

any—or of the improvements only in connection with homestead entry thereof—to another person.

23. Any assignment or transfer of homestead right or any part thereof, and any agreement to assign or transfer any homestead right, or any part thereof, after patent, which shall have been obtained, made or entered into before the issue of the patent, shall be null and void; and the person so assigning or transferring or making an agreement to assign or transfer, shall forfeit his homestead right and shall not be permitted to make another homestead entry: Provided, that a person whose homestead may have been recommended for patent by the Local Agent, and who has received from such Agent a certificate to that effect in the Form L, in the Schedule to these regulations, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, may legally dispose of and convey, assign or transfer his right and title therein.

24. If any person or persons thereunto authorized by the Minister of the Interior, place immigrants as settlers on homestead lands, free of expense to the Government, the Governor in Council may order that the expenses or any part thereof, incurred by such person or persons for the passage money or subsistence in bringing out an immigrant, or for aid in erecting buildings on his homestead, or in providing horses, cattle, farm implements or seed grain for him, may, if so agreed upon by the parties, be made a charge upon the homestead of such immigrant; and in such case the claim for expenses incurred on behalf of each immigrant, as above, together with interest thereon, must be satisfied before a patent or certificate for patent shall issue for the land: Provided as follows.—

(a.) That the sum or sums charged for the passage money and subsistence of such immigrant shall not be in excess of the actual cost of the same, as proved to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior:

(b.) That an acknowledgment by such immigrant of the debt so incurred shall have been filed in the office of the Local Agent:

(c.) That in no case shall the charge against such homestead for principal moneys advanced exceed in amount the sum of five hundred dollars:

(d.) That no greater rate of interest than six per cent. per annum shall be charged on the debt so incurred by such immigrant:

(2.) If an immigrant to whom an advance has been made, as in this clause provided, and by whom or for whom a homestead entry, has been obtained, forfeits such entry under the provisions of these regulations, the Minister of the Interior may, in his discretion, treat the person by whom such advance was made as if he were the person who had obtained such entry, or his legal representatives, and as if, up to the time of his being so treated, no forfeiture of the entry had taken place; and if, under like circumstances, the immigrant by or for whom a homestead entry has been obtained, has acquired a right to receive a patent for the land forming the subject of such entry after three years' residence, and does not apply for the issue of the same, the person or persons by whom the advance was made may obtain such patent or certificate of patent in the name of the person so

entitled to obtain the same, or of his legal representatives, and thereupon the advance made shall be a statutory mortgage on such homestead.

GRAZING LANDS.

25. The Governor in Council may, from time to time grant leases of unoccupied Dominion lands for grazing purposes to any person or persons, for such term of years and at such rent in each case, as may be deemed expedient; and every such lease shall contain a condition by which the Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of the Interior, at any time during the term of the lease, to give the lessee notice of cancellation thereof; and at the end of two years from the service of such notice, such lease shall cease and determine.

MINING AND MINING LANDS.

26. Lands containing coal or other minerals, whether in surveyed or unsurveyed territory, shall not be subject to the provisions of these Regulations respecting sale or homestead entry, but shall be disposed of in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may from time to time be fixed by the Governor in Council by Regulations to be made in that behalf.

27. It is hereby declared that no grant from the Crown of lands in freehold, or for any less estate has operated or will operate as a conveyance of the minerals therein, unless the same are expressly conveyed in such grant.

WATER.

28. Every person lawfully entitled to hold land under these Regulations, and lawfully occupying and bona fide cultivating lands, may record and divert so much and no more of any unrecorded and unappropriated water of the Dominion from the natural channel of any stream, lake or river of the Dominion passing through such land, for agricultural, mining or other purposes, as may be reasonably necessary for such purposes, upon obtaining the written authority of the Local Agent of the district to that effect, and a record of the same shall be made with him, after due notice as herein mentioned, specifying the name of the applicant, the quantity sought to be diverted, the place of diversion, the object thereof and all other particulars as such Local Agent may require. For every such record the Local Agent shall charge a fee of two dollars: and no person shall have any exclusive right to the use of such water, whether the same flow naturally or otherwise through or over his land, until such record shall have been made and such fee paid.

29. One month previous to such authority as afore-said being given, the applicant shall post up in a conspicuous place, on each person's lands to be affected by the proposed diversion of any stream, lake, or river, and on the district court house, notices in writing, stating his intention to apply for authority to take and convey and divert such water (as the case may be) specifying all particulars relating thereto, including direction, quantity, purpose, and term.

30. The owner of any water privilege acquired under these Regulations by record shall have no exclusive right to the water privilege so recorded