

rented. Timber leases at 40 cents per acre only permit the cutting of timber 10 inches or more in diameter.

In 1901 a provision was made requiring all leases to contain a proviso that the Government may at any time during the term of the lease, grant any portion of the land so leased, not exceeding 200 acres, to any one who satisfies the Government that he proposes to become a *bona fide* settler, erect a dwelling and cultivate and improve the land so granted. Upon such grant being issued the Department of Crown Lands is to refund to the lessee the amount of 40 cents or 50 cents per acre, as the case may be, for the number of acres of land so granted.

It is estimated that there are about 7,000,000 acres of ungranted lands in New Brunswick.

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.