

Increase in area taken up, 1892. 35. It will be seen that there was an increase of 210,720 acres in the quantity of land taken up as homesteads by actual settlers, the number of entries, viz., 4,840, having been greater than in any year, except in those of 1882 and 1883. The pre-emption system terminated on 1st January, 1890.

Entries cancelled. 36. 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 1891, .01 per cent only of homestead entries were cancelled. The number of patents issued was 2,955, as compared with 2,449 in the preceding year, and the number cancelled was 27.

Receipts from fees and sales, 1873-1892. 37. The next table gives the total amount of pre-emption and homestead fees, and proceeds of sales received in each year from 1st July, 1873, to 30th June, 1892:—

PRE-EMPTION AND HOMESTEAD FEES AND PROCEEDS FROM SALES, 1873-1892.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Homestead and Pre-emption Fees.	Ordinary Sales.		Sales to Colonization 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
1889.....	50,010	57,513	318,238	*16,000	441,761
1890.....	44,500	54,897	228,744	.....	328,141
1891.....	†29,164	91,665	171,425	*4,460	292,254
1892.....	†46,994	108,901	97,822	.....	253,717

†Homestead fees only. *Scrip.

Total revenue, 1892. 38. The total net revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1892, including receipts from timber dues, grazing, hay and mineral lands, was \$436,860, being a decrease as compared with 1891 of \$16,935.