

construction is a beet sugar factory of large capacity together with roller mills and elevators, all of which will add to the earning capabilities of the lands tributary to the company's canal.

Inquiries addressed to the company's offices, Lethbridge, Alberta, will receive prompt attention.

In the session of 1894, an Act was passed entitled the "North-west Irrigation Act." This Act has been so framed as to provide for careful supervision, by the Government, of the first distribution, and the subsequent supervision of the available water supply in the arid region. Some of the provisions under which the control is so exercised are departures from the methods heretofore adopted on this continent, but those best qualified to judge speak of the system adopted as calculated to establish irrigation enterprises upon sound basis.

At the close of the season of 1901, there were 169 irrigation ditches and canals in operation in southern Alberta and western Assiniboia, with a length of 469 miles. These have a carrying capacity sufficient to irrigate 614,684 acres. Number of water rights recorded for domestic, power and other purposes, 127. The results which have followed have been most encouraging. There is now no reason to doubt that through irrigation a large portion of Assiniboia and Alberta will be rendered fruitful every year, and the element of uncertainty caused by variations in the rainfall altogether eliminated from the calculations of those engaged in extensive agricultural operations.

The Deputy Minister of the Interior reports that during the year 1901 there was an unusually heavy rainfall, so that irrigation was not resorted to in many districts where crops during dry years cannot be successfully raised without the artificial application of water.

The Provincial Crown Lands are situated within the limits of the several provinces, and are controlled by the respective governments, from whom particulars of transactions concerning them can always be obtained. Summaries of the regulations for the disposition of Dominion Lands, Provincial Lands and the lands belonging to the principal railway companies who have received land subsidies in Manitoba and the North-west Territories are given below.

LAND REGULATIONS.

Under the Dominion Lands Regulations, all surveyed even-numbered sections (excepting 8 and 26) in Manitoba and the North-west Territories, which have not been homesteaded, reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or otherwise disposed of or reserved, are to be held exclusively for homesteads.

Homestead Entry for one quarter section (160 acres) of surveyed agricultural land, open to such entry, may be obtained by any person who is the sole head of a family, or by any male who has attained the age of eighteen years, on application to the local agent of Dominion Lands, and on payment of an office fee of \$10.

The homesteader must perfect his entry by beginning actual residence on his homestead and cultivation of a reasonable portion thereof, within six months from the date of entry, unless entry shall have been made on or