

The Indian fund. 144. The amount at the credit of the Indian fund, which consists of moneys accrued from annuities secured to the Indians under treaty, and from sales of land, timber, stone, etc., surrendered by them, was, on 30th June, 1892, \$3,582,535, the expenditure from which, charged principally to interest, amounted to \$323,107. The expenditure from parliamentary appropriations was \$877,792, making a total of \$1,200,899.

Land sold for benefit of fund. 145. The quantity of land sold for the benefit of the Indians during the year was 22,817 acres, realizing \$45,185. The quantity of Indian lands now held by the Government for sale is about 460,244 acres.

Immigration returns. 146. The census returns of 1891 having proved that the figures respecting immigration, published year by year by the Department of Agriculture, were untrustworthy, they have been entirely omitted in this issue. It is evident that, however correct returns of *immigration* may be, they are only misleading as long as equally correct returns of *emigration* cannot be obtained.

Immigration in 1892. 147. The immigration to Canada in 1892 was generally satisfactory, and would no doubt have been larger than it actually was but for the outbreak of cholera in Europe towards the end of the summer. A large number settled in Manitoba and the North-west Territories during the year, and as they are reported to have brought with them, into Manitoba alone, 1,035 carloads of live stock and personal effects, it is evident that some of them, at least, came well prepared for settlement.

Land sales in Manitoba and the North-west. 148. The returns of the land sales by the principal railway and land companies in Manitoba and the North-west afford a not untrustworthy indication of the progress of settlement, for, while a certain percentage of the purchases will always be found to be of a speculative nature, the largest proportion are for purposes of settlement and cultivation. In 1892 the quantity of land sold by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was 392,467 acres, the amount realized having been \$1,355,687, being at the rate of \$3.45 per acre. The Hudson's Bay Company sold 19,700 acres, for \$116,620, or \$5.92 per acre. This company also sold town lots to the value of \$62,710. The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Land Company sold 2,018 acres for \$6,362, being at the rate of \$3.15 per acre. The Calgary and Edmonton Land Company sold 13,072 acres for \$44,998, an average of \$3.44 per acre. These four companies, therefore, sold a total of 427,257 acres for \$1,523,667, being an average price of \$3.56 per acre.

Homestead entries, 1892. 149. The number of homestead entries made during the year was 4,948, representing 14,972 souls and 774,400 acres of land. The entries were made by 2,781 Canadians, 513 from the United States, 92 of whom were returned Canadians, 829 from the United Kingdom, 107 French, 95 Germans, 136 Austro-Hungarians, 242 Russians (other than