

ADMINISTRATION

are double those required in ordinary purchases. Free grants and homesteads are available on lands within the districts of Algoma, Nipissing, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Rainy River and Kenora, and between the Ottawa river and the Georgian bay, comprising portions of the counties of Renfrew, Frontenac, Addington, Hastings, Peterborough and Haliburton and the districts of Muskoka and Parry sound. Grants of 160 acres are made to either single or married men in free grant territories where the land is subdivided in sections of 320 acres. In the Huron and Ottawa territory an allowance for waste lands may increase the grant of a single man to an area not exceeding 200 acres, while heads of families may secure 200 acres free and purchase an additional 100 acres at fifty cents an acre. The settlement duties for free grants are as follows: (a) at least fifteen acres to be cleared and brought under cultivation, of which two acres at least are to be cleared and cultivated annually during the three years; (b) a habitable house to be built at least sixteen by twenty feet in size; (c) actual and continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land for three years after location and thence to the issue of the patent. The mines and minerals and all timber other than pine, and in some cases the pine, are covered by the patent.

Ranching lands of prospective quality may be obtained on reasonable terms in waste and wooded areas, the valley of the Trent river lying between lake Ontario and the Georgian bay affording good opportunities for cattle and sheep raising.

Ontario includes 230,000,000 acres of land, of which only 13,500,000 acres are under cultivation. More than 20,000,000 acres of the very finest arable land await the plough. Ontario is three and a half times as large as the British Isles; one and a half times as large as Texas. From east to west its borders are 1,000 miles apart, and from north to south 1,075 miles. Recent railway construction and colonization road building have made accessible vast tracts of untilled farm land and virgin forests in northern Ontario.

Loans are made to settlers in the northern and northwestern districts of Ontario. The maximum amount of any loan to be made to a settler is \$500, with interest at six p.c. per annum, upon such terms and conditions as the Loan Commissioner may approve. The Government of Ontario is anxious that all bonâ fide settlers shall take full advantage of the opportunity provided to secure any needed loan, and full information with respect to same may be secured on application to the various Crown Lands Agents, or direct from the Settlers Loan Commissioner, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

All returned soldiers who wish to go upon the land and are desirous of obtaining practical instruction in farming and of learning something of the conditions in northern Ontario, will be sent to an agricultural training depot now being established on the Government Experimental Farm at Monteith. Those desiring to practise fruit farming and chicken raising will be given free instruction at the public institutions of the province. As soon as a soldier wishes to go upon a farm and work for himself, an eighty-acre lot with a ten-acre clearing will be allotted to him. He will be supplied with the necessary machinery and tools, and such