

29. The lumber industry in British Columbia is increasing rapidly every year, as facilities for production and transport increase, and the product of the mills in 1891 was considerably more than the above figures, which are from Government returns only. This province produces the Douglas fir, celebrated for its strength and straightness. It frequently grows over 300 feet high, and has squared 45 inches for a length of 90 feet. The red cedar too, which has an increasing commercial value, is frequently found here, growing to a height of 200 feet and with a diameter of 20 feet. The figures for New Brunswick, also, do not by any means represent the production of the mills of that province, as is shown by the following statement of trans-atlantic shipments from New Brunswick ports during 1891 and 1892 :—

	1891.	1892.
Superficial feet, deals.....	252,519,988	325,149,811
Cubic feet, square timber.....	302,950	565,350
Number of vessels employed.....	380	455
Tonnage.....	279,436	357,775

Timber in British Columbia.

In New Brunswick

Nova Scotia, trans-atlantic, shipments.

Agricultural and fishing industries.

Crown Lands of Canada.

Dominion Lands.

Land transactions, 1887-1892.

The shipment of deals was the largest since 1889.

30. The trans-atlantic shipments of deals from Nova Scotia in 1892 amounted to 87,861.398 feet; the average quantity during the last ten years having been 84,061,803 feet.

31. The agricultural and fishing industries are dealt with in detail in subsequent chapters.

32. There is a very large area of land throughout Canada, available for settlement, either for agricultural or mining purposes, the disposition of which is in the hands of the Dominion Government and of the several Provincial Governments, according to situation. These lands are known generally as "Crown Lands."

33. The Crown Lands of the Dominion, commonly called Dominion Lands, are situated in Manitoba, the Territories, and in what is known as the Railway Belt in British Columbia, and comprise some of the finest agricultural lands on the continent. In order to provide every facility for information to immigrants and settlers, the Commissioner of Dominion Lands has his office in Winnipeg, and a number of land agencies are situated at the most convenient points, where the fullest details can be obtained.

34. The following are the comparative figures for the last six years of transactions in Dominion Lands :—

	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Homesteads..	319,500	420,333	696,050	471,040	563,680	774,400
Pre-emptions	87,747	70,521	212,651	57,600
Sales.....	114,544	197,140	177,092	139,030	189,704	62,828