



SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situate. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

The homesteader is required to perform the homestead duties under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of land in each year for three years.
(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.
(3) If the father (or mother if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).
(4) The term 'vicinity' in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.
(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.
Six months' notice in writing must be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of intention to apply for patent.

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Bud owned an engaging grin. 'Sometimes,' he said. 'Well, if you'll go and tell your father that I have no idea of seizing any of his furniture, or courting the—er—the young lady, I think possibly I could find one for you.' 'Phew!' whistled Bud. 'How'm I to know you ain't just talking. Say, gimme the quarter first.'

'You'll have to wait,' said Tedge. 'If I get a photograph of the mirage without any scouting or shotguns you might be rich, and your father, too' 'What's a mee-ridge? Is it alive?' asked the boy. 'It's a picture seen on the sky. You may have seen it. A boy drives home a herd of cattle—'

'I know. That's me.' '—and woman pours water off the potatoes,' continued Tedge. 'That's Susie Jane. My, she's a good cook.' 'Then a farmer jumps over the fence—' 'Yep. That's Pop. He's always on the jump.' 'Look here,' said Julius. 'what do you mean? How do you know? Have you seen it?'

'Aw, that's our place. Pa he hit gas when he was borin' for water, an' touched a match to it. Gee! she busted up! Most blew Pa to kingdom come, an' we can't put it out. The house shows on the sky towards night sometimes. Pa's been kept busy chasin' strangers off'n the place ever since. You better gimme that quarter. 'Very well,' said Tedge. 'Here it is. You tell your father to come and talk to me, if he's interested in the mirage proposition, and don't mind leaving his shot-gun at home.'

But it was Susie Jane that tripped coquettishly past on her way to the lower pasture that evening, and with whom, details being discreetly suppressed, Mr. Tedge conversed earnestly for three-quarters of an hour—probably about mirages. Incidentally, he learned that Susie Jane's mother was dead, and Susie kept house on the farm; moreover that 'Pa' was going to be gone for three days over to town.

The cows in the lower pasture seemed to require a good deal of attention during the next three or four days, and Mr. Tedge's enthusiasm on the subject of mirages waned. Bud watched for three evenings in covert glee as two figures strolled down the path and leaned on the pasture bars until Betty

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and Daisy and Bossy came wonderingly up with soft plaintive 'Moos,' sweet-breathed and mildly protesting. But Paradise does not last forever, even in the Cascawasca farm lands, and Tedge had just packed up his camp outfit reluctantly, with a view to avoiding the returning 'Pa,' when he and Susie strolled down the lane for the last time, and the inevitable god descended from the machine in the person of 'Pa' himself, long, lean, and narrow-jawed.

Tedge had one wild thought of flight, but decided against it, and waited on the far side of the fence with Susie Jane. 'You wan't marry Susie Jane?' Susie Jane giggled and blushed, and dug her slipper toe into the soft loam. Tedge gasped, but faced the music. 'Y-y-yes sir!' 'All right. I ain't got no objections. I'm goin' t' git married myself. Mis' Evans over on South Fork says seein's her man got drowned last week, she'll try me for a spell. I won't need Susie any more, an' she can pack her box an' go right back with you.'

Things happen faster in Western Canada than in some other places. Still, Tedge was rather surprised. 'E-r-r—Why, thanks,' he stammered, looking at Susie's pretty profile outlined against the twilight sky, and trying to arrange his ideas in vain. 'Oh, that's all right. She's a right willin' girl. Good night,' said the old man, turning placidly away.

It was just as they were climbing the stairs of Tedge's bachelor flat that he recollected. 'By Jove!' he said 'I didn't get that mirage after all.'

Susie Jane looked up at him and dimpled. 'So you didn't,' she agreed. Tedge looked down at her and grinned. 'Who cares?' he said valiantly, and opened the door.—FRANK D. FABER, in Canadian West.

GOD KNOWS THE BEST. God knows the best; and sometime when all life's lessons we have learned And sun and stars have set, The things which our weak judgments here have spurned, The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet, Shall flash before us out of life's dark night, As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue; And we shall see how all God's plans were right, And how what seems reproof was love most true.

And even as prudent parents disallow too much of sweet to craving babyhood, So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good. And even while we groan and sigh, God's plans go on as best for you and me; And how that when we called He heeded not our cry Because His wisdom to the end can see.

And if, perchance, commingled with the wine of life We find the wormwood and rebel and shrink, Remember that a wiser hand than yours or mine Pours out the potion for our lips to drink; And if some friend we love is lying low, where human kisses cannot reach their face Oh; do not blame the heavenly Father so, but wear your sorrow with obedient grace.

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath, Is not the sweetest gift God gives His friend, And that sometimes the subtle pall of death, Conceals the fairest love His love can send.

The first verse of the poem 'God Knows the Best' is a better part of which was published in THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE of September 11th on page 1417. Sent by 'The Girl'.

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