

ships north of the line, in the north limit of the road allowance, and those for the townships south of the line, in the south limit.

Surveys to be given out by contract or tender.

Proviso.

15. The township sub-division surveys of the Dominion lands, according to the system above described, shall be performed under contract at a certain rate per township, per mile, or per acre, fixed from time to time by the Governor in Council, or by competitive tender, as may be fixed from time to time by the Governor in Council: Provided, that in special cases, where circumstances may render it advisable to effect otherwise the survey of a township, or townships, the Governor in Council may order the same to be done.

Legal sub-divisions of townships.

16. To facilitate the descriptions for letters patent of less than a quarter section, every section shall be supposed to be divided into quarter quarter sections, or forty acres, and such quarter quarter sections shall be numbered as shown in the following diagram, which is intended to show such sub-divisions of a section, which shall be styled legal sub-divisions:

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13	14	15	16
12	11	10	9
5	6	7	8
4	3	2	1
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Areas to be more or less.

2. The area of any legal sub-division as above set forth shall, in letters patent, be held to be more or less, and shall in each case be represented by the exact quantity as given to such sub-division in the original survey.

Proviso: as to laying out and describing lands in certain sections.

17. Provided, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the lands upon the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, surrendered by the Indians to the late Earl of Selkirk, from being laid out in such manner as may be necessary in order to carry out section thirty-two of the Act thirty-third Victoria, chapter three; or to prevent fractional sections or lands bordering on any river, or lake, or other water course, or on a public road, from being laid out and divided into lots of any certain frontage or depth, in such manner as may appear desirable, or to prevent the sub-division of sections or other legal sub-divisions into wood lots as hereinafter provided, or the describing of the said lands upon the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, or such sub-divisions of fractional sections or lands bordering as above, or other lots, or wood lots, for patent, by numbers according to a plan of record, or by metes and bounds, or by both, as may seem expedient.