

chaser the number of acres which he proposes to purchase and the amount which he shall have so paid as the purchase money thereof.

16. Such book shall be open to the public for inspection at all times in office hours during which time any person may take a copy of or extract from any minute entered therein.

17. The applications so received shall not be opened until noon of the first day appointed in such manner aforesaid by the Superintendent for the sale of such General Rural Land on which day no further application shall be received.

18. The Commissioner or his Deputy shall on the day so appointed and in presence of such of the intending purchasers or their agents as may attend for that purpose proceed to open all such applications so received.

19. When it shall appear on opening the said applications that but one person has in manner aforesaid applied to purchase any land and that he has duly paid the purchase money thereof such person shall be deemed the purchaser of such land.

20. If it should at any time appear before the decision of the Commissioner that two or more intending purchasers have made application for the same land and that each of them has duly paid the purchase money thereof such land shall be put up to auction in such blocks as the Commissioner may determine at an upset price of 10s. an acre on a day to be decided by the Commissioner or his Deputy.

21. The Commissioner or his Deputy shall immediately after such auction give to each of the unsuccessful persons or his agent an order on the Provincial Treasurer for the purchase money so paid by him in respect of such allotment and such Treasurer shall pay the same on demand accordingly.

22. After the day fixed for opening the applications sent in as aforesaid all the unsold portions of such General Rural Lands shall be open for sale to the first applicant for same.

23. Every such subsequent application must be made in writing to the Commissioner or his Deputy during office hours and must state the quantity and situation of the land and describe the same as accurately as may be so that the same may be identified and marked on a plan of the district to be provided by the Commissioner and no such application shall be entertained unless it be accompanied by a receipt for the purchase money signed by the Provincial Treasurer or by some person authorized by him.

24. The Commissioner or his Deputy immediately on receipt of such application shall in the presence of the intending purchaser or his agent if such purchaser or agent desire it to be done enter in the minute book to be kept for that purpose the day and hour of the receipt of the application the name of the purchaser quantity situation and description of the land and the amount paid as the purchase money of the same.

25. As soon as such entry shall have been made in conformity with these Regulations the land to which the same shall refer shall be deemed to be sold and the purchaser thereof entitled to a Crown Grant.

26. Provided always that every application for General Rural Land shall comprise not less than 40 acres and shall so far as the features of the country will permit be of a rectangular form and when fronting on a road river lake or coast be of a depth when practicable not less than three times the length of the frontage and no application which does not comply with these requirements shall be granted but it shall be competent for any applicant with the consent of the Commissioner to amend his application so that any such alteration in no way interferes with any other application duly made at the time.

27. The Commissioner at the time of any application being granted or as soon as conveniently may be thereafter shall inform the applicant that the land selected will be surveyed by and at the expense of the Government or that the applicant must have the same surveyed at his own expense by a surveyor to be approved of in writing by the Commissioner.

28. When the land is surveyed by the applicant at his own expense he shall be entitled to an allowance for the cost thereof according to a scale to be from time to time fixed by the Commissioner.

29. Every survey to be made at the expense of the applicant must be completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner and the plans thereof delivered to him with as little delay as possible and within a time to be fixed by him which shall in no case exceed six calendar months and in default thereof it shall be lawful for the Commissioner either to have the land surveyed at the applicant's cost which shall be repaid by him within one month of the completion of the survey or it shall be lawful for the Commissioner to sell the land to some other person and in such latter case the purchase money paid by the first applicant shall be returned to him on demand after deducting therefrom one-fifth part as a forfeiture for the default.

30. When General Rural Land shall be purchased in a district in which lines of road shall not be determined on and laid out a right of laying out roads over the said land shall be reserved in the Grant but not more than five per cent. of the land shall be taken for such purpose without payment of compensation for the excess to be fixed by arbitration in the usual way. Provided that if such right be not exercised within five years from the date when the block within which such land is situate was first offered for sale then and in such case compensation for the whole area taken shall be given to be fixed by arbitration in the usual way.

31. It shall be at any time competent for the Superintendent with the advice and consent of the Executive Council to offer for sale by auction any general Rural Land which shall be deemed to possess especial value as containing minerals and the Regulations hereinbefore contained relating to auction sales shall apply thereto.

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