

Question Drawer

This department of The Guide is open to all readers, and it is hoped that they will take advantage of it. All questions relating to the problems of the farmer of Western Canada will be answered in this department. Write questions on one side of the paper only, and send only one question on one sheet of paper. Join in making this department of the greatest value.

MUST HAVE NAMES

Questions sent in without the name of the sender attached will not be answered. The name will not be used if not desired, but it must be sent as a guarantee of good faith.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

H. N. F., Alta.—May a person proving up scrip do duties in a sod house providing he has a \$300 house erected before making application for patent?

Ans.—Yes, providing everything else is up to requirements.

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SCHOOL LANDS TAXATION

J. A. F., Sask.—Is school land in Saskatchewan, which is leased for pasture, subject to taxes?

Ans.—This is a matter which is left largely in the hands of the municipality. Sometimes taxes are collected and frequently they are not. For definite information and the ruling in the case it would be advisable to apply to Secretary, Department of Interior, Ottawa.

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SOUTH AFRICAN SCRIP

J. D., Sask.—Was the extension given on South African scrip? If so, how did it come about?

Ans.—The time at which settlement duties must begin on South African scrip land has been extended until the end of 1911. This was done by special act of the Dominion parliament introduced by Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of Interior.

We shall be glad to have our readers remember that all Veterinary questions they wish to ask will be answered free of charge in The Guide. The services of one of Winnipeg's leading veterinaries have been secured for this work. Private replies by return mail, if desired, will be sent upon receipt of \$1.00

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Land Regulations

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties.—Six months residence upon cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price—\$10.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead rights and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price—\$10.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$200.00.

W. W. COBY,

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RAILWAYS AND LAND

Farmer, Rapid City, Man.—(1) What is the law regarding the settlement of land taken by railway companies? (2) Can we claim interest from the date when land was taken? (3) If the road runs straight through from east to west of a half section, how many acres would it take? (4) If the graders, in building roads exceed the 99 ft., can we claim for the excess although not fenced in by the railroad? (5) How can we enforce an immediate settlement? (6) If petitioned to do so, would the Grain Growers' Association take up this matter for its members?

Ans.—(1) The railway company has the right to expropriate lands compulsorily without the consent of the owners thereof. (2) You cannot claim interest from the date when the land was taken unless you have notified the company that you intend to claim it. (3) Six acres. (4) The company must pay for land for grading in excess of the usual statutory width. (5) The parties may agree upon the valuation, but if they cannot agree upon the value, it must be settled by arbitration. (6) We cannot say what action the directors of the Grain Growers' Association will take until such petition is presented to them.

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MUNICIPAL LAWS

W. H. McCa., Man.—(1) How many meetings can a municipal council hold and draw pay for in a year? (2) Is it legal for a municipal council to conduct their meetings in the French language, in the province of Manitoba? (3) Will municipal laws allowing animals to run at large, stand, if taken before the higher courts of Canada?

Ans.—(1) Twelve ordinary meetings and any special meetings that are required. (2) Either French or English language is legal. (3) It is impossible to say until they are tested.

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WESTERN FAIRS

Considerable interest is being manifested by Saskatchewan agricultural societies in stock judging competitions and they will be a prominent feature at a number of the leading fairs. Moose Jaw has gone a step in advance of the other fairs in offering prizes for judging contests by boys under sixteen years. In most cases the age limit is 25 to 30 years. Moose Jaw, however, has competitions for the older "boys" as well, and offers altogether \$32 in prizes for this important work.

Some other fairs at which prizes are offered for stock judging competitions are Regina, Saskatoon, Weyburn, Carleton Place, Qu'Appelle, Bladworth and Mottlach. Only the winners of the local competitions have in the past been eligible to enter the provincial competitions at the Winter Fair, Regina, and the young men of Saskatchewan who are interested in life stock should remember this fact and enter the local competition so as to share in the larger opportunity next spring.

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CORNER IN JULY.

A Chicago telegram of July 28, said:—Drastic action by the directors of the board of trade was threatened to-day when a report gained currency that a corner in July wheat had been secured. The "elevator combine," working with Theodore H. Waterman, the multi-millionaire grain speculator is said to be long on enormous lines of both July and September wheat, the joint holdings amounting to approximately 75,000,000 bushels. Mr. Waterman alone holds a million bushels of July wheat and will demand delivery.

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he will secure revenge for the losses he suffered in his wheat speculation three months ago. Large quantities of cash wheat have been bought, but cannot be delivered in time into elevators for delivery on contract this month.

Over a thousand cars of grain are claimed to be standing on tracks in Chicago, which, owing to the inability of the elevator companies to unload them, cannot be used for regular delivery. George E. Marcey of the Armour Grain Company and Jas. Pettit, president of the Peavy Grain Company, are among those said to be long of July wheat. It was just about a year ago that Mr. Pettit was disciplined by the directors of the Board of Trade and was suspended with eight other brokers for one day for manipulation of breadstuffs. Mr. Waterman was involved in this alleged manipulation, but was not drawn into the investigation. The directors of the Board of Trade held a secret conference to-day in the office of A. S. White, the president, at which the advisability of the board using its power to declare wheat on the track regular on delivery was discussed.

Under the rules the directors may, when an emergency exists, require no more storage room than can be supplied by the regular elevator warehouses, declare any storerooms, vessels or places to be regular places for the storage of grain.

One broker declared that owing to the inability to deliver cash wheat into warehouses an artificial price for July wheat has been created. While July wheat sold in the pit to-day at 107 7/8 cash wheat could be purchased on the tracks at approximately five cents less. Owing to the inability to unload into a warehouse in time for delivery Saturday afternoon, the closing day of this month, unless the Board of Trade takes action in the matter, the "shorts" will be compelled to go into the pit and buy at inflated prices the wheat to carry out their contracts for this month's delivery.

WIRELESS SAVES LIVES.

A Lima, Peru, cable of July 28, said:—Saved from death when all hope seemed gone, fifty survivors, constituting the passengers and crew of the ill-fated steamer Huallaga, were brought into port to-day on the liner Ucayali. They gave thrilling accounts of the burning of the Huallaga to the very water's edge, and the arrival of the Ucayali after hours of wireless telegraphing in every direction, and when all hope of ever being rescued was practically gone. The Huallaga went down fifteen minutes after the last survivor was taken off.

The fire started in the hold of the Huallaga and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. Immediately all the passengers and crew set to work fighting the flames, but without avail. While this was going on the wireless operator was frantically flashing the historic "C. Q. D." in every direction.

During the entire disaster and while the flames kept drawing closer and closer about the deck house in which he was quartered, he never left his post. When he finally received an answer from the Ucayali that she was coming as fast as steam could carry her, he rushed among the passengers, notified them of his success, and took his place in the line of fire fighters. The telegrapher's name is Jose Quinones and he hails from Colon.

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We have two ears and one tongue, that we should hear much and say little.—Zen.

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Truth Will Out

Hub (with irritation)—Why is it that you women insist upon having the last word?

Wiley (calmly)—We don't. The only reason we get it is because we always have a dozen arguments left when you stupid men are all run out.