

PROVINCIAL PUBLIC LANDS.

Nova Scotia there are now no free grants of land; but under conditions prescribed by the Crown Lands Act of the Provincial Assembly (10 Edw. VII, 1910, c. 4, s. 26) and an amending Act of May 3, 1912, Crown lands, not exceeding in each case 150 acres, may be granted for agricultural or grazing purposes to applicants of not less than 18 years of age at the price of \$1 per acre, in addition to the expenses of survey. Leases of Crown lands are also granted upon conditions prescribed. The total area of the Crown lands in Nova Scotia is 918,891 acres.

The area of the Crown lands in New Brunswick is about 7,250,000 acres. Probably not more than from one-third to one-quarter of this area is suitable for agriculture. Under the provisions of Acts of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly, lots of 100 acres each may be granted to settlers of 18 years of age and over, subject to conditions which include the clearance and cultivation of ten acres, the building of a house, three years' residence on the lot and payments or labour in aid of the construction of roads and bridges.

In the province of Quebec the area of public lands subdivided and available for alienation by sale or free grants was at June 30, 1914, 7,072,862 acres. During the year ended June 30, 1914, 202,587 acres were sold for the sum of \$63,664, the average price per acre being thus about 31 cents; and 689 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres were granted free for religious purposes and for colonization roads. Agricultural lands in 100 acre lots are available for settlement upon prescribed conditions in Timiskaming (3,500,000 acres) at the price of about 30 cents per acre, in Abitibi (3,000,000 acres) at the price of about 3 cents per acre and in Beauce (50,000 to 60,000 acres) at the price of from 30 to 40 cents per acre.

In Ontario the public lands which are open for disposal are chiefly situated in the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, Sudbury, Algoma, Timiskaming, Thunder Bay and Rainy River, and in the counties of Haliburton, Peterborough, Hastings, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington and Renfrew. In Thunder Bay and Rainy River districts, which are generally known as New Ontario, the townships open for sale are subdivided into lots of 320 acres, or sections of 640 acres, and a half-lot or quarter section of 160 acres is allowed to each applicant at the price of 50 cents per acre, payable one-fourth in cash and the balance in three annual instalments with interest at 6 p.c. The applicant must be a male (or sole female) head of a family, or a single man over 18 years of age. The conditions of purchase include occupation by the purchaser within six months from date of purchase, the erection of a house, the clearance and cultivation of at least 10 p.c. of the area and three years' residence. Free grants and homesteads are available on lands within the district of Algoma and Nipissing and between the Ottawa River and the Georgian Bay, comprising northerly portions of the counties of Renfrew, Frontenac, Addington, Hastings, Peterborough, Victoria and Simcoe and the districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound and Rainy River. Free grants are made in lots of 100 acres to single men over 18 or to married men without children under 18 residing with him. In the Huron and Ottawa territory an allowance for waste lands may increase the grant to an area not exceeding 200 acres. Special conditions as to the size of lots and the purchase of additional land at 50 cents per acre apply to certain townships in the districts of Nipissing,