

The actual numbers are undoubtedly larger. Twenty-seven leases were cancelled during the year, and the number of applications for leases was 42, there having been a great falling off in the number of applicants for leases since April, 1887, when the Government decided to grant them only by public competition. The cattle industry was very successful during the year, the winter having been very favourable for stock. No information is available as to the quantity of stock in the other portions of the Territories.

399. The following comparative table will give some idea of the progress made by the Province of Manitoba between 1887 and 1889:—

	1887.	1889.	Increase.
Number of horses.....	29,915	45,746	15,831
“ cattle	101,682	148,209	46,527
“ sheep.....	12,540	31,341	18,801
“ pigs.....	35,713	51,657	15,944
“ entire horses.....	411	642	231
Area prepared for crop (acres).....	636,295	893,402	257,107

Progress of Manitoba, 1887-1889.

400. Much work was done at the several Experimental Farms, and the progress made has attracted general attention.* At Nappan, N.S., where the farm for the Maritime Provinces is situated, ninety acres of upland were under crop, and numerous experiments made with various kinds of grain. The buildings were completed and fences erected. At Indian Head, N.W.T., 215 acres were under crop, the greater part of which was in wheat, barley and oats. Upwards of 11,000 trees were set out in various places on the farm, and the result was generally satisfactory, though the very trying winter and spring was fatal to a large number. Out of 342 apple trees planted in the spring, 257 were living on 1st November, 1889, and out of 64 planted in 1888, 38 were living on the same date. At Brandon, Manitoba, the farm has been fenced in, and a large quantity of

Experimental Farms.

Nappan, N.S.

Indian Head, N.-W.T.

Brandon, Man.

* For details, see "Experimental Farms"—Appendix to report of the Minister of Agriculture, 1889.