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It has long been a matter of complai roung men, the bone and sinew of the cour oung men, the some and show of the cou-lettle in the Island, but go seek their forth Many of them, after a stay of five or six United States, or in the Provinces, retur teher in pocket, and by no means impro morals, to begin life anew in the despised 1 ativity. This continuous drain upon the the country is, we admit, in great part or restlessness and "noble discontent" felt by of enterprise and ability all the world over very limited sphere which the Island at men born within its borders ; but we young men born within its borters, but any much of the emigration from our shores int ributed to the difficulties which have, from ettlement, been thrown in the way of ettler's procuring a spot of land which he question, call his own, on this Island. Wh hie or unreasonable, we will not now paus aute or unreasonance, we will not now paus but the fact is undeniable-mca in Americ superable dislike to holding wilderness lease. The rule sense of justice which, in less degree, is implanted in the breast of e nature, revolts at the idea of paying any br no matter how high his station, a yearly privilege of converting the unproductive cultivated farm. He feels that the severe a abors he has to undergo, and the many h privations he is forced to bear in effecting have given him a right to the soil-in right which he and others of his class e themselves voluntarily to recognize. Pr others who claim a right to the wilderness country, on which they have bestowed a look upon as tyrants and usurpers. They soil, by right, the possession of its cultiv Governments shou'd only hold it as trus use and benefit. Such opinions as these to wilderness land, are not peculiar to this are held by the whole farming community tinent, and, if we do not very much n most advanced thinkers on the other sid-But to return to our subject. Feeling su querable repugnance to the rent-paying young men have left the land of their bir them by the strongest ties and the mest t ations, by hundreds, to settle among stra where the rights of the clearer of the breaker up of the virgin soil are kno nized. It was found that many young ions-the very best class of settlers, from purchasing wilderness lands from ed on their sale by the law. M pay the sum required to enable them to a farm, shrank from binding themsel instalments as they became due. Ever settled on a new farm knows how difficu first few years, by the numost exertions force it to yield him a bare maintenance great majority of cases, he is compelle very scanty living by working, in the br the farmers of the older and richer settle ing this, we do not at all wonder that ma men were unwilling to promise, in the poorest years of their settler's carcer, to The present Government, up condition of the people, and sympathiz their difficulties and hardships, and over, no interest, cither direct or indire the price of proprietors' lands, are about law, by the provisions of which the poor young man, may be able to obtain a farr ring obligations which it would be unre pect him, without assistance or witho his farm, punctually to fulfil. The title

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following are some of its provisions :-The Government will cause all the wi its possession to be surveyed, and laid fifty and a hundred acres cach. These classed by the proper authority, and the class determined by the Governor and class determined by the Governor and farms are to be let or sold to actual set

1st. The land to be given, for the

2d. Each settler is to build a hou twenty feet square, or of an equal a buildings on the property to the value within two years of purchase.

3d. To clear, at least, one acre of la first seven years.
4th. To pay land tax from the date of deed to be paid for, as at present, und chese Bill. chase Bill

5th. After the expiration of seven y eighth year after settlement-the pay begins. On that year, the first of ten begins. On that year, the first of ten stalments is to be paid to the Govern seven free years have elapsed, the money bears an interest of 5 per cent.

By this law, we see that a sober, in man may settle on a wood farm w prospect of being embarrassed in payl prospect of being embarrassed in payl the server years have expired, he wi estated will, in the great mijority c least, fifteen or tweaty acres of eles house and harn, a horse, a cow or tw and sheep. He will then be in a positi g it is instalments, which, after all, w a great deal more tan his annual r system; and, in ten years time, if he are furn. The prospect to a strong, young fellow, who wishes to make a for the girl of his choice, is a very knows the difficulties he will have p revisions life will have prepared hi urmounting them, and he can take further will be a consciousness that, if here furne, the prospect to a strong prome being the strong of the strong of the strong and of the strong of the strong prome being them, he will be a hibilities, and own a free farm when expired. Bettlers, too, on old estate here the strong of the strong of the strong of the strong are the strong of the strong of the rest are the strong of the strong of the strong are the strong of the strong of the strong are the strong of the strong of the Government is considerable of the dovernment is accounted the more thand. The dovernment have with the hand will be able to obtain a clin the Hemsstead Law of the United meaning to the sorties, of the United hard for dobs, and if it were place while he has borght under it we wind have he strong of the child and have be active to encumber it in any while he has borght under it we wind the dobs and if it were place of the sortier to encumber it in any while he has borght wild be done to no here the were added, it would be still of doing a mast deal of good but had the were added, it would be still et to on much mere good to the cut the seven years have expired, he was settled; will, in the great majority of least floors of the seven of the