

Free grants are available on lands within the districts of Algoma, Nipissing, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Rainy River and Kenora, and between the Ottawa river and Georgian bay, comprising portions of the counties of Renfrew, Frontenac, Addington, Hastings, Peterborough and Haliburton and the districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound. Grants of 160 acres are made to either single or married men in free grant territories where the land is subdivided in lots of 320 acres. In the Huron and Ottawa territory an allowance for waste lands may increase the grant of a single man to an area not exceeding 200 acres, while heads of families may secure 200 acres free and purchase an additional 100 acres at 50 cents an acre. The settlement duties 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 (except in the districts of Cochrane and Timiskaming, where only 80 acres are allowed), in any township regularly open for sale, subject nevertheless to the performance of settlement duties.

Ranching lands may be leased 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 minimum annual rental is 5 cents an acre. Leases may be obtained subject to payment of an annual rental, and 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.

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 extensive colonization road building has made accessible vast tracts of untilled farm land and virgin forests in northern Ontario.

Desirable sites for summer homes or tourist purposes may be purchased or leased in the various parts of the province.<sup>1</sup>

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.

**Manitoba.**—The Provincial Government of Manitoba has control of 270,000 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 have 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 particu-

<sup>1</sup> Booklets giving full information may be obtained on application to the Minister of Lands and Forests, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.