

In addition to this should be mentioned the Great Northwest Central Railway running from Brandon northwesterly toward Battleford. At present this line is graded to a point some 25 miles beyond Rapid City. The promoters say that 100 miles or more will be completed and operated next year.

One very significant feature is that American railways to the south of us are heading towards the international boundary at a number of points. The Americans, recognizing the great superiority of our country, are bidding for a share of the immense traffic in grain, produce and stock which they know must be exported before long.

LANDS.

To the settler newly arrived in the Province it is a matter of the utmost importance to find out where he can best obtain suitable lands. It is not our duty to discriminate in favor of any part of the Province. We can only give such general information as may indicate to the settler where he can obtain reliable information.

Lands in Manitoba may be acquired in two ways. Free grants or homesteads of 160 acres may be obtained from the Dominion Government, and land may be purchased from any of the large land corporations and from private individuals.

FREE GRANTS OF 160 ACRES

may be obtained of the Dominion Government in many parts of Manitoba. It is said there are still about 2,000,000 acres of surveyed homestead lands available for entry, and about 8,000,000 acres of unsurveyed lands. In many parts of the Province there are not now any free homesteads, these having all been taken up in years gone by, but scattered throughout the Province, and especially in the northwesterly and southwesterly portions, there are still a number of desirable homesteads for selection. There is still available for free homestead a considerable amount of land in the Pipestone district, and along the line of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway. There is also a large amount of homestead land in the Lake Dauphin country to the north of the Riding Mountains. Up to date, there has been comparatively little settlement in this part of the country, but it will no doubt speedily be settled, recent investigations having proved it to be one of the finest parts of the Province. For information relating to free grants of land, intending settlers should apply to the following agents of the Dominion Government:—

Winnipeg.—H. H. Smith, Commissioner.

“ —A. W. Whitcher, agent.

Birtle.—W. G. Pentland, Agent.

Manitou—George Young, Agent, (Dufferin District).

Minnedosa—W. M. Hillard, Agent, (Little Saskatchewan district).

Brandon—W. H. Hiam, Agent, (Souris District).

Turtle Mountain—John Fletcher, Agent.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT LANDS.

What are known as “swamp lands” are being conveyed by the Dominion Government to the Local Government. Many of these lands are not swamp lands at all, but are valuable for farming purposes. At the present time 113,220 acres have been conveyed to the Manitoba Government, but as the surveyors’ reports are received and