

The above, I hope, is sufficient proof that there is a good market for these articles every year. Dealers import only when the local supply is exhausted, the home-raised article being equally as good as the imported. They use it as long as they can get it.

FREE HOMESTEADS.

In the Crown Lands' Act for 1903, the Government very wisely provides for the granting of free homesteads to persons desirous of settling on a farm and for the granting of larger lots to those who undertake to settle families thereon. The sections of the Act I refer to are the following :

"Section 5 — The Governor-in-Council may issue Licenses of occupation of Crown land on payment of a fee of five dollars for each one hundred and sixty acres, for not less than one hundred and sixty acres nor more than six thousand four hundred acres, subject to the condition that the licensee shall within two years settle upon the land one family for each one hundred and sixty acres and for a period of five years cause to be cleared at least two acres per year for every hundred acres so licensed, and continue the same families thereon or others in lieu thereof for a period of ten years from the expiration of the said five years, upon the performance of which condition the said licensee shall be entitled to a grant in fee for the said land.

"Section 7. — The Governor-in-Council may issue licenses of occupation in quantities not exceeding fifty acres of any Crown lands for a term not exceeding five years to such persons as shall be desirous of permanently