

until after the expiration of 3 years. After 5 years' residence to date from the acceptance of the application, the soldier may, provided he has 20 acres cleared—10 acres in addition to what is done by the Crown—and a house 16 feet x 20 feet erected, secure a patent from the Crown.¹

In British Columbia there are large areas of free grant lands. Any British subject being the head of a family, a widow, a femme sole who is over 18 years of age and self-supporting, a woman deserted by her husband, a woman whose husband has not contributed to her support for 2 years, a bachelor over 18 years, or any alien on his making a declaration of his intention to become a British subject, may pre-empt free 160 acres of the unoccupied and unreserved Crown lands, not being an Indian settlement. The fees payable include \$2 for recording, \$2 for certificate of improvement and \$10 for the Crown grant. Of the total area of the province 206,796,495 acres are at the disposal of the Crown through the Provincial Government. Of this area 190,826,624 acres are unsurveyed and unencumbered Crown lands, 13,378,004 acres are reserved for various purposes and 2,397,978 acres have been surveyed for pre-emption by settlers.

By the Soldiers' Land Act of 1918, provision is made for free grants of land to returned soldiers, free from taxation for five years and subject only to reasonable residence and improvement duties. This Act provides also for the conveyance to the Dominion Government free of cost, but subject to reasonable residence and improvements, of suitable lands for the settlement thereon of British Columbia soldiers by the Soldier Settlement Board appointed by the Dominion Government. The Lands Department has already thrown open one block of land for settlement by returned soldiers only, and is examining as rapidly as possible other areas in various sections of the province to determine their suitability for the same purpose.

8.—Homestead Entries in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, by Nationalities, made during the Fiscal Years 1914-1919.

Nationalities.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Canadians from Ontario.....	2,996	2,009	1,885	1,500	1,179	599
“ Quebec	883	648	505	496	425	260
“ Nova Scotia.....	258	196	137	124	138	53
“ New Brunswick.....	182	117	82	70	87	31
“ Prince Edward Isl'd.....	105	60	54	51	49	17
“ Manitoba.....	889	1,032	1,137	657	403	238
“ Saskatchewan.....	709	383	280	284	177	75
“ Alberta.....	551	434	310	233	158	87
“ British Columbia.....	104	76	63	68	47	28
Persons who had previous entry.....	4,411	3,639	2,779	1,642	1,087	606
Newfoundlanders.....	6	15	14	4	8	2
Canadians returned from the United States.....	121	48	19	17	10	6
Americans.....	7,172	4,286	2,416	1,734	2,084	870
English.....	3,894	2,974	2,374	1,469	888	639

¹ Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Minister of Lands and forests, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.