

the effects of the disturbances in 1885 have now passed away. Since the beginning of 1872, therefore, the total number of acres disposed of has been 12,705,971, of which 6,228,159 acres were homesteads, 3,609,103 pre-emptions and 2,877,709 sales.

634. 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, 1888 :—

Receipts  
from fees  
and sales  
1873-1888.

PRE-EMPTION AND HOMESTEAD FEES AND PROCEEDS FROM  
SALES, 1873-1888.

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	204,658	.....	321,279
1887.....	26,502	48,176	337,640	.....	412,318
1888.....	28,521	52,238	313,523	10,000	404,282

The total revenue from 1st July, 1887, to 30th June, 1888, including timber, minerals, &c., amounted to \$540,606.

635 There was a total decrease in 1888 of \$8,036, owing to a reduction in the amount of scrip redeemed, but there was an increase 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.

Decrease  
in 1888.