

Leases for 21 years will be granted on lands unfit for agricultural purposes where the granting of such leases will not injuriously affect the interests of any *bona fide* established industry in the district. Renewals for 21 years will be granted on present leases, provided the inspector finds that such lands are unfit for agriculture and that full use is being made of them for grazing purposes and that the granting of the extended lease will not injuriously affect any industry established.

No person or company is permitted to acquire by lease more than 25,000 acres. Provision is made for holding land in reserve for community grazing where such seems most desirable. Lessees of land are required to maintain stock in the proportion of one head of cattle or five head of sheep for every 30 acres and it is also required that at least 25 p.c. of the stock maintained shall be breeding stock.

Rentals are based on the value of the land and must be paid one year in advance.

Application for further details with respect to homestead and lease regulations, land available for homesteads, etc., should be made to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, Edmonton, Alberta.

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, or 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 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 lease of an area not exceeding 20 acres, surveyed or unsurveyed, may be obtained for occupation and cultivation—this being a provision to enable fishermen, miners or others to obtain homesites—at a small rental, under improvement conditions, including the building of a dwelling in the first year, title being procurable after 5 years' occupation and completion of survey.

Under the Land Act, vacant and unreserved Crown lands, surveyed or unsurveyed, may 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 within 4 years of allowance of the sale, and Crown grant may be withheld until it is certified that improvements are made. The minimum price of first class (agricultural) lands is \$5 per acre; second class (grazing) lands \$2.50 per acre. The purchaser of surveyed lands is charged an additional 50 cents an acre for the survey; in the case of unsurveyed lands the applicant must have the area he applies for surveyed at his own cost.

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; for any industrial or other special purpose, with approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for not over 99 years.