

"We reproduce the following extract which appeared in the *Guelph Mercury* of Sept. 25th, in connection with this matter, which will be found to contain as much falsehood as could possibly be put into the space it takes up; it said:

"In the first place, land in the North-West territories has been virtually withdrawn from intending settlers. Every acre for several miles on each side of the Pacific railway is placed at the high figure of six dollars. Further back, from the only means of outlet, it costs five, four and three dollars per acre. And until a man gets into a solitary wilderness, one hundred and ten miles from any means of egress or transportation, he cannot get land for less than double its value. No homestead, no pre-emption, no anything for the poor or even moderately comfortable emigrant."

"By the Regulations concerning lands which have been published and to which we have referred, we understand:

"That a settler within the belt B, from five to twenty miles from the road, could get a homestead of eighty acres free; if he bought other eighty acres, at the end of three years he pays four-tenths of the

Purchase money, \$200	\$80 00
With interest	36 00
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Fourth year, \$20, interest \$7 20	27 20
Fifth " 20 " 6 00	26 00
Sixth " 20 " 4 80	24 80
Seventh " 20 " 3 60	23 60
Eighth " 20 " 2 40	22 40
Ninth " 20 " 1 20	21 20
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160 acres would then cost	\$261 20

"Yet the editor of the *Mercury* had the audacity to say:

"No homestead; no pre-emption; and that land cannot be got for less than what is double or treble its value."

"What did this editor know of the value of land in this country? He had never been here, and must have read or heard very little about it to make such assertions in good faith, or if he be well posted, he wilfully perverted the truth, gave no basis on which he arrived at the value of lands here, and expected people to swallow his simple *ipse dixit* without proof.