

The Land Settlement Board has selected a number of land settlement areas contiguous to the Canadian National and Pacific Great Eastern 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 the purchaser. British Columbia returned soldiers are entitled to abatement of \$500 on purchase price. The Board has power to order those owning land within an area to improve it, and to levy a penalty tax for failure, also power to procure compulsory sale of undeveloped land.

Timber-cutting rights are acquired by timber-sale. The applicant locates the timber, and, 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., may be obtained by addressing the Water Rights Branch, Department of Lands.

The area of land administered by the Province is 211,336,560 acres¹, of which about 10,000,000 acres have been alienated, about 10,000,000 acres are under reserve as timber, coal, grazing and other leases and licences, and about 11,000,000 in timber, park, Indian, game and other reserves. The total area of surveys at Dec. 31, 1928, was 33,305,947 acres, including 22,910,927 acres of land surveys, 9,145,186 acres of timber, 683,121 acres of coal lands, 28,548 acres of phosphate licences and 538,165 acres of mineral claims. The area included in cities is 74,487 acres, in district municipalities 871,853 acres, and in village municipalities 3,055 acres.

The area of the province is 238,469,600 acres¹, of which 92,800,000 acres is above timberline and 91,432,100 acres is forested—39,352,000 acres carrying over 1,000 ft. b.m. per acre and 17,281,600 acres from 5,000 to 30,000 ft. b.m. per acre. The area suitable for agriculture is estimated at 22,618,000 acres. On Vancouver island an area of 2,110,054 acres is included in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway land grant, embracing the southeastern portion of the island, and applications for lands in this area are to be made to the land agent of that railway at Victoria.

Section 2.—National Defence.

Before the outbreak of the war, the Canadian Militia consisted of a Permanent Force, which on March 31, 1914, numbered 3,000 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, and an Active Militia, which at the same date numbered 5,615 officers and 68,991 non-commissioned officers and men. After the outbreak of the war on Aug. 4, 1914, successive contingents of troops of all arms were recruited, equipped, trained and despatched by the Canadian Government to Great Britain for active service. When hostilities ceased on Nov. 11, 1918, there had been sent overseas, for active service in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, about 418,000 officers, non-commissioned officers and men.²

Organization.—Prior to 1922, three departments of the Canadian Government were concerned with the defence of Canada, *viz.*:—the Department of Militia and Defence; the Department of Marine and Naval Service; the Air Board.

¹The expected reconveyance to British Columbia of the Railway Belt and Peace River Block will augment this total to that of the total area of the province, *viz.*, 238,469,600 acres, as given by the provincial authorities. The Dominion estimate of the area of British Columbia is 227,747,200 acres, of which 3,766,400 acres are covered by water.

²For the detailed expenditures of the Canadian Government on account of war appropriations in the fiscal years 1915-1921, see the Canada Year Book, 1921, p. 798.