

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; (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 are covered by the patent.

Returned soldiers who enlisted and rendered overseas service with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces are each entitled to an allocation of 160 acres free, in any township regularly open for sale, subject nevertheless to the performance of settlement duties.

Ranching lands may be obtained on reasonable terms in waste and wooded areas, the valley of the Trent river, lying between lake Ontario and Georgian bay, affording good opportunities for cattle and sheep raising. The maximum annual rental is 5 cents an acre, on easy stocking conditions. Leases may be issued on condition that there be regularly maintained on the land such number of head of stock as may be consistent with the resources of the area covered.

Ontario includes 230,000,000 acres of land, of which only 14,500,000 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, $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as large as Texas, and almost twice the size of France or Germany. 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 *bona fide* settlers shall take full advantage of the opportunity provided to secure any needed loan, and full information respecting it may be secured on application to the various Crown Lands Agents, or direct from the Settlers' Loan Commissioner, Toronto.

Sites for summer cottages under reasonable terms and conditions may be acquired by lease within the Government parks, including Algonquin Provincial Park, and by purchase in certain other sections of the province. Islands in Timagami are leased without building conditions, but islands elsewhere are sold in 5-acre parcels, subject in each case to the erection within 18 months of a building costing not less than \$500.¹ The price of mainland is \$10 and of islands \$20 per acre.

British Columbia.—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, or whose husband has not contributed to her support for 2 years, a bachelor over 18 years of age, 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 surveyed Crown lands, not being an Indian settlement and not carrying more than 8,000 feet per acre of milling timber west of, and 5,000 feet per acre east of the Cascade range. Fees payable 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 the value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, the pre-emptor may obtain

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