

include \$2 for recording, \$2 for certificate of improvement and \$10 for Crown grant. Residence and improvement conditions are imposed. After occupation for 5 years and making improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, the pre-emptor may obtain certificate of improvement and crown grant. The fact that an applicant has previously homesteaded in another province does not preclude him from pre-empting in British Columbia. Unsurveyed lands cannot be pre-empted.

Homesite leases of an area not exceeding 20 acres, surveyed or unsurveyed, for occupation and cultivation can be obtained—this being a provision to enable fishermen, miners or others to obtain homesites—at small rental, under improvement conditions, including building of dwelling in first year, title being procurable after five years' occupation and completion of survey.

Under the Land Act vacant and unreserved Crown lands, surveyed or unsurveyed, can be purchased in quantities not exceeding 640 acres for agricultural purposes, on improvement conditions. The Minister may require improvements to the value of \$5 per acre with 4 years of allowance of the sale and Crown grant may be withheld until it is certified that improvements are made. Price of first class (agricultural) lands is \$5 per acre; second class (grazing) lands \$2.50 an acre.

Crown lands are leased, subject to covenants and agreements deemed advisable, for agricultural or industrial purposes—for hay-cutting, up to 10 years; for other purposes, except timber-cutting, up to 21 years.

The Land Settlement Board has selected a number of land settlement areas contiguous to the Canadian National Railways. Lands within these areas are sold on easy terms for farming purposes, conditional upon development, prices being usually from \$3 to \$10 an acre, a small cash payment being required and the balance spread over a term of years to suit purchaser. Returned British Columbia soldiers are entitled to abatement of \$500 on purchase price. The Board has power to enforce orders on those owning land within an area to improve and to levy a penalty tax for failure; also power to procure compulsory sale of undeveloped land. To established settlers loans are made by the Board for development purposes from \$250 to \$10,000, not exceeding 60 p.c. of improved value of land offered as security.

Timber-cutting rights are acquired by timber-sale. The applicant locates the timber, and on application being made the area is cruised, surveyed if necessary, and advertised for sale by tender. All particulars are obtainable from the Forest Branch, Department of Lands. Information regarding water-rights, for power, irrigation, etc., can be obtained by addressing the Water Rights Branch, Department of Lands.

The area of land administered by the province is 223,619,650 acres, of which 199,388,733 acres are vacant and unreserved; 4,591,991 acres are included in Indian, park, game, forest and other reserves and 9,094,127 acres in timber, pulp, coal, grazing and other leases or