THE GREAT CANADIAN NORTHWEST.

they are so arranged as to be practically beyond the reach of that class of speculators, who only act as obstructions to the settlement of a new country. Besides these railway companies numerous other smaller corporations and individuals hold Southern Manitoba lands for sale, on terms equally as advantageous, so that there is no difficulty in the way of the agricultural settler being well located over its broad prairies, while the numbers of towns, which are springing up along the projected lines of railway, offer innumerable opportunities to parties wishing to engage in any commercial or industrial calling. All these advantages are offered by corporations, firms and individuals to intending settlers in Southern Manitoba, but it must be remembered, that the Dominion Government still hold thousands of aeres of lands therein, which are within the reach of actual settlers, almost without money and without price. We cannot therefore do better than append clause 34 of the consolidated land laws, which explains clearly how land may be obtained from the Dominion Government by settlers.

"34. Any person, male or female, who is the sole head of a family, or any male who has attained the age of eighteen years, shall be entitled to be entered for one hundred and sixty acres, or for a less quantity of unappropriated Dominion lands, for the purpose of securing a homestead right in respect thereof.

"But a person obtaining such homestead entry shall be liable to the forfeiture thereof should he not become a *bona fide* occupant of the land so entered within six months of the date of entry : Provided that the Governor in Council may, in case of intending immigrants, or of persons from abroad desiring to settle near each other, vary the above rule, as may be de-med expedient, but in no case shall a longer period than twelve months be allowed between the date of entry and the due occupation of the land, and the occupant shall theneeforth continue to occupy and cultivate the same as hereinafter provided."

The person securing a homestead on the above terms, can, after a continuous residence thereon of three years, and by payment of a nominal fee to the Dominion Government, secure a deed for the same, and be owner of a home and farm, provided said party is either by birth or naturalization a subject of Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ircland.

In great and and it is Th ney e cross Raily stand Balic that longcours more this ; terest dustr territ be lo disar and t and ' scien to th there

8