

YEAR.	AREA.			
	Homesteads.	Pre-emptions.	Sales.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
To 1872.....	40,000	1,600	15,200	56,800
1873.....	136,640	2,400	16,620	155,660
1874.....	215,520	101,461	17,713	334,694
1875.....	84,480	67,314	4,908	156,702
1876.....	52,960	40,406	39,562	132,928
1877.....	145,280	107,715	170,989	428,984
1878.....	308,640	275,240	125,380	709,260
1879.....	555,296	270,178	271,343	1,096,817
Oct. 31, 1880.....	280,640	140,790	260,797	682,227
“ 1881.....	438,707	263,647	355,166	1,057,520
“ 1882.....	1,181,652	904,211	613,282	2,699,145
“ 1883.....	970,719	659,120	202,143	1,831,982
“ 1884.....	533,280	364,060	213,172	1,110,512
“ 1885.....	249,552	106,213	126,049	481,814
“ 1886.....	294,960	146,480	133,701	575,141

Since the beginning of 1872, therefore, the total number of acres disposed of has been 11,505,186, of which 5,488,326 acres were homesteads, 3,450,835 pre-emptions and 2,566,025 sales.

660. The next table gives the total amount of pre-emption and homestead fees, and proceeds of sales, received in each year from 1st July, 1872, to 30th June, 1886:—

Receipts  
from fees  
and sales,  
1873-1886.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE,	Homestead and Pre-emption Fees.	Ordinary Sales.		Sales to Colonizati'n Companies.	Total.
		Cash.	Scrip.	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
1886.....	40,481	76,140	214,658	.....	321,279