

Crown lands may be acquired for actual settlement as follows:—

1. One hundred acres are given to any settler over eighteen years of age, not owning other land, who pays \$20 (£4) in cash, or does work on the public roads, &c., equal to \$10 (£2) per annum for three years. Within two years a house 16 by 20 feet must be built and 2 acres of land cleared. Continuous residence for three years from date of entry, and the cultivation of 10 acres in that time are required.

2. Single applications may be made for not more than 200 acres of Crown Lands without conditions of settlement. These are put up at public auction at an upset price of \$1 per acre. Purchase money to be paid with application. Cost of survey to be paid by purchaser. The above sections apply only to land fit for agricultural purposes. Lands well timbered are not sold outright.

Any person being the head of a family, a widow or a single man over eighteen years of age, and a British subject, or an alien purposing to become a British subject, can pre-empt 160 acres of land belonging to British Columbia, west of Cascade Mountains, or 320 acres east of these mountains, at \$1 per acre. Two months' leave of absence under the Land Act, and an additional four months for sufficient cause, when applied for to the Chief Commissioner, can be had in each year till the Crown deed is obtained. A certificate of improvement showing that the claim has been improved to the extent of \$2.50 per acre is necessary before a Crown deed can be issued. Timber and hay lands may be leased from the Government. Timber lands pay a yearly rental of 15 cents per acre, and a royalty of 50 cents per 1,000 feet of all logs cut. Leases of land for other purposes may also be granted by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

There are about 42,000 acres of vacant Government lands available in Prince Edward Island, consisting of forest lands of medium quality, and averaging in price about \$1 an acre. Intending settlers are allowed ten years to pay for their holdings, the purchase money bearing interest at 5 per cent, and payable in ten annual instalments.

RAILWAY LANDS.

The Canadian Pacific Railway lands consist of the odd-numbered sections along the main line and branches and in the Lake Dauphin District in Manitoba and the Saskatchewan, Battle and Red Deer River Districts in Alberta. The railway lands are for sale at the Agencies of the Company in Manitoba and the North-west Territories at the following prices:—

Lands in the Province of Manitoba average \$3 to \$6 an acre.

Lands in Assiniboia, east of the 3rd meridian, average \$3 to \$4 an acre.

Lands west of the 3rd meridian, including lands in the Calgary District and lands in Saskatchewan, Battle and Red Deer Districts, \$3 an acre. In purchasing the aggregate amount of principal and interest is divided into ten instalments; the first to be paid at the time of purchase; the second two years from the date of purchase; the third in three years and so on.