

The Free Grant system prevails in Muskoka, Parry Sound and Thunder Bay districts, and in the Rainy River Valley the quantity obtainable by one individual varying from 100 to 160 acres. In the Rainy River Valley where townships have been surveyed for settlement with an area of about 600,000 acres, the limit of a grant is 160 acres, but the head of a family locating is entitled to purchase an additional 80 acres at \$1 per acre. A single male settler may be located for 120 acres and purchase an additional 80 acres on the same terms. The settlement duties in this district include the clearing of 15 acres during 3 years with the building of a house and continuous residence during that period, and similar provisions with some variations are in force in all the free grant districts.

In Thunder Bay district the locatee of a free grant of 160 acres may purchase another 160 acre lot at 50 cents per acre and the settlement regulations require 5 years residence to acquire a patent. Fuller particulars may be obtained on application to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto.

#### QUEBEC.

On June 30, 1902, about 6,623,507 acres of land have been surveyed by the Government of Quebec for sale.

Lands purchased from the government are to be paid for in the following manner:—One-fifth of the purchase money is required to be paid the day of the sale, and the remainder in four equal yearly instalments, bearing interest at 6 per cent. But the price at which the lands are sold is so low—from 20 cents to 60 cents per acre (10d. to 2s. 5½d. stg.)—that these conditions are not very burdensome.

The purchaser is required to take possession of the land sold within six months of the date of the sale, and to occupy it during two years from the date of the sale. He must clear and have under crop, in the course of four years, ten acres for every hundred held by him, and erect a habitable house of the dimensions of at least 16 feet by 20 feet. The letters patent are issued free of charge. The parts of the province of Quebec now inviting colonization are the Lake St. John district, the valleys of the Saguenay, St. Maurice and Ottawa Rivers, the Eastern Townships, the Lower St. Lawrence, Lake Temiscamingue, Gaspé and Metapedia Valley.

The Temiscamingue settlement, at the head of Lake Temiscamingue on the Upper Ottawa, consists of a level tract of many thousands of acres of rich calcareous clay.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

There are now in Nova Scotia about 1,500,000 acres of ungranted lands, a considerable quantity of which is unsuited for cultivation. Most of the best land has been granted and is now occupied, but a very large area of the province has been granted for lumbering purposes, and is now being used by lumbering establishments.

The price of Crown lands is \$40 per 100 acres. Until April, 1764, the only reservations of minerals on Crown lands were gold, silver, precious stones and Lapis Lazuli. From 1764 to 1807 the mineral reserves included