Authorities on draft horses think that 0.8 pound of grain and one pound of hay each day for each hundred pounds of weight are enough for the draft horse. This would mean about twenty ears each day for the 1,600-pound horse, or a little over six ears at a feed. This is for moderate work. For hard work, the ration should

be increased to eight or ten moderate sized ears. The amount of hay should be left to the appetite of the horse, but it should never be over two pounds for each 100 pounds of live weight.

A THEATRICAL SUPERSTITION.

They were rehearsing a new play, and every one was nervous, for the first night was close at hand.

"Three beers, please."

Those words concluded the play. Yet they were entirely out of keeping. The concluding words should have been: "I die, but since I have saved you I die happy," or something to that effect.

A dramatic critic new to the business, asked how it was that the tragedy ended with "Three beers, please," and the stage manager said:

"Superstition. It is always thought bad luck in rehearsals of a new play to speak the last sentence before the opening night. He who has the last sentence to speak substitutes some meaningless phrase for it. If he dared to speak the true phrase the prospects of the play would be thought doomed." —Philadelphia Bulletin.

A prominent physician in an Arkansas town has an extensive practice among the laboring classes where economy is the best policy. One day the little daughter of one of the men became very sick, and the doctor was hurriedly called. He arrived, and administered a soothing treatment to the patient, who was soon sleeping soundly, and upon leaving prescribed some medicine which was to be obtained at the drug store. The next day the visit had to be repeated and some more medicine bought. This was kept up until the little girl was entirely well, when the father went to see the doctor to settle the bill.

As his purse was rather slim, he approached the doctor with many misgivings.

"Here is your bill, sir," began the doctor, handing him the paper. "This for the drugs from the store, and this for my visits."

The poor man looked and was horrified at the amount requested, realizing that he could not pay it all. Then after thinking a moment he took out his purse and laid some pieces of change in the physician's hand, saying: "Here is the money for the drugs, Doctor, and—we will return your calls."

When Governor Head was in office in New Hampshire, Colonel Barrett, an estimable member of the Governor's staff, died, and there was an unseemly scramble of would-be successors for the office, even while his body was awaiting burial with military honors.

One candidate, somewhat bolder than the rest, ventured to call upon Governor Head, thinking to ascertain the bent of the Governor's mind upon the important question.

"Governor," he asked, "not to speak in a manner too positive, do you think you would have any objections if I was to get into Colonel Barrett's place?"

The answer came promptly: "No, I don't think I should have any objections, if the undertaker is willing."

It was Rex's first term at school, and saying his letters over several times each day had become monotonous to him. He said to his mother indignantly one evening:

"I should think that teacher would learn her letters. I have told them over to her so many times."

Governor Ogilvie had made out his annual report for the jail in Hamilton. During the year 625 prisoners were committed to his charge, 44 of whom were women. The cost of keeping them per day was 77-10c; 84 of the prisoners were unable to write, and 554 were intemperate.

A sarcastic lawyer, during the trial of a case, made use of the expression, "Cast not your pearls before swine." Subsequently, as he arose to make the argument, the judge facetiously remarked, "Be careful, Mr. S., not to cast your pearls before swine."



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"Don't be alarmed, my lord; I am about to address the jury, not the court," was the reply of the barrister.—Tit-Bits.

She—That's all very pretty, Jack; but do you think we can live on love and kisses?

He—It's much the safest—everything else is either adulterated, or poisoned, or tainted.—Life.

"If ye please, mum," said the ancient hero, in an appealing voice, as he stood at the back door of the cottage on washday. "I've lost my leg—"

"Well, I ain't got it," snapped the woman fiercely. And the door closed with a bang.—Ladies' Home Journal.

This story is told by Congressman Foster of Vermont: He was speaking on the criticism that had been aimed at them for saying certain things against the opposition, and he offered as an excuse a story about his father.

His father was working in the field one day when a vicious dog belonging to a neighboring deacon attacked him. His father used a pitchfork with telling effect on the dog.

Later he was called on by the deacon, who upbraided him for using such extreme measures, asking him why he didn't use the blunt end of the fork first. "I would have," his father replied, "if your dog had come at me with his blunt end first."

"Upon what authority do you swear to the age of the horse?"

"I am sure of it." Half-a-dozen questions failed to get any better answer.

"How do you know?" thundered the barrister at last.

"I had it from the mare's own mouth!"

Her—"I'm not sure that I want to marry you, but I'm willing to enter into a conditional engagement."

Him—"What are the conditions?" Her—"If I meet any one I like better than you, I'll break the engagement."

Him—"And suppose I should meet a girl I like better than you?" Her—"Oh, then I should sue you for breach of promise."

