

666. The price of soft coal in Winnipeg has been reduced ^{Price of coal.} to \$6.50 per ton, and in places west of that city and nearer the sources of supply is still lower. The Canadian Pacific Railway uses large quantities of coal, the produce of the country, and it is considered probable that before long coal will be exported from the Territories to a considerable extent.

667. The total area set out for settlement since 1873, is ^{Area set out for settlement.} as follows :—

| | Acres. | No. of Farms of 160 acres each. |
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| 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 |
| 1886..... | 1,379,010 | 8,620 |
| Total..... | <u>70,034,462</u> | <u>427,467</u> |

At the rate of five souls to a homestead, these lands would sustain an agricultural population of 2,137,335.

668. The total revenue of the Department of the Interior ^{Revenue,} for the year ended 31st October, 1886, was :—

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| Gross revenue in cash..... | \$262,033 |
| Scrip redeemed and warrants located | 343,843 |
| Total..... | <u>\$605,876</u> |
| Total in 1885..... | 420,072 |
| Increase in 1886 | <u>\$185,804</u> |