

so recording his claim to enter on the land and work it for one year.

At any time before the expiration of one year from the date of recording his claim, the claimant may, upon filing proof with the local agent that he has expended in actual mining operations on the claim, the amount prescribed in the mining regulations in that behalf, by paying to the local agent therefor the price per acre fixed by the regulations, and a further sum of \$50 to cover the cost of survey, obtain a patent for said claim as provided in the said mining regulations.

680. Every assignment or transfer of homestead or pre-emption right, made before the issue of the patent, is null and void, except in cases where any person or company is desirous of assisting intending settlers, when, the sanction of the Minister to the advance having been obtained, the settler has power to create a charge upon his homestead for a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, and interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, provided that particulars of how such an advance has been expended for his benefit, be first furnished to the settler, or if the charge be made previous to the advance, then such charge shall only operate to the extent certified to by the local agent as having been actually advanced to the settler. One half of the advance may be laid out in the erection of buildings on the homestead.

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