

CANADA ABOUT TO OPEN NEW LANDS

Vast Area to Be Available for Homesteaders First of Next Month.

TOTAL IS 28,000,000 ACRES

Odd-Numbered Sections in Western Provinces, Adjacent to Towns and Cities, Ready for Settlement.

OTTAWA, Canada, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Next month will see radical changes in the land policy of the Canadian Government. The other land act, which goes into effect September 1, will throw open to the public 28,000,000 acres of rich, arable land, in the odd-numbered sections of Western Canada that are liberally intersected by a network of railroads, and adjacent to commercial centers, and well-established police protection, municipal government, schools, churches and institutions essential for agricultural prosperity.

While the "reuter" and the man with limited loose cash is being given the opportunity of owning his own farm, unlike the procedure hitherto followed in granting free homesteads, he is not asked to forego the advantages in settled districts and to go into the wilderness to fight the hard fight of the pioneer. Instead of this the new instrument of the Canadian Legislature gives the enterprising man free land situated near flourishing municipalities, offering all the advantages and conveniences of modern life.

In order to encourage railroad building in the Dominion, the government has given to the railroad companies 2,000,000 acres of land during the last few years, and a further inducement they have been left absolutely unfettered in the choice of locality and the time of selection, and recently were made to select their lands. The companies have taken full advantage of this generous provision and made a constant practice of leaving their grants in abeyance until, after closely watching the trend of immigration and settlement, they could make up their minds as to what tracts of land would best serve their interests.

The Laurier administration, ever since the year 1896, when it came into power, has followed a different policy. It has chosen to help railroad construction by cash grants or guarantees and it increasingly pressed on the railroad companies to forthwith choose their lands gratis. Under the present policy of the government at the end of 1907 the work of selecting land grants by the railways had been completed, thus leaving the Dominion Government unburdened in throwing open vast tracts of valuable land for free homesteading purposes.

How Brought to Pass. Never before has any country offered land for homesteading that is located near already settled and populous districts. That this will be done in Canada is not an accident, but the result of Canada's beneficent land administration. As in the United States, the whole of Western Canada is divided into townships, 36 miles square. Each township is subdivided into 36 blocks of land, one mile square, technically known as a "section." A section is further divided into four quarter sections, each 90 acres. There are, therefore, 36 sections in a township, and these are numbered 1 to 36.

In every township the quarter sections 1 and 24 are the property of the Hudson's Bay Company, which is thus significantly dotted all over Western Canada and reminds one of the fact that the entire territory was once owned by the corporation. These sections were ceded by the Canadian Government to the Hudson's Bay Company when the latter surrendered its title to Western Canada. With the exception of its sections, all even-numbered quarter sections were thrown open for homesteading by the Canadian land act of 1872. The act opened sections 11 and 29 for selling by public auction at the ripe moment in order to form the nucleus of a fund with which to establish common schools and high schools. The remaining odd-numbered quarter sections were held in trust by the government to bestow grants on railroad companies and for future homesteading entries. Since 1872 odd-numbered sections aggregating in area nearly 22,000,000 acres have been given to the railroad companies and even-numbered sections and the cultivation of homesteaders. The remaining 28,000,000 acres next month are to be thrown open to the public under the new Canadian land act.

Will Cause a Rush. Taken as a whole, the act of the Canadian Government is expected to induce new immigrants to Western Canada on an unprecedented scale. The land for purchase and free homesteading entry is unequalled in fertility. It is all situated in the Canadian Northwest, whose grain crops have increased from 30,000,000 bushels in 1891 to 120,000,000 bushels in 1908, and with certainty promise to yield at no remote day at least four or five times this year's output.

Homesteading Under New Law. Under the Dominion act of 1872 the requirements for homesteading entry were six months' residence in each of three years, the building of a habitable house and farm buildings and the cultivation of 30 acres within three years and the naturalization of the homesteaders before the issuance of letters patent. The new law names the same conditions for homestead entry, with this exception, that no specification is made as to the acreage which must be put under cultivation. The act empowers the Minister of the Interior to pass upon the cultivated area, since some farms may present greater difficulty in clearing of brush or stumps than others, and that he may also take into consideration at the expiration of three years. Furthermore, the act interprets the residence of the homesteader in the territory as a relative living within nine miles of the homestead as residence upon the farm, and fixes the term of forfeiture of the right to the homestead at five years for failure to apply for letters patent.

Only those people who fulfilled their obligations as homesteaders and obtained their letters patent before the 1st of June, 1880, are entitled to make entry for a second homestead. However, the act makes a provision enabling any and every homesteader to purchase a second homestead for \$3 an acre. One-third of this sum is payable at the time of entry and the balance in two equal installments with 5 per cent interest.

Training for Widower-Land. Sometimes a man who is a poor husband makes a good widower.

Kittens as Wealth Producers. Some one should discover a variety of kittens that would bring \$50 each. Then we could all get rich.

U. P. OFFICIALS TO VISIT BY CITY

To Learn Latest Methods Handling Freight From Ships to Cars.

MAKE IMPROVEMENTS HERE

Charlton Joins Party to Help in Examination of Conditions on San Francisco Waterfront.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—Henry C. Nutt, general manager of the Northern Pacific Lines for the Pacific Coast, who arrived on board the steamship Governor from Tacoma yesterday, is investigating the Southern Pacific terminal facilities at this port, with special reference to the way in which freight is handled from vessels to cars. It is understood that the investigations at other points similar to this, and in connection with the view of determining the best way of improving its own methods at Portland and Puget Sound.

Charlton Joins Party. With Mr. Nutt is C. M. Levey, his predecessor in the office of general manager and now the Northern Pacific's third vice-president, in charge of traffic, with headquarters at St. Paul. The party was augmented today by the arrival of A. D. Charlton, assistant general agent of the Northern Pacific at Portland. President Elliot is expected about the end of the week.

The chief difference between waterfront conditions here and in the North," said Mr. Nutt, "is that in San Francisco the terminal sites are controlled by the state, while in the other places named company has to buy all the land used in freight handling. I don't know that it gives the company much advantage to have the land held by the state, as it is for creating the Atlantic, and in any case, although, of course, it reduces the original outlay. But I believe it may reduce the expense of the shippers."

Future Bright for Shipping. Speaking of the possible damage to Pacific shipping and railroads through the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, compelling the publication of trans-Pacific tariffs and forbidding reduction without a three days' notice, Nutt said that he did not think the opinions of pessimists would be realized. "I feel confident that the Pacific Coast interests will not suffer through the action of the Commission," said Nutt. "And if any damage does result, I believe that the Commission will make haste to rescind the order."

The foregoing dispatch would seem to confirm the frequently published rumors that the Hill roads contemplate establishing a new trans-Pacific line between Portland and San Francisco soon after completion of the North Bank Road into Portland. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle is now constructing a great wharf in the lower harbor which will be completed soon after trains begin to run into Portland over the new line. His project for Portland during the Lewis and Clark fair, when the North Bank Road was announced, James J. Hill indicated his purpose to invade Southern Puget Sound and California by constructing a great wharf in the lower harbor which will be completed soon after trains begin to run into Portland over the new line.

TRIBESMEN HOLDUP SHAH PERSIAN RULER PRISONER IN HIS OWN PALACE.

Men Sent as Guards Demand Big Sums of Money—Denied Visit to Harem.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 9.—Special dispatches received here from Tehran give a tragicomic description of the position of the Shah of Persia, who is virtually a prisoner in the hands of wild tribesmen summoned to Tehran to meet the throne against the revolutionists, but who have become a greater menace to the monarch than his other foes.

Fun in Writing "Upside Down." Kansas City Star. "Say-y-y, what are you doing?" a traveling salesman asked Klee Kleiber, a clerk at the Hotel Baltimore. Kleiber was scribbling aimlessly on a piece of paper around. He had been writing "upside down" and every letter was perfect.

A Woman's Business Voice. Atchison Globe. We can tell by the sound of a woman's voice over the telephone whether she is more used to talking business than nonsense. A business woman's voice has an aggressive, sawlike quality to it.

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No definite decision was reached and the question of raising a fund of sufficient proportions to maintain an effective three-month campaign will be brought up for solution at a meeting of the various headquarters of the subcommittees tomorrow.

CRASHES INTO PILOT BOAT LINER RADAMES CRIPPLES LADY MINE.

Accident Off Lightship at Entrance to Golden Gate—Crew Seeks Rigging.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Another mishap was added to the recent misfortunes which have beset the Kosmos Steamship line when their big steamer Radames, putting to sea Saturday night, ran down the staunch little pilot boat Lady Mine, in the blackness off the lightship, damaging the pilot boat to the extent of \$2000.

Leaping into the rigging of the pilot boat and clinging to the shrouds, the crew of the Lady Mine waited to be gobbled up by the yawning sea, for after the crash, which hurled the vessel out of the water, she careened over on her beam ends, the tips of the masts almost touching the leaping waves.

The Radames, following the collision, stood by and attached hawsers to the pilot boat while repairs were being made to the hole on the afterport side, which extended from the rail to the waterline and then continued on her way into the ocean. The Lady Mine, her rigging tattered, limped back into port this morning.

Portlanders in Chicago. CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. F. P. Russell, Portland, at the Auditorium Annex, R. M. Hall, Portland, by the Stratford, W. W. Frazer, Portland, at the Majestic.

Can't Forget Past Importance. Atchison Globe. After a man has once been important and loses it, he is never really modest, again. He can't forget the days when he was "somebody."

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\$1 Foulards 79c

Full line of colors; neat and pretty patterns; Cheney's Show-proof Foulards, specialized during this sale as follows:

The regular \$1.00 grade, special, today at only 79c

The regular \$1.25 grade, special, today at only 98c

Sunbonnets For Women and Children Plain or fancy Sunbonnets, in white, black or colors; 25c ones 16c, 40c grade 25c, 50c ones for 32c, and the 65c quality for only 39c

Dress Goods Summer Mohairs, panamas, serges, voiles, etc., in fancy effects. Many patterns to choose from, hundreds of Half yards on sale this week at

House Needs Reduced Prices Clocks, Refrigerators, Dinner Sets, and canning-time helps are on special sale this week on the third floor. Share in the savings.

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Some of these are slightly soiled and on those soiled or damaged in the least, reductions are really remarkable. If you attend this sale you'll own the finest sort of bedding and save about one-third the regular cost. They come in white, dark gray, silver gray and vicuna brown. Some are bound with silk, with pink or blue borders. Hundreds of pairs on sale. Come early and make your selections while the assortments are complete.

MAIL ORDERS VERY CAREFULLY FILLED OLDS NORTH & KING FIFTH WASHINGTON—SIXTH STREETS

Monday Shoppers

Linen Sale Is Drawing to a Close The sale of soiled and mussed linens will end this week. Housewives who miss this chance to save will pay more for their linens later.

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Look Through Our List of Bargain Attractions

Muslinwear Several Big Vals. Nightgowns, Drawers, Petticoats, Etc., at prices much smaller than the regular figures. Make it a point to visit this section today.

Silk Suits Worth \$25.00 Special \$6.95

Smart lightweight costumes that you'll get splendid service out of for the balance of the season. Jumper models, lace trimmed.

Shoe Sale Continued This Week

You are certain of being perfectly fitted at this sale. Charts showing number of pairs in each size and width free for the asking.

New Suits Fall Models in Plenty The first house in Portland, as usual, to show a full assortment. Better than ever values, better than ever styles. Style salons.



APPEAL TO TAFT

West Virginia Factions Seeking Recognition. Mr. Taft has been here to get him to identify himself with one side or the other, but he has positively refused to become involved.

REFUSES TO BE INVOLVED Candidate Hopes to Steer Clear of Complications in State Issue. Enjoys Day of Rest at White Sulphur Springs.

HITCHCOCK TO VISIT TAFT. CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Chairman Frank Hitchcock of the Republican National Committee spent a quiet day going over staff. No political callers were received today either at headquarters in the Metropolitan Life Building or at Mr. Hitchcock's room at the Manhattan.

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