

## LAND REGULATIONS.

Land adapted for farming purposes can seldom be obtained from land companies, speculators or private individuals, under twenty shillings an acre. The Canadian Government, being desirous of preventing the acquisition of large tracts of lands by private companies or private individuals, for the purpose of speculation, have coupled the sale of the Government lands with such conditions as to prevent undue or improper advantage being taken of their liberality in offering farming land at a low rate. Every purchaser must become an actual settler. This simple condition drives out of the field a host of speculators.

In addition to the Free Grants, Government lands are sold either in blocks, or in single lots of 100 acres, to actual settlers.

Lands in blocks are sold in quantities varying from 40,000 to 60,000 acres, at 50 cents (about 2s. sterling) per acre, cash, in Upper Canada; and in Lower Canada, at from 18 cents and upwards, according to situation; on condition that the purchaser cause the block to be surveyed into lots of from 100 to 200 acres each, on a plan and in a manner to be approved by the Government; and that one-third of the block be settled upon within two years and a half from the time of sale—one-third more within seven years—and the residue within 10 years from time of sale.

This requirement will be dispensed with as to any portion of the land which at the last-mentioned period is found to be unfit for settlement.

The settlers must have resided on their lots for two years continuously, and have cleared and cultivated ten acres of every 100 acres occupied by them, before they can get absolute titles.

Absolute titles will be given to the purchaser on payment in full of the price, and on his having resided at least two years on his lot and cleared and had under cultivation ten acres of every 100 acres occupied by him.

## Expense of Clearing and Public Charges on Land.

The cost of clearing Wild Lands is about from \$12 to \$14 per acre. The expense is however, greater in the remote districts, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring laborers; but this work is generally done by contract. The only charge on land is a tax which seldom exceeds 1d. per acre. It is applied to local improvements alone, in which the person taxed has a direct interest.

## Capital required by intending Settler.

The capital required to enable an emigrant family to settle upon a Free Grant Lot, or enter upon the occupation of the Wild Lands of the Crown, has been variously estimated. It should be sufficient to support his family for the first eighteen months, until he can get a return from his land; and although much will depend upon the parties themselves, in no case should it be less than £50 currency.

The following is a careful estimate of the quantity and cost of provisions required for 12 months, for a man and his wife, and three young children, and also a list of articles required by settlers going into the bush. The prices are attached at which they can be purchased at the villages near the settlements:—

8 barrels of flour, at £1 15s. per barrel.....	£14	0	0
2    "    of pork, at £3 15s.    "    .....	7	10	0
80 bushels of potatoes, at 2s per bushel.....	8	0	0
30 lbs. of tea, at 2s. 6d. per lb.....	3	15	0
1 barrel of herrings.....	2	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$ "    of salt.....	7	6	
Cost of provisions.....	Carried forward.....		
	£35	12	6