

85. The number of homestead entries made during the year was 3,890, representing 11,807 souls and 650,720 acres of land. The entries were made by 1,850 Canadians, 818 from the United States, 238 of whom were returned Canadians, 424 from the United Kingdom, 151 French, 59 Germans, 78 Austro-Hungarians, 192 Russians (other than Mennonites), 54 Swedes and 51 Icelanders. The net addition to the population of Manitoba and the North-west by the above entries was 11,867, but of course the number of souls, represented by the 1,850 entries made by persons from other parts of Canada, was no addition to the population of the Dominion.

86. The various immigration agents report that the demand for farm servants and female help continues to increase, and the present supply is inadequate to meet it. Government agents all over the Dominion report, more or less, to the same effect. Farm labourers, female domestics and farm servants may emigrate with confidence that they will find situations on arrival. Mechanics are not wanted, the local supply being in excess of the demand.

87. The practice of granting assisted passages to immigrants was discontinued in 1888, but for the purpose of promoting settlement in the North-west, the Government has since paid a bonus of \$10 to each head of a family, and \$5 to each member of a family over the age of 12 years ; also, \$10 additional bonus to each member of the family who shall, within six months after sailing, become a settler on land somewhere in the Dominion, west of the province of Ontario, which land must have been acquired from the Government or from a corporation which received it as a Crown grant. The object of this bonus is to assist the bona fide agricultural settler in the transportation expenses from points in Europe to points in the North-west.

88. The provincial Crown lands are situated within the limits of the several provinces, and are controlled by the respective governments, from whom particulars of transactions concerning them can always be obtained. Summaries of the regulations for the disposition of Dominion Lands, Provincial Crown Lands and the lands belonging to the principal railway companies, who have received land subsidies in Manitoba and the North-west Territories, are given below.

89. Under the Dominion Lands Regulations, all surveyed even-numbered sections, excepting 8 and 26, in Manitoba and the