

lands which have been occupied an additional fee of \$10 is chargeable to meet inspection and cancellation expenses.

The entry must be perfected within six months of its date, by the settler beginning to reside upon and cultivate the land, unless entry is obtained after the first of September, in which case it need not be perfected before the first day of June following.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES.

After perfecting his Homestead Entry as described, the settler must continue to reside upon and cultivate the land for which he holds entry for three years from the date thereof, during which period he may not be absent from the land for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.

Upon furnishing proof, which must be satisfactory to the Minister of Interior, Ottawa, that he has fulfilled the conditions as to residence and cultivation before specified, the settler shall be entitled to a patent from the Crown for his homestead, provided he is a British subject by birth or naturalization.

If the homesteader desires to obtain his patent within a shorter period than three years he will be permitted to purchase his homestead at the Government price ruling at the time, upon proof that he has resided thereon for twelve months from the date of perfecting entry, and that he has brought at least thirty acres under cultivation.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

may be made before the local agent or any homestead inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the