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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 16th Day of August, 1907.

LAND LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. DUNCAN, in Committee, to move the following new clause:—

Board may set apart blocks of land under homestead system.

A. (1.) The Board may from time to time, subject to the approval of the Minister, set apart areas of rural land and declare the same available for selection and occupation without payment, but subject to the conditions as to cultivation and residence hereinafter set forth.

Board to publicly notify opening of such lands.

(2.) The Board shall give public notice of all areas of land so set apart.

Area that may be selected.

(3.) With respect to all such areas of land the following conditions shall apply:—

(a.) The area allowed to be selected by each person of the age of eighteen years and upwards shall not exceed two hundred acres, and for persons under eighteen years of age fifty acres:

Provided that the total quantity to be selected by any one family or number of persons forming one household shall not exceed five hundred acres.

Residence conditions.

(b.) Residence on the land selected shall be compulsory, and shall commence in the case of bush lands within one year and in the case of open lands within six months after the application has been approved by the Board, and thereafter such residence shall be continuous for a period of seven years.

Selector to erect dwellinghouse.

(c.) Within eighteen months after such approval by the Board the selector shall erect on his selection a permanent dwellinghouse of wood or other materials in conformity with any regulations made under this Act.

A certain area shall be cultivated.

(d.) In each year there shall be brought under cultivation one-fourteenth of the area of each selection if open land and one-twenty-eighth if bush land, so that at the end of the term of seven years one-half of the selection if open land and one-fourth if bush land shall be under cultivation.

Forfeiture for non-performance of conditions of selection.

(4.) Non-performance of any of the foregoing conditions shall render the selection void, and the right of the selector therein and to all improvements thereon shall be forfeited, and the land may be again declared available for selection and occupation under this section.

Payment of
cost of survey.

(5.) Selectors under this section shall be required to deposit the necessary cost of survey:

Provided that on the recommendation of the Land Board the Minister may advance the cost of such survey, and in such case the selector shall pay the same, together with interest thereon at the rate of *five* per centum per annum, by ten equal half-yearly instalments commencing at the expiration of two years from the approval by the Board of his selection.

Grant to issue
at end of seven
years.

(6.) If the conditions mentioned in subsection *three* hereof and the provisions of the *last preceding* subsection are duly observed, a grant shall at the expiration of the said period of seven years be issued for the land selected.

Provisions of
Land Act to
apply.

(7.) All the provisions of the principal Act relating to applications and the manner of dealing with the same by the Land Board shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to applications under this section.
