

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 50 cents an acre. The settlement duties for free grants are as follows: (a) at least 15 acres to be cleared and brought under cultivation, of which 2 acres at least are to be cleared and cultivated annually during the 3 years; (b) a habitable house to be built at least 16 by 20 feet in size; (c) actual and continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land for 3 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 $3\frac{1}{2}$ times as large as the British Isles and $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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 6 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.

Special legislation has been enacted to apply to returned soldiers, whereby instructional depots and farm colonies may be established, loans advanced, stock provided and co-operative arrangements effected for the purchase and sale of goods, produce, etc., to assist the returned soldier on his road to successful settlement. Subsequent to a course at a training depot, during which wages for work done are paid, or as soon as the soldier is sufficiently competent to go upon a farm and work for himself, 100 acres of land, with 10 acres cleared thereon, will be allotted to him. The necessary machinery and farm tools and such stock as may be determined upon to the value of \$500 will be supplied. Such advance will be repayable in twenty years at 6 p.c., but no payment either on principal or interest will be required