

At the rate of five souls to a homestead of 160 acres, these lands would sustain an agricultural population of 2,228,975.

751. In addition to the increase in area of Dominion lands entered upon by settlers, the sales made by the large land corporations were larger and at better prices than in 1888. The Canadian Pacific and Manitoba South-Western Railway Companies sold 191,857 acres for \$719,879, being an average of \$3.75 per acre. The North-Western Coal and Navigation Company sold 98,000 acres at an average of \$2 per acre; the Hudson's Bay Company sold 40,652 acres, being an increase of 17,952 acres; and the Canada North-West Land Company sold 32,320 acres for \$191,402, as compared with 20,620 acres in 1888 for \$113,433. Sales by railway and land companies.

752. Owing to the dry summer, the crops on the farms of the Canadian Agricultural Coal and Colonization Company were light, but at the same time sufficiently good to promise well for the future. During the summer 18,000 sheep were imported from Oregon and placed on the various farms. The area under crop in 1889 was 6,631 acres, and the area intended for crop in 1890, the greater part of which is already broken, is 14,489 acres. Canadian Agricultural Coal and Colonization Company.

753. Numerous improvements were made during the year in the Rocky Mountains Park, principally in opening out new roads and avenues, and in improving those already made, and the total amount expended was \$21,204. Owing to the heavy fires that prevailed through Oregon and Washington Territories during the summer, the Mountains were obscured by dense clouds of smoke, which, no doubt, had the effect of keeping away a large number of visitors, the number of whom, however, was larger than in any previous year, those registering at the Cave and Basin having been 3,156, of whom 2,245 were Canadians and 517 Americans. The receipts from fees for bathing, &c., during the year, amounted to \$1,545. Rocky Mountains Park.

754. During 1887 and 1888 Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, D.L.S., made an important exploratory survey of the Yukon and Mackenzie The Pelly-Yukon District.