

Entries
cancelled.

636. The number of entries cancelled has been steadily decreasing; in 1874 63 per cent. of the homestead and 93 per cent. of the pre-emption entries were cancelled; in 1888 there were no cancellations. The number of patents issued was 3,275, as compared with 4,599 in the preceding year, and the number cancelled was 34. The decrease in the number of patents issued is owing to the fact that under the Territories Real Property Act notifications to the proper officials, by the Minister of the Interior, that certain lands have been granted to any railway company or to the Hudson's Bay Company shall be equivalent to letters patent.

Patents
issued.

Rocky
Mountains
Park,
Banff,
N.W.T.

637. 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 November, 1885. It is known as Rocky Mountains Park. Eighteen miles of road were made in the Park during 1887 and 1888, and other work done covering about 7 miles more. The improvements made in the Cave and Basin have given great satisfaction, and the receipts from fees for bathing therein amounted to \$976. There are also now several other bath houses, the rental from which amounted to \$640. The total number of visitors, a great proportion of whom were Canadians, was about 5,822.

Other
park
reserva-
tions.

638. Four other park reservations have been made in the Rocky Mountains, under an Order in Council passed 10th October, 1886.

Canadian
Agricultural
Coal
and Col-
onization
Company.

639. An important experiment is being tried by the Canadian Agricultural Coal and Colonization Company, who have purchased ten separate tracts of 10,000 acres each, at ten different points along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and have also purchased the lease and stock of the Powder River Rancho Company, which covers an area of