

- 4th. That upon the production of such evidence, the Superintendent shall give to such person a certificate stating the actual amount of remission to which he shall be entitled, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such title to remission, and of the amount thereof.
- 5th. That such certificate shall be available in the purchase of lands in any part of the Province within which the person to whom the same shall be granted shall reside.
- 6th. That upon the purchase of any lands by such person, the amount stated in such certificate of remission shall go in part discharge of the purchase money in respect of the same; but such remission shall only extend to one purchase, and shall in no case be divided.
- 7th. That every person making use of any such claim to remission as aforesaid shall not be entitled to alienate or to assign or transfer, or set over the lands to be purchased or acquired by him under or by virtue of any certificate of remission, or to part with the possession or occupation of the same for the period of three years, to be computed from the date of the purchase of the same, without the leave in writing of the Superintendent of the Province within such lands shall be situated, and upon breach of this condition, the lands purchased or acquired by such person as aforesaid, shall be absolutely forfeited and revert to the Crown as demesne lands of the Crown, and all persons then in possession or occupation of the same, shall be deemed to be trespassers within the meaning of the Crown Lands Ordinance, Session X. No. 1.
- 8th. That upon the expiration of the said term of three years, and upon full and bona fide compliance by any person claiming the benefit of these regulations, with the conditions aforesaid, he shall be entitled to a grant from the Crown of the lands purchased by him, in like manner as any other purchase from the Crown.
- 9th. Provided always that in case of the death of any such person during the said period of three years, the lands so purchased by him as aforesaid, shall be deemed to have been lands absolutely vested in him in fee simple, and shall descend and may be disposed of by testamentary disposition accordingly, and the same shall be duly granted to the person or persons who by virtue of such descent or testamentary disposition, may be entitled to the same.

5. MR. J. WAKEFIELD—On motion for going into Committee on the Waste Lands Bill, to move as an amendment that the House resolve itself into such Committee that day six months.

6. MR. WAKEFIELD—To move that the following additional clauses be introduced into the Waste Lands Bill—

Provided always that a certain portion of all such waste lands shall be set apart as "working settlers' land," and such terms of purchase so to be made and issued as aforesaid, shall be subject to the provisions hereinafter made in respect of "working settlers' land."

The land so to be set apart as "working settlers' land" as aforesaid, shall be at least one-third part of the said waste lands in the Province, and shall be of average quality with regard both to natural fertility and to position as respects the vicinity of wood, water, roads, and other facilities of communication with markets, and with other parts of the Province, and in blocks not exceeding 5000 acres in extent; and such land shall be disposed of exclusively to persons of the class of *bona fide* working settlers on land in lots of any size not exceeding 200 acres, to any one person, at the lowest price either upset or fixed which shall be required in the Province at the time of sale.

The right of any applicant to purchase land as a *bona fide* working settler upon land, shall be determined by the Waste Land Board hereinafter mentioned, after hearing such evidence (including that of the applicant) as shall be produced in support thereof or opposition thereto: and such evidence shall be reduced to writing, and preserved as part of the records of the proceedings of the said Board.

Every applicant who shall be determined by the said Board, to be entitled to purchase land as such working settler, shall be permitted to delay paying the purchase money for the same for any term not exceeding 5 years, provided that interest in the meantime shall be paid on the purchase money after the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. The Crown grant shall be made and issued on payment of the purchase money, after a *bona fide* occupation, by the applicant, or his family or representative in case of death, of at least 5 years.

All other necessary and proper regulations for carrying out the object of these provisions in respect of "working settlers' land," and especially to secure the *bona fide* occupation and cultivation of the land, shall be made by the Governor in the terms of purchase so to be made and issued by him, and approved by the Superintendent and Provincial Council as aforesaid.

There shall be established in every Province a Board, to be called the Waste Land Board, to consist of a Chairman of the said Board and of at least two other persons to be nominated by the Governor.

All applications for the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of waste lands of the Crown shall be preferred to the said Board, who shall hear and determine the same, and all questions relating or incident thereto, and the decisions of the said Board on all such matters shall be final and conclusive. All meetings of the said Board shall be open to the public, and reasonable public notice shall be given of all business to be transacted thereat. The said Board shall keep a record of their proceedings, in which shall be entered in writing a full and particular account of all business transacted by them, together with a reference to every letter, report, or communication received, or written order given by the said Board, and also minutes of personal interviews, and a minute of the opinion of the members of the said Board, in case they should differ in opinion: all which shall be open to inspection by any person on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. for each inspection.

All evidence given before any Waste Land Board may be given on oath, which oath it shall be lawful for the Chairman of the said Board to administer, and any person wilfully and corruptly giving false evidence before any such Board shall be guilty of perjury, and shall be punished accordingly; and any person wilfully refusing to attend any such board, in obedience to any summons signed by the Chairman thereof, or to give evidence when in attendance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.