

THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If a settler was entitled to and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced.

The privilege of a second entry is restricted by law to those settlers only who completed the duties upon their first homesteads to entitle them to patent on or before the 2nd June, 1889.

Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B. In addition to Free Grant Lands to which the Regulations above are referred, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase from railroad & other Corporations and private firms in Western Canada.

Rev. Edward F. Roche, S.J.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Rev. Edward F. Roche, S.J., professor of mediaeval history at Georgetown University, is dead of typhoid fever. Father Roche had been connected with the university for several years, and formerly taught history at Boston College, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.; St. Francis Xavier College, New York City; St. Peter's College, Jersey City, and Loyola College, Baltimore.

DOMESTIC READING.

Take care not to be cast down by adversity nor puffed up by success, for it is the peculiarity of faith to render us humble in prosperity and strong in adversity.

It has been well said that the difference between habitual rudeness and habitual politeness in a man's behaviour is probably as great a difference as he will ever be able to make in the sum of human happiness. And the arithmetic of life consists in adding to or subtracting from the pleasurable moments of mortality. Neither is it worth while to draw the fine distinction between pleasure and happiness. If we are indifferent to the pleasures of our fellow-creatures it will not take us long to be indifferent to their happiness as well. We do not grow generous by ceasing to be considerate.

In and Around Toronto

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION.

To-day (Thursday) the Church celebrates the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin; it also commemorates the Presentation of the Divine Child in the Temple and recalls the words of Holy Simeon when he cried out: "A light has come to the nations and a glory to thy people Israel." Hence it is for us a day of triple significance. It brings before us the beautiful picture of the Blessed Virgin carrying her little Son in her arms together with her lowly offering of two doves, and accompanied by her humble spouse, Saint Joseph, making her way to the Temple in accordance with the custom of the Jewish people. Then we see the meeting between the old man Simeon and the Holy Family, and we witness the delight of the old patriarch as the gentle Mother lays the Saviour of Mankind in his arms and his eyes behold Him for whom he had so long waited. The name Candlemas Day is given to the Feast on account of the custom which originated in the 7th century of carrying candles in procession through the churches in commemoration of the words of Simeon on seeing the Divine Child.

The solemnity of the Feast is transferred to Sunday next.

FEAST OF ST. BLASE.

The Feast of St. Blase, which occurs on Friday of this week, is of quite ancient origin. According to established custom the throats of all who so desire are blessed in the different churches of the city throughout the day. The ceremony, however, is not universal, probably because in many places country districts for example, it is altogether impracticable, but wherever established it annually becomes more and more popular. Taking our own city for example, and looking back a few years, it is easy to remember the time when the ceremony of "blessing the throats" was confined to but a few of our churches and those who recalled themselves of it were few in number, so little was it known. Now, however, the custom is general and hundreds evince their faith in the Saint by presenting themselves on his day to receive his protection. Special hours have been announced in the different parishes for the carrying out of the ceremony. Generally speaking the hour is after the last Mass and after Benediction in the evening with special hours for the children in the afternoon.

STORY OF ST. BLASE.

"Who is Saint Blase?" was asked me on Sunday last. "I believe he can cure throats," continued my interlocutor, "and I believe, too, that he has saved me from many an attack, because I often had them before I had my throat blessed, but I don't know anything about him, who was he?" There may be others in the same predicament, so here is a short account of the Saint.

In Armenia, in the end of the 3rd century, lived a young philosopher and physician; this youth is now known to the world as Saint Blase. His life as a doctor opened up to him so much of the sin and misery of mankind that he determined to take up as a special work the saving the souls of men rather than that of saving the body. His fame as a teacher and preacher spread, and thousands came to him to be cured of their physical and spiritual infirmities. He was appointed Bishop of Sebaste. During a persecution of the Christians under Agricolaus he was hurried off to prison. On the road he was met by a poor distracted mother, who besought him to save the life of her only child who was dying from an affection of the throat. The human heart of the Saint was touched and he immediately began to pray; the recovery of the child at once followed. Hence the foundation for the devotion to the Saint as protector against all diseases of the throat. Refusing to worship false gods, the Bishop was first torn with iron hooks and then beheaded in the year 316. He is the patron of wool-combers, probably because combs or hooks were used to lacerate his body during his martyrdom, and in some parts of England a procession of this craft is held in honor of the Saint on the day of his feast, Feb. 3rd.

NURSE'S OUTING.

For some years past Dr. E. E. King has treated the nurses of St. Michael's Hospital to an outing in the shape of a sleigh drive through the city. On Thursday evening last this annual event looked forward to with much pleasurable interest, came off with even more eclat than usual. Promptly at 8 p.m. a large and gorgeous van drawn by four fine horses, drew up before the hospital, and Doctor King was met by the nursing staff, who on sight of the genial doctor, set up the refrain "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The sleigh containing its merry load then started for its two hour tour. On their return the nurses and house surgeons were regaled at a dainty oyster supper, and after a happy half hour spent in speeches and pleasant exchanges, all returned to their labors much refreshed by the relaxation and unanimous in their praise of and thanks to Doctor King for his thought on their behalf.

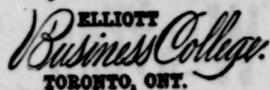
PRESENTATION TO MR. T. F. CALLAGHAN.

Mr. T. F. Callaghan, late president of Branch No. 15 of the C.M.B.A., on his retirement from the presidency, was presented with a case of valuable cutlery. Representatives of all eight branches of the city were present, and felicitous speeches on both sides added to the enjoyment of the event.

BENEFIT CONCERT.

On Friday evening last St. Andrew's Hall was crowded to the doors at the concert given under the auspices of St. Leo's Court No. 581, Catholic Order of Foresters, for the benefit of two of its sick members. Controller Ward presided and beside him on the platform were Rev. Father Barrett and Doyle, C.S.S.R. The following contributed to a fine programme of readings and instrumental and vocal music: The Misses A. Egan, Murphy, E. Tully, M. Landy, A. Wray, Blanche Paolini, and Messrs. J. A. Quinn, W. Lafamme, B. McWilliams, W. Finnigan, W. Schmidt, C. Bracken, S. Bright,

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THE LATE MRS. SAGE.

On Thursday last an old and respected citizen passed away in the person of Mrs. Sage, who died at the residence of her son, Mr. Andrew Michael Sage, 67 Sherbourne street. Mrs. Sage was the widow of the late Michael Sage, who was in her 90th year, and had passed the half century of her life in Toronto. She was a native of Tipperary, Ireland. The funeral took place on Saturday morning to St. Michael's cemetery. Mrs. Sage is survived by four sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren. R. I. P.

DEATH OF MRS. QUIRK.

Among the recent deaths is that of Mrs. John Quirk, which took place at the residence of her son-in-law, 830 Yonge street on Thursday, Feb. 26th. The funeral took place from St. Basil's church on Saturday morning and the interment at St. Michael's cemetery. R.I.P.

HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE COLLECTION.

The collection taken up annually in our city churches in aid of the House of Providence, has this year surpassed all former records. The Sisters in charge of the Institution are most grateful to all who contributed and to the pastors who by their words of commendation encouraged the members of their flocks to aid in the charitable work. The appended list gives the amounts from the different parishes: Church of the Holy Family, \$68.71; Our Lady of Lourdes, \$146.12; Sacred Heart, \$30.26; St. Basil's, \$165.65; St. Cecilia's, \$50; St. Helen's, \$177; St. Michael's, \$177.63; St. Francis, \$76.75; St. Joseph's, \$63.33; St. Mary's, \$229.42; St. Patrick's, \$213.52; St. Paul's, \$230.00; St. Peter's, \$63.42; Total, \$1,705.00.

GOLD LOCKET FOR MR. V. FAYLE.

On Thursday evening last the members of Branch No. 3, C.M.B.A. met in their hall, corner of Dundas street and Sheridan avenue, and presented the retiring president, Mr. V. Fayle, with an address and a beautiful gold locket bearing the emblem of the Society. The address, which embodied the appreciation of the members for the services of Mr. Fayle during his term of office, was read by Mr. John Boland and the presentation was made by Controller J. J. Ward. Mr. Fayle replied to the address in felicitous terms after which the installation of officers was proceeded with, Grand Deputy M. J. Quinn officiating.

ITALIAN ANNUAL GATHERING.

The third annual hall of the Italians of the city takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 7th. The Temple Building has been selected as the scene of the festivity and D'Alessandro's orchestra will be in attendance. The committee in charge are H. A. Castucci, chairman; J. Bronetti, secretary; G. Constable, treasurer.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WM. FANNON.

As Mr. Wm. Fannon is retiring from the position of organist at the Church of the Holy Rosary, the occasion was taken advantage of to evince the appreciation in which he is held by the priests of the Novitiate and the members of the choir. On Thursday the choir met and presented him with many expressions of good will and a purse, in recognition of his work. Rev. Father Ryan, C.S.B., made the presentation and Rev. Fathers Murray and Cushing were also present. Mr. Fannon leaves to accept the position of organist at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN "AT HOME."

A grand gathering of the Knights of St. John and the friends of the Order is expected in the Assembly Hall of the Temple Building on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., when the united commanderies and auxiliaries of the city will hold their annual "at home." A fine committee of workers, selected from the ladies and gentlemen of the association, have the affair in hand, and the success of all former affairs of the society, bespeaks the successful issue of this social gathering. Mr. J. S. Hartnett, chairman; Mr. John Whelan, vice-chairman; Mr. J. J. Smith, secretary; Miss Ethel Sibley, 467 Wellesley street, secretary.

MR. J. J. NIGHTINGALE HONORED.

The Knights of St. John, St. Patrick's Commandery No. 212, met in their hall, corner of Queen and McGill streets, on Thursday evening of last week, in a very pleasant manner. The new officers were installed by Grand President Thos. Callaghan and the Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Doyle, C.S.S.R., addressed the meeting. The retiring president, Mr. J. J. Nightingale, was then presented with a handsome gold locket as a slight mark of the high value placed upon his services by the Society, and Messrs. Gavin and Gendron were respectively made the recipients of a gold ring and gold cuff-links, prizes won during the year. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent in social intercourse.

DEATH OF MRS. PETER HAFEEY.

The death of Mrs. Bridget Hafeey, which occurred at her late residence, 119 Strachan avenue, is lamented by a large circle of friends. Mrs. Hafeey had been in delicate health for some years, but a change for the

SECOND ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE
Sovereign Life Assurance Company

ADDISON H. HOOVER,
President and Managing Director

182 Bay St., Toronto, Ont. Dec. 31st, 1904.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Municipal Debentures and Bonds (Par value of above \$217,324.26)	\$214,122.47	Net re-insurance reserve (Company's Standard, British offices On a 3 per cent. Tables)	\$ 77,326.00
Cash on hand and in Banks	2,555.96	(Being \$1,925.00 greater than Government Standard, Institute Actuarial Hm. 31.2 per cent. Tables)	
Interest accrued	2,069.18	Surplus on Policyholders' account	241,326.20
Deferred Premiums	3,331.55		
Office Furniture and Fixtures	2,050.95		
Agent's Ledger Balances (secured)	8,007.59		
Other Assets	343.75		
	\$245,650.22		
Contingent Assets			
Due from Shareholders on account Capital stock	67,801.98		
Due from Shareholders on account Stock Premiums	5,200.00		
		Total Liabilities	\$318,652.20
Total Assets	\$318,652.20		

Capital Stock paid up and in process of collection, \$231,410.00.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Insurance Premiums	\$61,819.54	Paid to Policyholders	\$ 6,980.19
Interest	5,582.17	Head Office Expenses, Salaries, Commissions to Agents, Taxes, Licenses, Fees, etc.	41,446.24
Capital Stock	82,269.76	Organization Expenses	13,191.49
Premiums on Capital Stock	41,486.46	Balance Income over Expenditure	129,540.01
	\$191,157.93		\$191,157.93

RESULTS OF THE YEAR

	Per cent.		Per cent.
Increase in Total Premium Income	123.21	Increase in Policy Reserves	145.31
Increase in Assets	135.52	Increase in Paid for Insurance in force	73.96

DEBENTURES AND BONDS OWNED BY THE COMPANY

City of Brantford earning 4 per cent.	\$ 5,000.00	City of Vancouver earning 4 per cent.	\$10,000.00
City of Calgary " 4 "	10,000.00	City of Winnipeg " 4 1/2 "	10,000.00
City of Chatham " 4 1/2 "	10,485.25	City of Windsor " 4 1/2 "	11,435.08
City of Guelph " 4 1/2 "	5,063.04	Town of Dunville " 4 1/2 "	10,141.65
City of Hamilton " 4 "	7,300.00	Town of Fl. William " 4 1/2 "	15,000.00
City of Hull " 4 1/2 "	10,000.00	Town of Lothbridge " 5 "	10,000.00
City of Moncton " 4 "	10,000.00	Town of Port Arthur " 5 "	10,000.00
City of Stratford " 4 "	10,000.00	Town of Petrolia " 3 1/2 "	28,000.00
City of St. Catharines " 4 "	24,000.00	Town of Rat Portage " 4 1/2 "	10,889.14
City of Toronto " 4 "	10,000.00	Total	\$217,324.26

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the above statement of Assets and Liabilities and of Income and Disbursements with the Books and Vouchers of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company, and certify same to be correct. We have also examined and counted the Bonds and Debentures of the Company and the evidences of the Dominion Government Deposit and the Cash and Bank balances, and find the same correct and in accordance with the above statement. A continuous audit has been maintained during the year, and we certify that the Books and Accounts of the Company are well and truly kept.

Toronto, Ont.,
Jan. 21st, 1905.
(Signed) J. P. LANGLEY, Auditors.
GEO. EDWARDS,

SECURITY TO POLICY-HOLDERS

Amount set apart for re-insurance reserve	\$ 77,326.00
Surplus Assets over Liabilities	241,326.20
Uncalled Capital Stock	693,790.00
TOTAL SECURITY TO POLICY-HOLDERS	\$1,012,442.20

HON. WM. C. EDWARD S., 1st Vice-President.
WILLIAM DINEEN, 2nd Vice-President. THOMAS BAKER, 3rd Vice-President.
ROBERT E. MEN ZIE, Treasurer.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Consulting Actuary. W. H. HUNTER, B.A., Solicitor.

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Renewal Contracts for General Agents in Unrepresented Districts.

better had given hope of her ultimate recovery when pneumonia intervened and the end was fatal. The deceased lady is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters. The death took place on Friday, Jan. 20th, and the funeral on Monday from St. Mary's church to St. Michael's cemetery. R.I.P.

MRS. P. MCCARTHY.
Amongst the recent deaths is that of Mary Ann, wife of Mr. P. McCarthy, which took place at her late residence, 63 Palmerston avenue, on Jan. 21st. The funeral took place on Monday to Mount Hope Cemetery.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. STEPHEN McINERNEY.
Last week Mrs. McInerney, wife of the well known livery-keeper, the late Mr. Stephen McInerney, received a very sudden call. Mrs. McInerney was about as usual during the day, but in the afternoon on going to the house of a neighbor, complained of not feeling well. A doctor was sent for, but without avail. Death came a few minutes later. The funeral took place from St. Mary's church to St. Michael's cemetery.

AT ST. HELEN'S.
At the High Mass at St. Helen's on Sunday the usual sermon was dispensed with and in its place on appeal was made for the House of Providence, a collection for which was afterwards taken up. That the congregation responded was evidenced by the amount contributed, which was as large as that of some of the leading churches. St. Helen's, too, has twice lately had the honor of leading in the collection for the ecclesiastical fund. It is also making good progress towards a sufficient sum to warrant the near commencement of its new church. This new church, in the minds of its enthusiastic executive committee, is to be "the very

finest in the west end." The monthly meeting of the Altar Society and the League of the Sacred Heart at which Rev. Father McGrand presided, was held on Monday evening, when it was shown that, including the branches of the men, women and children, the membership was about seven hundred, or more than half the parish. Both societies were also shown to have a good surplus fund in readiness to help in the adornment of the new church.

GOUGH-LEAHY.
A quiet wedding witnessed only by the immediate relatives, took place at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rev. J. M. Cruise officiating and the contracting parties being Mr. Richard Thomas Gough, C.E., of Halifax, and Miss Anna Madeleine Leahy, daughter of the late Mr. Edmond Leahy of Halifax. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Bradshaw-Fullard, wore a handsome travelling suit and carried bridal roses. The bride's sister, Mrs. Bradshaw-Fullard, acted as matron of honor. After a wedding breakfast at 2 May Place, the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gough left for a trip through the Western States.

MRS. JAMES LYNCH.
On Saturday last the funeral of Catherine Donnelly, widow of the late James Lynch, took place from the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gough left for a trip through the Western States.

MR. RICHARD LYNCH WAS HOST.
On Saturday evening Mr. Richard Lynch entertained a number of his friends at his home in Wilton Ave. Those who contributed to the pleasure of the evening were the Chandel Brothers in vocal selections, Joseph Chambers in monolog and W. J. Mitchell and Joseph Killackey in humorous recitations. Mr. Robert Patterson was chef of the evening. Mr. Lynch was agreeably surprised

on being made the recipient of a handsome Morris chair, the address being made in happy terms by Mr. Nick McCarron. Amongst those present were Messrs. John Coady, Wm. Chambers, Thos. McCarron, Alex. McFarlane, John Taylor, Joseph Chambers, W. J. Mitchell, James Petrie, Nick McCarron, Luke Frame and many others.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION.
At a largely attended meeting of the Associated Charities of the city, held in the city hall on Tuesday afternoon, the question of undesirable immigration was made the subject of a motion proposed by Dr. Goldwin Smith, and spoken to by many prominent men and women, well known in charitable and philanthropic circles. Quite a diversity of opinion existed as to just what constituted the desirable immigrant. It seemed, however, to be generally conceded that the criminal class, anyone defective in mind or body and the deceived immigrant, were not of the class desired. An unfortunate use of the word "Jewish" by the framer of the motion brought forth a hot and apparently justifiable defence of the Hebrew immigrant by Rabbi Jacobs, Mr. Davis and others, several testifying warmly to the merits of the Hebrews as found amongst us. It was requested that any having information on the matter would communicate with the secretary, Mr. Frank Walsh. The motion was to petition the government to take more stringent measures than at present exist in the reception of immigrants into this country.

Each of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier. Each one of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the greatest good may flow. Each of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single house may be radiating that small stimulus to a whole commonwealth.