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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 situated. 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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years, ever since the night of—the fire. Peggie, I can't think father ever set fire to that barn! To me he seems the soul of honour! surely it was someone else you saw that night!"

"No," I said slowly, for I could not lie, and why should I try to screen Henry Carmichael, of all men? "No, Dick, it was your father that I saw. I was not mistaken."

Dick was silent for a moment, then he said, in a low, worried tone, "And I—I heard him come in!"

And after a moment he said to me "Come, Dick, Mallory's barn is on fire!"

And I, too, with you, heard him threaten to be even with your father. . . . Oh Peggie, Peggie"—and there was something akin to agony in his voice—"suspicion is enough to kill a man! It has been wearing my heart out by inches all these years. I can't believe, and yet I am compelled to believe. A thousand times it has been on my tongue to ask my father why he was abroad that night, how it was that he, in the depths of the night, was the first to see that Mallory's barn was afire, and yet I have shrunk from even hinting to him that I had suspicion of his motives. But Peggie, it must be done. Tomorrow or, at least, very soon, I shall ask him!"

"Yes, that will be the better way," I whispered, in a voice scarcely audible, for I was trembling from head to foot.

For an instant Dick strode on, forgetting me, then waited until I came up and resumed his walk along the farther side of the road, with the width of the wagon way between us.

"Whether that thing be—be true or not," he said, "it will be the hardest crack my father ever got—my mentioning it to him. If it be not true then he will know that the son who should have trusted him and whom he has loved—for he does love me, Peggie—has been a miserable, suspicious cur, unworthy of him or his affection. If it be true—with a sort of savagery—"then let him enjoy the hell he has made for himself!"

Through sheer nervousness I broke down utterly, and the sobs which I had been choking back shook me.

He stopped for an instant and looked at me, then came over to me and took my arm.

"Why, Peggie," he said, in that low, caressing tone so, so like that in which his father had spoken to me that day so long ago when, as a little child, he had held me in his arms in the sheep-house, "why, Peggie, what a brute I am to have made you cry! Oh, girl, girl, I forgot myself! I am a great, careless, clumsy brute—but I'm not much used to girls, Peggie."

There was genuine distress in his voice, and I hurriedly wiped away the tears.

"It's all right," I said, "I'm just—just nervous or something. There, come on!"

And again we walked silently under the calm, clear sky, with the trees on either side of the road murmuring a lullaby, sweet enough and low enough to soothe a fevered spirit.

And now we had come opposite to the little garden, and the spot where had been the old house, and beyond the meadow field lay, all brown with the upturned sod, beneath the steady light of the moon.

"Do you remember the old call, Peg?" he said, dropping into the old name of my childhood. "I wonder if I could do it now." And immediately he began to whistle softly the song sparrow's call, the three quavering notes, and a long, wild trill.

With the warble the memories of the old days came trooping up so keenly that it seemed but yesterday since we had roamed the familiar fields together; and when he began to talk of the pranks we played, I forgot that it was my duty to be angry, and only knew that I was very contented to be walking again with Dick, and living over again the sweet days of long ago.

As we approached the woods surrounding the Clearing the mud on the road grew deeper, and tiny pools began to show all silver in the moonlight.

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