

becomes *ipso facto* enfranchised. Any Indian receiving a University degree, or being admitted to practice law, or acting as a Notary Public, or who may enter Holy Orders or be licensed as a Christian Minister, is also *ipso facto* enfranchised. The wife and minor children are also enfranchised. When enfranchised all are to be treated in all respects as other subjects of Her Majesty, but do not forfeit their claim to a share of annuities, &c., given to band. If children come of age during the probationary period, separate letters patent may be granted them for their proper share of the allotted land. But if such persons be found disqualified for enfranchisement or marry meantime deduction of their shares is to be made, and they are to be held as under location ticket. The above rules apply to a widow and her children. The allotments are to be made in proportion of the number of the family to the number of the band and area of the reserve—details to be determined by the band; but each male under 14 and each female must be allotted not less than one-half of the portions of a male over 14. Indians permitted to reside may receive their allotments out of the reserve and become enfranchised, but this does not give the right to any share of the annuities coming to the band. The band may decide in Council that all or any of their number may become enfranchised. When this is done, in case of good behaviour during 3 years after issue of the letters patent, an enfranchised Indian may receive his share of the capital moneys belonging to the band, or of the annuities capitalized on the basis of yielding 5 p.c. interest, and thenceforth they cease to be Indians in the eye of the law. These provisions respecting enfranchisement do not apply to Indians in B. C., the N. W. T., Manitoba, or Keewatin unless applied to any band therein by proclamation. Indians in any Province or Territory may also be exempted from the operation of this Act or any section of it, and again brought under its or their operation by proclamation. The G. G. is authorized to appoint the necessary officers to carry the Act into effect.

#### DOMINION LANDS.

*Chap. 19—Amends the Dominion Lands Acts.* Copies of plans, maps, &c., certified by an Agent or Inspector of Surveys to a local land or surveys office, are made evidence as those in Surveyor General's. Employes may not locate Military Bounty Land Warrants or Land Scrip, or act as agent for any other person in that behalf. Not more than 20 p.c. of land exclusive of School and H. B. Co's lands in any township can be entered for military bounties. Any person who is sole head of a family, or any male of 18 and upwards may claim a homestead allocation. A person may have a presumption entry for an adjoining quarter section pending his performing settlement dues on his homestead allotment (not an interim entry) to be forfeited with all improvements in case the homestead is forfeited. Persons claiming a homestead right on surveyed lands must be entered therefor before settlement, but if from actual settlement on lands unsurveyed, within 3 months of notice of survey at local office. Conditions of set-

tlement may be varied in case of communities such as the Icelanders or Menomonies, so that every subsection need not be resided on and cultivated. Where land is sold for the benefit of minors—children of settler who dies before settlement duties are complete—the purchaser may, at once, receive the patent. The forfeiture for non-residence is not to be absolute, but in discretion of M. of L. on proof satisfactory to him. Lands so cancelled are not necessarily open for a fresh homestead entry, but may be held for sale with improvements, or sale of improvements with a new entry. Till such entry is cancelled the person in whose favour it is made has the exclusive right to the land and may bring actions for trespass, &c. Homestead rights may not be acquired to lands set apart for hay or timber, or having stone or marble quarries or water privileges, but the exception respecting coals and minerals is repealed. Grazing lands may be leased to any one, whether resident in the vicinity or not, and the lease may be cancelled when land is wanted for settlement, on giving 2 years' notice to lessee. The tracts to be leased for hay lands are reduced to 40 acres each, and an agreement may be made prohibiting sale for settlement during the lease. The rights to wood lands acquired under the Lands Act of 1872 and taken away by that of 1874 are renewed, and patents may issue for wood lots to which rights were so acquired as free grants. If a fine or penalty be imposed instead of forfeiture for cutting timber without license and be not paid—the forfeiture and sale may then be proceeded with.

#### Forest Tree Culture.

Any British subject of 18 years may enter for a quarter section for tree planting, paying a fee of \$10 therefor and receiving a certificate, and he may thereupon take possession. But the patent does not issue for 3 years, and no assignment is valid without leave of M. of L. At expiration of term the applicant for patent must show that 8 acres were broken up and prepared for planting in both the 1st and 2nd years, and 16 within the third year; that 6 acres were planted during the second, 8 during the third, and 16 during the fourth years, and the whole 32 acres kept planted with growing trees not less than 12 feet apart each way during the fifth and sixth years. A like proportion being planted if less than a quarter section has been taken up. If conditions have been fulfilled he receives a patent. If conditions are not complied with, the land is liable to forfeiture at any time, by M. of L. No one may have entry for a homestead, together with the pre-emption of the adjoining lot and a tree planting claim, but he may change the second or any part of it to a tree planting claim. Although the party making such entry has right to exclusive possession of the land under certificate, the title remains in the Government and it may not be taken in execution before issue of patent.

#### Surveys and Surveyors.

The meetings of the Board of Examiners are to be held on the 2nd Monday in each of May and November, but may be ad-