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AGRICULTURAL CREDIT LOANS.

Application made by farmers for assistance under the Agricultural Credits Bill to Hon. Wm. Manson, Minister of Agriculture, have to date totalled 1041, having an aggregate, in requests, of \$2,175,445. The average amount asked for is \$1354. The amounts asked for range from \$250 to \$8000.

Of these applications, 464, with an average request of \$2324, or a total of \$1,078,605, have been appraised by the department's five appraisers. Loans granted number 144, the average being \$1628 and the total \$234,430. The applications in 142 cases were refused, while seven were voluntarily withdrawn. There were 121 applications made for money with which to pay off existing mortgages. These have been held over. They were for \$372,450.

The largest number of requests for a single amount were for loans of \$1000, twenty-six applicants requesting that amount of money, twenty-one applied for relief to the extent of \$500, while sixteen wanted \$1500 and the same number required \$2000, twelve were sure that \$1250 would meet their requirements, while eight asked for \$2500.

Hon. Wm. Manson hopes that the total number of applications made to date will be fully appraised before the winter sets in. The appraisers in many instances, especially on Vancouver Island, can continue their work throughout the winter.

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SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

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Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V. assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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