

The Crown grant excludes gold and silver ore, and reserves to the Crown a royalty of five cents per ton on every ton of merchantable coal raised or gotten from the land, not including dross or fine slack.

No Crown grant can be issued to an alien who may have recorded or pre-empted by virtue of his declaring his intention to become a British subject, unless he has become naturalized.

The heirs or devisees of the homestead settler are, if resident in the province, entitled to the Crown grant on his decease,

SALE OF SURVEYED LANDS.

Vacant surveyed lands, which are not the sites of towns or the suburbs thereof, and not Indian settlements, may be purchased at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per acre. Surveyed lands purchased under the provisions of this section must be paid for in full at the time of the purchase thereof.

SALE OF UNSURVEYED LANDS.

The applicant to purchase unsurveyed Crown lands, after staking, posting, etc., must give two months' notice of his intended application in the "Government Gazette," and in any newspaper circulating in the district where the land is situated.

He must also have the land surveyed at his own expense, by a surveyor approved of and acting under the instructions of the Chief Commissioner.

The price is *two dollars and fifty cents*, per acre, to be paid as follows: Ten per cent. at the time of application, and ninety per cent. on completion and acceptance of survey.

The quantity of land must be not less than 160 acres, nor more than 640 acres. The purchase must be completed within six months from date of application.

WATER RIGHTS.

Landlords may divert, for agricultural or other purposes, the required quantity of unrecorded and unappropriated water from the natural channel of any stream, lake, etc., adjacent to or passing through their land, upon obtaining a written authority of the Commissioner.

HOMESTEAD ACT.

The farm and buildings, when registered, cannot be taken for debt incurred after the registration; it is free from seizure up to a value not greater than \$2,500 (£500 English); goods and chattels are also free up to \$500 (£100 English); cattle "farmed on shares" are also protected by an Exemption Act.

TITLES.

Not unfrequently settlers are anxious about their titles to property, when locating in a new land. There need be no uneasiness on this score in British Columbia. *Titles are secure.*

HOW TO REACH BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Transatlantic steamships from England from about 20th November to 1st May, land their passengers at Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Canadian winter port, and at Portland, Me., Boston, or New York. From Halifax, Portland, or Boston passengers are carried to Montreal in the