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Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations.

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. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency) on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within five miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$2.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

Settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months out of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

The art of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or tosy land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. COREY, C.M.G., Deputy of the Minister of the Interior

NOTICE

All bills due me must be settled by Feb. 1st, 1916. After Dec. 31st, 1915 all blacksmith work will be strictly cash.

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Scarcity of Gasoline.

New York March 29—The production of gasoline in America is at its limit, and the output is taxed to the utmost by the demand, incidentally the price of this precious fuel is fluctuating upwards with such grim steadiness that the millions of automobiles and motorboat owners in Canada and United States are face to face with the solacing prospect of having to pay 40 cents per gallon before the first of June. This is not the worst, however. Oil syndicates and economists of universities follow up with the cold comforting theory that before the cessation of the war gasoline will be scarce at 50 cents a gallon.

Plainly the explanation for this rapid increase in price is the enormous increase in demand for gasoline, caused by the European war, as a few statistics will show.

In 1909 the total production of gasoline in United States was 12,900,000 barrels, of which 1,640,000 barrels was exported. The production in 1914 was nearly treble that of 1909, being 34,915,000 barrels, and there were in that year 5,000,000 barrels exported. In 1915 the production was 5,500,000 barrels.

The recent addition to the British navy of nearly 2000 submarine chasers, each carrying 400 to 800 horse power oil burning engines, will alone consume probably 13,000,000 barrels, which is one third the entire consumption of the United States. Along with this must be taken into consideration the tremendous consumption of the air fleet, and the thousands of motor trucks used at the front. In fact the Allies alone could use the entire output of the United States, if it were obtainable.

Prices will probably recede after the war, but till then there is very little hope of a stop being put to the present upward trend. Cheaper motor fuel may come from unexpected discoveries of new petroleum supplies, or from substitutes, but even in this case very small decrease can be hoped for until the end of the war. Notwithstanding the many new processes of refining which are being developed, and the improvements of scientific refining processes the oil syndicates and other authorities on the question venture the advice that the home consumer of the fuel must pay the price or forsake the comforts and enjoyment of motoring.

Few Farm Helpers Secured in States.

Chicago, March 27—Efforts of the Canadian Government to obtain thirty thousand farmhands in the United States have met with limited success, according to W. J. White, Inspector of Canadian Government Agencies in the United States.

Mr. White returned to Chicago today after a trip to agencies in Illinois and other Central Western states.

"Owing to the late Spring farm-laborers are already employed in their own localities for the most part," said Mr. White, "and as their wages are high we have been able to obtain only a few thousand of the large number needed."

PLOUGHING STARTS IN ALBERTA.

According to a telegram received in Montreal from Vice-President Bury, of the Canadian Pacific, who is out West, ploughing started on the south end of MacLeod subdivision and on the Crow's Nest subdivision last week end and should be general this week. Some ploughing has already been done at Taber, Alberta, and it is expected that ploughing will be general on Lethbridge subdivision about the twenty-fourth. There should be a great deal of ploughing done throughout southern Alberta next week.

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None of the British Steamers Torpedoed Since New Submarine Policy Began Have Received Warning.

London, March 29—The British steamer Minneapolis, which was torpedoed without warning in the Mediterranean last Wednesday, remained afloat, according to a Reuter despatch from Malta, and attempts were being made to tow her into port.

About 200 of the crew of the Minneapolis were landed at Malta, and 10 men are missing. The captain of the steamer says the vessel struck a mine Tuesday afternoon.

London, March 29—The British steamer Berwindvale was attacked today, but not sunk.

The Berwindvale, a vessel of 5,232 tons, sailed from Galveston, February 24, and Newport News, March 2, or Avonport according to available shipping records.

London, March 29—British naval officials point out that none of the British vessels, armed or unarmed, torpedoed since the inception of the new German submarine campaign has received any warning, nor has the crew been removed, except where the torpedoed ship sank slowly.

A report, which has been made public, shows that four unarmed British merchantmen engaged in trade between British and American ports, have been sunk without warning. They included the Englishman, from Avonmouth for Portland, Maine, and the Fenay Bridge and Manchester Engineer, both from Philadelphia for England. These vessels followed the general practice of British merchantmen engaged in trade with America in not even having a defensive armament.

THE GREEK MINISTRY IS CRUMBLING.

New York, March 28—A special cable to the world from Messina, Sicily, says:

"The treasury of Greece is absolutely empty. Athens merchants are refusing government orders without cash. Half the autos lack tires. One regiment at Kavala and another at Saloniki mutinied and returned home against orders. The ministry is crumbling.

Zaimis probably, will be the next premier, but Venizelos is expected to follow him. Venizelos is alone, in preventing a revolution. If Venizelos becomes premier Greece will enter the war. The dynasty is in danger in any event. Venizelos is determined to teach Constantine a lesson. Greece again is coming under Venizelos power.

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Canada's New War Loan Was Oversubscribed

Ottawa, March 27—Subscriptions for the new \$75,000,000 Canadian war loan closed in New York today.

The announcement was made here tonight that the flotation had been a pronounced success, and that the loan had been oversubscribed. Although the loan was floated and is payable in New York, a number of subscriptions are understood to have been made by Canadians attracted by the favorable terms upon which the issue was taken. The Minister of Finance in going upon the New York market this time was able to take advantage of the opportunity, which might not be available again in the near future, especially in view of possible further complications in the international situation as affecting the United States.

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