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MONTANA'S LANDS.
Agent Hickman Says There Has Been Great Depredations Committed Upon West Side Timber Lands.
MUCH STATE TIMBER HAS BEEN CUT.
Vast Tracks Have Been Taken up by the State—Still Much to Be Appropriated.

State Land Agent R. O. Hickman has filed his annual report with the governor. The report is an interesting one, covering thoroughly, as it does, the work of a department of which comparatively little is known by the general public. The agent's chief duty is the selection for the state of surveyed lands belonging to the public domain. Mr. Hickman in his report says that the difficulties that have heretofore existed in the selection of desirable lands to fill the several grants are still experienced, only in a more pronounced degree, as the surveys of the past year have been largely upon lands not especially regarded as valuable for state purposes. The agent this year has particularly noticed a growing disposition adverse to the state taking public lands in their immediate vicinity on the part of settlers and large landed proprietors. They hold that it retards settlement and takes so much land out of the tax paying lists as to make it a hardship upon the actual settlers to pay the expenses of the different counties. This has been the complaint from the counties east of the main range of the Rocky mountains. On the western slope, which is composed largely of timbered lands, the land agent has to deal principally with large saw mill syndicates, who influence men to locate land under the timber and stone act.

"During the past year," says Mr. Hickman, in his report, "a large amount of capital has come in from eastern states to invest in timbered lands, but from appearances, would say mostly for speculative purposes. I find in many instances parties who do not wish to invest the sum of \$2.50 per acre, so ahead of the surveyors and select a quarter section valuable only for timber, and much of it so steep that it is difficult to climb, erect a small hut and call it a homestead and manage in some way to get their location noted by the surveyors. Then, after the plats are filed in the local land office, they offer filings for homestead, claiming settlement prior to the survey thereat. After the filings are accepted, they at once commence to strip the land of its only value, which is timber, having no intention to complete the title, but only to see how quickly they can cut and dispose of the timber and go to parts unknown or to locate on other lands under some other title.

"Another class of men are those who induce the Indians of the Chippewa, or other tribes, who have not heretofore availed themselves of the allotment of public land, to come and locate on our best timber land, surveyed and unsurveyed, taking land in secretly in quantities of 100 acres to each adult and eighty acres to each minor child. Should this action be approved, the effect will be to withdraw the timber of said sections from market for the period of twenty-five years. The only benefit the state could expect to derive from such selections would be that so much timber would be withdrawn from the markets, thereby creating a demand for timber owned by the state an earlier date."

"The report next gives considerable attention to timber land depredations. Speaking of the unlawful cutting of timber, particularly on the Big Blackfoot river, Mr. Hickman says: 'The depredations have been committed from year to year, as near as I can judge, from 1890 to the past winter. The entire amount cut and removed is by actual scale 184,000 feet of timber has been removed from the land and gone into the boom of the Big Blackfoot Milling company at Bonner, and it is impossible of identification your agent has as yet made no demand for settlement from the same.

"I would recommend that a law be passed similar to the United States statutes at large governing such cases, whereby you can follow the lumber from the stump through its various changes until it is worked into furniture, providing that the parties who control the sawmills, the individual or corporation who aid or abet, shall be held equally liable."

In the fall of 1892 the state land agent selected over 48,000 acres of land situated in the Bitter Root valley, all of which were rejected by the local land office on the ground that the selections were made upon Blenc townships situated on Le fork, and which had been thrown open to actual settlers and townsites only. From this decision the board appealed to the general land office and the secretary of the interior. Both the general land office and the secretary sustained the local land office decision. Early in 1893 Mr. Hickman had a bill prepared to act as a remedy to this matter. This bill would have served its purpose had there not been so much delay in its passage, which did not occur until Aug. 3, 1894. During the sixteen months interval about 80 per cent. of this land was filed upon by settlers, who took advantage of the delay, so that instead of getting over 46,000 acres, the state has only been able to secure 3,270 acres.

The total grants to public buildings and state school funds are for 688,729 acres. Of this 333,423 acres had been selected prior to Nov. 30, 1894. During 1893 and 1894 there has been relinquished 2,512 acres, leaving secured for the state 279,916. There remains for future selections to fill the grant 388,819 acres.

The report toward its conclusion says: "The number of acres reported as having been filed on is not a true index of the number of acres selected. Sometimes the land agent selects and offers filings on several thousand acres, and from these selections he may lose from 10 to 30 per cent. of the acreage selected. Those who are willing to select a certain piece of land at once rush to the local land office and make their filings before the agent has time to prepare his lists. 'I do not think it is for the best interests of the state to use too much haste in the selection of its lands to fill the several grants. The selections for the different purposes now run from 51 to 50 per cent. and we have plenty of land in sections 15 and 36 to keep the land board busy in having it appraised and leased for many years to come. The minimum price for which these lands can be sold, viz: Ten dollars per acre appears at the present time to be excessive. There are but few tracts, only such as are situated near towns or cities, that can be sold for that price. There will be desirable lands to select twenty-five years hence, for at the present rate of surveying, it will require that length of time to complete the survey of the state.

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IT WAS ABANDONED.
The Assessment Work Wasn't Done and So the Entry Is Cancelled.

Receiver Collins and Register Cox, of the land office, have rendered a decision in the contest of John Branagan et al. versus John McDermott et al. in which they cancel the mineral entry of the latter parties to 191.24 acres of land claimed as placer. McDermott and others made mineral application for the land Oct. 1, 1874. Branagan filed a protest Feb. 6, 1894, alleging that the applicants had long since abandoned the land, by not complying with the law relating to annual expenditure. The testimony showed that the annual expenditure had not been made for several years prior to the adverse claim of Branagan, and that the land had been abandoned and was open to location as if there had been no former possession. The local land officers therefore cancelled the mineral entry of McDermott.

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