

RECLAIM OVER A MILLION ACRES

Washington, D. C.—April 28.—Washington is on the eve of the first harvest from the sowing of the reclamation service, and the government soon will be receiving vast sums in return which may be applied to still other projects. After years of waiting, the west is about to realize its great expectations.

At the present time work is in progress in reclamation which will in the near future bring 1,344,000 acres of arid land under water from government canals. From these portions of 3,198,000 acres ultimately to be covered by these projects, the government will receive annually \$5,872,000 as the yearly payment of the settlers who take land under the ditches and who must pay the total cost of the reclamation in 10 equal annual sums.

This will bring this magnificent area into production, which heretofore has yielded little else than sage brush and jackrabbits; and in turn it will also yield to the government the \$5,872,000 which, taking out the cost of maintenance, will leave enough to construct two large projects every year.

The area referred to is only that which will be available in the coming year or thereabouts. But a short time after the expiration of a year the 1,344,000 acres and \$5,272,000 of annual revenue will be augmented to 3,198,000 acres and a proportional increase in the annual revenues from the one-tenth payments, which will be more than double. In other words, in say about two years, the annual revenues will be about \$10,000,000 which will have come back to the irrigation fund from completed projects.

The fifth annual report of the reclamation service is the warrant for these assertions. Perusal of the plain facts thus grouped by the officers of the reclamation service, caused a wave of enthusiasm to run through the entire force.

Statistician C. J. Blanchard said: "Certainly these are pleasing facts and this presentation has not heretofore been made. The proximity of the day of such rich returns makes us all feel good. It will inspire us to harder work, and should occasion general rejoicing in the western irrigation states."

SOME PROJECTS DELAYED.

The excessive cost of materials and labor is inducing the government to rush to completion the projects that have already been begun. But some projects which have been contemplated but on which work has not been begun will be delayed until prices resume a normal level. The reclamation service has been urged to go onward with the projects, regardless of the cost, in order to bring the arid lands into use, but the director and other officials point out that, if they inaugurate projects with all prices at the highest, thus making the total cost higher and laying on the settlers the burden of repaying that augmented cost in their 10 annual payments, the recession of values of all elements of construction would leave the settler with high-water cost and lower water revenue with which to pay the government.

Inasmuch as the irrigation fund is handed on the theory of a loan to the western farmers, which they are expected to repay in the annual payments, the money may be devoted again to the construction of other works for the reclamation of arid lands, the expenditure of too large amounts for a given project will operate throughout the 10 year period to the disadvantage of the families who live on the reclaimed areas.

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Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$5 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered mineral in place may locate a claim 500 x 500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on a claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 1-2 per cent on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1-2 per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

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Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land 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 receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions specified throughout under one of the following plans:

1. At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

2. If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

3. If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

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