

vated acre. The proportion of cultivated to occupied area was only 5.07 per cent., but it must be remembered that by far the largest portion of the occupied area is used for stock raising, the number of acres held under grazing leases in Alberta and Assiniboia alone being on the 31st December, 1887, no less than 4,466,844.

The following is a statement of the occupiers of lands and lands occupied in 1885. Occupiers of lands and lands occupied.

CENSUS OF THE THREE DISTRICTS—1885.

OCCUPIERS OF LANDS AND LANDS OCCUPIED.

DISTRICT.	Total occupiers.	OCCUPIERS OF			Total acres occupied.	Total acres cultivated.
		160 acres and under.	161 acres to 320.	321 acres and over.		
Assiniboia	5,147	1,225	3,742	180	1,641,752	160,133
Saskatchewan.	749	350	340	59	505,953	19,545
Alberta	1,091	367	584	140	1,714,113	16,307
Total.....	6,987	1,942	4,666	379	3,681,818	195,985

89. In 1881 the total number of occupiers in the whole of the North-West Territories was only 1,014, of occupied lands only 314,107 acres, and of cultivated lands 28,833 acres, so that in four years, the number of occupiers has increased over 600 per cent., and more than 3,000,000 acres have been taken up for settlement. Occupiers &c., in 1881.