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Dominion Lands.

An Act was passed last session (35th Vic., cap. 23) amending and consolidating the laws and orders in Council respecting the public lands of the Dominion.

The surveys divide the lands into sections of 640 acres, half sections of 320 acres, quarter sections of 160 acres and half quarter sections of 80 acres. All townships and lots are rectangular.

Untenanted Dominion lands may at present be purchased at the rate of \$1 per acre; but no purchase of more than a section, or 640 acres, shall be made by the same person. Payments of purchases to be made in cash. But free grants of quarter sections, 160 acres, are made to any person who is the head of a family, or to any person not the head of a family, who has attained the age of 21 years, on condition of 3 years settlement, from the time of entering upon possession.

Unoccupied Dominion lands will be leased to neighboring settlers, for the purpose of cutting hay thereon, but not to the hindrance of the sale or settlement of such lands.

As respects mining lands no reservations of gold, silver, iron, copper or other mines or minerals will be inserted in any patent from the Crown granting any portion of the Dominion lands. Any person may explore for mines or minerals on any of the Dominion public lands, surveyed, or unsurveyed, and subject to certain provisions may purchase the same. As respects coal lands they cannot be taken for homesteads.

Provisions are made in the Act for disposing of the timber lands so as to benefit the greatest possible number of settlers, and to prevent any petty monopoly. But provision is made for the sale and settlement of timber lands as such. The standard measure

used in the surveys of the Dominion is the English measure of length.

For further particulars the reader is referred to the Act itself.

The total area of lands, the property of the Dominion, exclusive of Labrador and the Islands in the Arctic Sea, is computed to be in the Report to the Secretary of State for 1871, 2,206,725 square miles, or 1,412,304,000 acres. Of this, 32,000,000 acres are mostly unfit for cultivation, 76,800,000 are prairie lands, with occasional groves or belts of timber, 298,384,000 acres are timber lands, with occasional prairies, all of it suitable for the growth of wheat and other cereals, 594,048,000 suitable for the cultivation of barley, potatoes and the grasses, and with sufficient timber, and 411,072,000, rock and swamp, in which the timber growth disappears, and which may be considered as the fur-bearing region. Surveys of the whole of this immense tract are being prosecuted, commencing with the Province of Manitoba, and a strip of country on each side east and west of that Province. A million and a half of acres were surveyed in Manitoba, in blocks of twelve miles square, during the summer of 1871, of which all but a trifling portion is first class land. The swamps and marshes give rich hay meadows without any trouble of cultivation. For supplies of wood for building, fencing, &c., a thickly wooded country extends from north to south across the whole eastern part of the Province. Another wooded country lies above the south bank of the Assiniboine, and the western part of the Province north of the Assiniboine is composed of mixed wood and prairie land. 489,214 acres were surveyed and divided into townships, exclusive of the "Settlement Surveys" of lands already occupied.

Ordnance Lands.

From the Report of the Secretary of State, we find, that the collections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, from instalments on sales and rents of Ordnance Lands amounted to \$69,505,00. The lands sold were building lots at Toronto, Ottawa, Prescott, Cornwall,

Coteau du Lac and Chambly. They were sold, payable on time, and the first instalments paid at time of sale amounted to \$47,857. A large amount of arrears have been collected. There have been very few defaulters and the lots held by these, have been resumed and will be resold.

Island of Anticosti.

This Island has recently been purchased by "The Anticosti Company (limited)" incorporated by Act of Parliament—assented to 14th June, 1872,—for the purpose of car-

rying on all operations necessary to develop the vast resources in Agriculture, Forests, Fisheries, Coal, Peat, Plumbago, Saltsprings, Marl, Slate, Limestone, Sand-