

the "Peace River Block." Every person who is the sole head of a family and every male who has attained the age of eighteen years and is a British subject, or declares intention to become a British subject, is entitled to apply for entry for a homestead. The lands are laid out in townships of 36 sections. Each section contains 640 acres and is divided into quarter-sections of 160 acres. A quarter section of 160 acres may be obtained as a homestead on payment of an entry fee of \$10 and fulfilment of certain conditions of residence and cultivation. To qualify for the issue of the patent a settler must have resided upon his homestead for at least six months in each of three years, must have erected a habitable house thereon, and must have at least 30 acres of his holding broken, of which 20 acres must be cropped. A reduction may be made in the area of breaking where the land is difficult to cultivate on account of scrub or stone. Provision is made for residence in the vicinity on certain conditions, in which case the area of cultivation must be increased.

Disposal of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.—According to figures supplied by the Department of the Interior, a total of 123,628,182 acres, equal to 5,366 townships, or 193,169 square miles, has been alienated from the Crown. The total number of acres surveyed to 1st January, 1921, was 200,280,209, of which 25,649,800 were available for homestead entry. Table 6 shows the distribution of the surveyed area for each of the three Prairie Provinces as at January 1, 1921.

In addition to the surveyed area there are large tracts of land in the northern parts of these provinces which have as yet been explored only in a very partial way. The total area of this unsurveyed tract is 285,362,489 acres, of which 22,384,720 acres are water covered. Reports on the resources and developments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have been issued by the Natural Resources Intelligence Branch of the Department of the Interior, some of which are as follows: The New Mining District of Manitoba, The Peace River District of Alberta, Oil and Gas in Western Canada, A description of the resources and possibilities of the province of Saskatchewan, and statistical compilations on the Natural Resources of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Athabaska to the Bay. Similar reports have been issued with regard to other parts of Canada such as: Natural Resources of Nova Scotia, The Province of New Brunswick, and Central British Columbia. With the object of assisting in the settlement and development of the idle lands in Canada, this Branch also publishes lists of unoccupied lands in the Prairie and Maritime Provinces, giving a short description of the properties, the prices and terms and the owners' names and addresses, thus affording prospective purchasers an easy means of getting in touch with those who are not cultivating their lands and affording them an opportunity of selecting lands suitable to their means and requirements.