

Loans are made to settlers in the northern and northwestern districts, the maximum amount of any loan being \$500, with interest at 6 p.c. per annum, upon such terms and conditions as the Loan Commissioner may approve. The Government is anxious that all *bona fide* settlers shall take full advantage of this opportunity 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 may be acquired by lease under reasonable terms and conditions in Algonquin and Rondeau Provincial Parks, 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 to the value of \$500. The minimum price of mainland is \$10 per acre and of islands \$20 per acre.¹

Manitoba.—The Provincial Government of Manitoba has control of 268,000 acres of unsold lands. Part of these consist of areas transferred by the Dominion Government many years ago as "swamp lands", practically all of which has now been reclaimed, and the remainder are selected railway lands from the grant of the former Manitoba and Northwestern Railway Company.

As most of these lands are located in some of the best farming districts of Manitoba and well within the southern half of the province, they present a particularly attractive proposition to intending actual settlers. Railway shipping facilities are excellent, while graded roads are, generally speaking, close at hand and schools are within easy reach.

Intending settlers and others are afforded the choice of selecting from this unsold area lands suitable for grain growing, mixed farming or stock-raising, and for the purpose of placing them within easy reach of all, very reasonable prices have been placed upon them. The Province also possesses marsh lands that are particularly well adapted to muskrat farming, an industry that is now becoming very firmly established in Manitoba by reason of the very favourable climatic conditions and the abundant supply of the various roots and grasses upon which the muskrat thrives. The terms of sale are one-twentieth of the purchase price in cash, the balance being payable in 15 equal annual payments with interest at the rate of 6 p.c. per annum.²

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 making a declaration of his intention to become a British subject, may pre-empt free 160 acres of 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, and land can only be pre-empted for agricultural purposes. 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 certificate of

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

²For further particulars apply to the Deputy Provincial Lands Commissioner, Parliament Buildings Winnipeg.