

## PRE-EMPTION AND HOMESTEAD FEES AND PROCEEDS FROM SALES, 1873-1887.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Homestead and Pre-emption Fees.	Ordinary Sales.		Sales to Colonization 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	8,198	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	354,056	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	2,4658	.....	321,279
1887.....	26,502	48,176	337,640	.....	412,318

The receipts from 1st July, 1887, to 1st February, 1888, have amounted to \$206,744.

Increase  
in 1887.

611. There was a total increase in 1887 of \$81,038, owing to the large redemption of scrip, but there was a decrease in fees and cash for sales, the receipts from pre-emptions being doubtless small on account of the extension of time granted within which to make payment.

Entries  
cancelled.

612. The number of entries cancelled has been steadily decreasing; in 1874 62½ per cent. of the homestead and 92 per cent. of the pre-emption entries were cancelled, in 1886 only 60 of the former and 50 of the latter were cancelled. The number of patents issued was 4,599 as compared with 4,570 in the preceding year, and was the largest number yet issued in any one year, the number cancelled was 26.

Patents  
issued.

Rocky  
Moun-  
tains  
Park,  
Banff,  
N.W.T.

613. A large tract of land enclosing the hot mineral springs at Banff, N.W.T., was reserved and set apart for a National Park, under an Order in Council passed 25th