

When two or more parties apply to purchase the same land, tenders will be invited.

629. Leases of grazing lands in Manitoba and the North-West Territories can be granted only after public competition, except in the case of actual settlers to whom may be leased, without public competition, tracts of land not to exceed four sections and to be contiguous to the settler's homestead. Leases shall be for a period of not exceeding twenty-one years, and no single lease shall cover a greater area than 100,000 acres. Leases of grazing lands.

The lessee is obliged, within each of the three years from the date of granting the lease, to place upon his lease-hold not less than one-third of the whole amount of the stock which he is required to place upon the tract leased, namely, one head of cattle for every twenty acres of land embraced by the lease, and shall, during the rest of the term, maintain cattle thereon in at least that proportion.

After placing the prescribed number of cattle upon his leasehold, the lessee may purchase land, within the tract leased, for a home, farm and corral.

Any portion of the lands forming a grazing tract are open for homestead and pre-emption and to purchase from Government at \$2.50 per acre cash; and in the event of such settlement or sale, the lease (if any) to be void in respect of such lands so entered or purchased.

630. Any person may explore vacant Dominion lands not appropriated or reserved by Government for other purposes, and may search therein, either by surface or subterranean prospecting, for mineral deposits, with a view to obtaining a mining location for the same, but no mining location shall be granted, until the discovery of the vein, lode or Mining locations.