

## Acquiring a Title to Public Lands

Public lands may be acquired in any of the eight districts of Nipissing, Timiskaming, Sudbury, Algoma, Thunder Bay, Rainy River, Kenora and Patricia, comprising New or Northern Ontario, and in Parry Sound, Muskoka, Haliburton and the Counties of Peterborough, Renfrew and Hastings in Old Ontario.

The Districts are divided into agencies in charge of a Land Agent, whose duty is to give information, receive applications, and supply forms of affidavits.

Agricultural lands open for disposal may be obtained—

- (1) BY PURCHASE.
- (2) BY FREE GRANT.

### TOWNSHIPS FOR SALE IN ONTARIO

#### Quantity and Terms.

The townships open for sale are subdivided into lots of 320 acres, or sections of 640 acres, and according to the regulations now in force a half lot or quarter section of **160 acres**, more or less, is allowed to each applicant. The price is 50 cents an acre, payable one-fourth cash, and the balance in three annual instalments with interest at 6 per cent.

The applicant must be a male (or **sole** female) head of a family, or a single man over 18 years of age.

The sale is subject to the following conditions: The purchaser must go into actual and **bona fide** residence within six months from date of purchase, erect a habitable house at least 16 x 20 feet, clear and cultivate at least 10 per cent of the area of the land, and reside thereon for three years, for not less than six months in each year.

The intending purchaser should make application to the Crown Lands Agent in charge of the township in which the land is situated and file the affidavit required, which will be sent to the Department. If the land is vacant and open for sale the applicant must, upon notice from the Agent, pay the first instalment of the purchase money within thirty days, for which the Agent will give him a receipt. The applicant has then authority to go into possession and commence the settlement duties.

Applications are not received for any public lands until they are laid out into townships, surveyed into lots and concessions, and formally opened for sale by Order in Council. Lands that are reported to be valuable chiefly for mines, minerals or timber, are also withheld from sale for agricultural purposes.