

76. The following are the comparative figures for the last seven years, of transactions in Dominion lands. The pre-emption system was terminated on 1st January, 1890.

	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Homesteads.....	319,500	420,333	696,050	471,040	563,680	774,400	650,720
Pre-emptions	87,747	70,521	212,651	57,600	.....	.....	.....
Sales.....	114,544	197,140	177,092	139,030	189,704	62,800	46,873

77. The number of entries cancelled has been decreasing steadily. In 1874, 64 per cent of the homestead and 94 per cent of the pre-emption entries were cancelled; in 1893 $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent were cancelled. The number of entries in 1893 was 4,067, and in 1874 there were 2,019 entries.

The following statement shows the number of homestead and pre-emption entries reported in each year since 1874 and the number and proportion of those entries which have been cancelled for non-fulfilment of the conditions of entry:—

Year.	HOMESTEADS.			PRE-EMPTIONS.		
	Number of Entries.	Number cancelled.	Percentage.	Number of Entries.	Number cancelled.	Percentage.
1874.....	1,376	888	64	643	610	94
1875.....	499	301	60	391	228	58
1876.....	347	153	44	263	134	50
1877.....	845	451	53	594	346	58
1878.....	1,788	1,372	76	1,580	923	58
1879.....	4,068	2,034	50	1,729	1,447	83
1880.....	2,074	672	32	1,004	482	48
1881.....	2,753	935	33	1,649	760	46
1882.....	7,483	3,443	46	5,654	2,980	52
1883.....	6,063	1,717	28	4,120	1,437	34
1884.....	3,753	1,081	28	2,762	921	33
1885.....	1,858	547	29	653	357	54
1886.....	2,657	729	27	1,046	370	35
1887.....	2,036	409	20	585	193	32
1888.....	2,655	557	20	454	156	34
1889.....	4,416	1,343	30	1,355	460	33
1890.....	2,955	580	19	371	.....	.....
1891.....	3,523	550	15	.....	.....	.....
1892.....	4,840	466	9	.....	.....	.....
1893.....	4,067	63	1	.....	.....	.....