

1885. In consequence of the outbreak before mentioned, no comparison can justly be made between the amounts received in 1885 and those in former years.

Year ended 30th June	Homestead and Pre-emption Fees.	Ordinary Sales.		Sales to Colonization Companies.	Total.
		Cash.	Scip.	Cash.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1873 .....	6,970	21,616	.....	.....	28,586
1874 .....	8,290	17,697	.....	.....	25,987
1875 .....	11,570	13,591	.....	.....	25,161
1876 .....	4,700	3,704	320	.....	8,724
1877 .....	5,620	1,069	136,955	.....	143,645
1878 .....	15,370	2,682	120,159	.....	138,211
1879 .....	36,026	8,188	210,904	.....	255,119
1880 .....	32,358	41,768	81,685	.....	155,812
1881 .....	30,682	62,940	70,828	.....	164,451
1882 .....	94,228	1,228,424	50,590	354,036	1,727,280
1883 .....	127,740	516,092	33,638	248,492	925,962
1884 .....	70,390	423,113	40,919	253,713	788,136
1885 .....	42,745	198,759	45,875	1,214	288,594

496. The number of patents issued during the year ended 31st October, 1885, was 3,533, as against 3,896 during the previous year, showing a decrease of 363.

497. The total area set out for settlement since 1873, is as follows:—

	Acres.	No. of Farms of 160 acres each.
Previous to June, 1873.....	4,792,292	29,952
In 1874.....	4,237,864	26,487
1875.....	665,000	4,156
1876.....	420,507	2,628
1877.....	231,691	1,448
1878.....	306,936	1,918
1879.....	1,130,482	7,066
1880.....	4,472,000	27,950
1881.....	9,147,000	50,919
1882.....	9,460,000	55,125
1883.....	27,000,000	168,750
1884.....	6,400,000	40,000
1885.....	391,680	2,448
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>68,655,452</b>	<b>418,847</b>

498. The total revenue of the Department of the Interior from all sources for the year 1885 amounted to \$420,072, a decrease as compared with 1884 of \$368,064.