



Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Land Regulations.

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta.

Duties. — Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent), and cultivate fifty acres extra.

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W. W. CORY,

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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—'League Journal.'

A Morning Call.

'Do tell me,' said Mrs. Jones, who had dropped in for a chat, 'how it happened you have your bread baked and Katie was only mixing hers as I left.'

'That is simple enough,' I replied. 'Yesterday noon I served boiled potatoes for dinner and used the water in which they were boiled to scald my flour in making the yeast. As I started supper, I added salt and sugar and a yeast cake that had been dissolved. After supper dishes were washed I mixed my bread in a stiff loaf and let it rise until this morning, when I moulded it in loaves and put it in the tins. This was done while breakfast was cooking. You know I always prepare as much of this the evening before as possible.'

'Well,' she said, 'doesn't your bread get sour during the night?'

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