Hardy Cherries.

The following circular has been issued by the Horticultural Department of the Ottawa Experimental Farm, under date of August 9th.

To Nurserymen and Fruit Growers:

An important feature in connection with the Horticultural work, during the past five years, at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, has been the testing of hardy forms of the Morello Cherry, recently imported from Eastern Europe. A number of these low growing, partially dwarfed varieties have been in bearing the past two years and give evidence of unusual hardiness, vigor and productiveness. This apparent hardiness of tree united in many instances with good quality of fruit, renders it advisable that they should be disseminated at as early a date as possible, especially in the interests of the fruit growers in the colder parts of the Dominion.

In order that nurserymen and fruit growers may have an opportunity of testing them without delay, a selection including the most desirable varieties has been made, of which buds for immediate propagation are now available, and will be distributed under instruction of the Hon. The Minister of Agriculture free of charge, on receipt of the application by the undersigned.

Applications should be addressed to the Horticulturist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. These will be filled in the order in which they are received, as far as it is possible to meet the demand, using our best judgment in selecting suitable varieties for the various sections.

Care should be taken to preserve the names, so that a record of the behaviour of each variety can be secured for the purpose of future comparison. Mahaleb, is probably at present the best available stock upon which to work these buds. In the absence of this they may be set upon stocks of Mazzard Bird Cherry, (*Prunus Pensylvanica*) or the common red cherry, with a fair degree of success.

JOHN CRAIG,
Horticulturist.

The Lumbermen Taking an Outing.

The Northwestern Ontario and Manitoba Wholesale Lumbermen's Association recently invited the members of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association to accompany them on an outing among the islands of the Lake of the Woods. The invitation was accepted and August 10th fixed as the date for meeting at Rat Portage from which point the excursion was to start. One of Winnipeg's crack bands was engaged to accompany the party. Two large steamers and a barge were provided to carry the wholesalers and their guests.

The C.P.R. company are getting in a large stock of coal for the coming season at Heron Bay, Russport and Fort William, some 18,000 tons to each of the first two ports.

A party of Dakota settlers who went to Edmonton district in June purchased 20 quarter sections of C. P. R. land, most of it being in the vicinity of Fort Saskatchewan, near the German settlement, which is located there. All of this land was purchased for purposes of actual settlement.

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

OF CANADA.

The Department of the Interior of the Canadian Government issues through Mr. A. M. Burgess, Deputy Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the following rules relating to the acquiring of land:

All even-numbered sections of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-West Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which have not been homesteaded, reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or other purposes, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or male over eighteen 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 in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one to make the entry for him. A fee of $10 is charged for an ordinary homestead entry; but for lands which have been occupied an additional fee of $10 is chargeable to meet inspection and cancellation expenses.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways, and on making application for entry the settler must declare under which of the following conditions he elects to hold his land:

1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.

2. Residence for three years anywhere within two miles of the homestead quarter-section and afterwards actual residence in a habitable house upon the homestead for three months next prior to application for patent. Under this system 10 acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres in the third year.

3. The five years' system under which a settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, (but must perfect his entry by commencing cultivation within six months after the date thereof), breaking 5 acres the first year, cropping those five acres and breaking 10 acres additional the second year, and also building a habitable house before the end of the second year. The settler must commence actual residence on the homestead at the expiration of two years from date of entry, and thereafter reside upon and cultivate his home-stead for at least six months in each of the three next succeeding years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station. Before making application for Patent the settler must give six months notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands of his intention to do so.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICES.

Intelligence offices are situate at Qu'Appelle Station, and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices 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.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD

may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him, or had earned title to his first homestead on, or prior to the second day of June, 1887.

INFORMATION.

Full information respecting the land, timber coal and mineral laws, and copies of these Regulations, as well as those 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 Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-West Territories.

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