

Department of the Interior, under clause twenty-one of "The Dominion Lands Act, 1883," and all scrip issued under the second section of this Act shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of the said clause twenty-one and also of clause twenty-two of the said Act.

3. The entries to be made and the patents to be issued under this Act shall not be subject to the dues and charges exacted in the case of ordinary homestead entries.

THE DOMINION LANDS LAW.

(Extracts from 46 Vict., Chap. 17.)

MILITARY BOUNTY LAND SCRIP.

21. In all cases in which land scrip has heretofore been earned, or shall hereafter be granted by the Dominion, for military services, warrants therefor shall be granted in favour of the parties entitled thereto by the Minister of Militia and Defence; and such warrants shall be recorded in the Department of the Interior:

2. Such warrants shall be received, at the value shewn upon their face, in payment for any Dominion lands open for sale: Provided always, that no greater area in any township than twenty per cent. of the land, exclusive of School and Hudson's Bay Company's lands, shall be open for entry by military bounty warrants.

3. In accepting warrants as so much purchase money, any deficiency shall be payable in cash; but should any payment by warrant or by amount in warrants, be in excess of the amount of the purchase money, any such excess shall not be returned by the Government.

22. Assignments of Military Bounty warrants, or of the expectancy of the same, shall not be recognized; but the warrants shall, similarly to other land scrip, be considered payable to bearer; and the warrantees shall be at all risk of their loss, as no warrant shall be duplicated. In cases where any person entitled to a Military Bounty warrant dies before its issue, the warrant shall issue in favour of the legal representative or representatives of such deceased person.

PROVING UP A CLAIM.

(Extract from 47 Vict., Chap. 25, Sect. 3.)

4. Proof of the residence, erection of a habitable house, and cultivation required by this clause shall be made by the claimant by affidavit, and shall be corroborated by the evidence on oath of two disinterested witnesses, resident in the vicinity of the land affected by their evidence, and accepted as sufficient by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands or the Land Board: such affidavit shall be sworn and such testimony given before the Local Agent or some other person named for that purpose by the Minister of the Interior.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTTAWA.

Observance of the following hints for conducting correspondence with the Departments of the Government will save time and trouble to the official staff, facilitate the submission of applications for decision, and consequently tend to diminish the period in which replies may be looked for:

1. Address no letters on official business by name to the Minister, or anyone else connected with the Department, as letters so personally addressed may be deemed private correspondence, and, in the possible absence of the person to whom they are directed, remain unopened till his return.

2. All letters to the authorities at Ottawa on official matters should be addressed, in a plain hand, to

The Hon. the Minister,

Department of

Ottawa.

No stamp is required for letters so directed to a Department, such communications being "free."

3. Write in a concise and courteous manner, upon foolscap paper, on one side of the paper only, and leaving a margin of at least an inch on the left-hand side.

4. In the right-hand top corner of the first page write distinctly the official name of the post office to which a reply should be addressed, together with the date of your letter. If the matter occupies more than one page, see that the pages are numbered; and be sure that your signature is legible.

5. Never deal with more than one subject in a single communication; but write a separate letter for each.

6. On receiving a reply, if you have to respond to it, do not fail to quote the reference number of the official file, which you will observe in the left hand top corner of the first page (i.e., at the head of your letter put—In reply to No.)