

The total net revenue for the year ending 30th June, 1897, including receipts from timber dues, grazing, hay and mineral lands was \$191,843, being a decrease as compared with 1896 of \$27,483.

The total receipts on account of Dominion Lands under the various heads from 1st July, 1872, to 30th June, 1897, have been :—

Homestead fees.....	\$ 685,267
Pre-emption.....	206,741
Sales.....	5,998,059
Timber, grazing and mineral.....	1,822,299
Colonization.....	887,922
Miscellaneous.....	597,968
	\$10,198,256
LESS—Refunds.....	226,136
Total.....	\$ 9,972,120

The total area set out for settlement in each year since 1873 is given below :—

AREA SET OUT FOR SETTLEMENT.

YEAR.	Acres.	Number of Farms of 160 acres each.	YEAR.	Acres.	Number of Farms of 160 acres each.
Previous to June, 1873.....	4,792,392	29,952	In 1887.....	643,710	4,023
In 1874.....	4,237,864	26,487	1888.....	1,131,840	7,074
1875.....	665,000	4,156	1889.....	516,968	3,231
1876.....	420,507	2,628	1890.....	817,075	5,106
1877.....	231,691	1,448	1891.....	76,560	476
1878.....	306,936	1,918	1892.....	1,395,200	8,720
1879.....	1,130,482	7,066	1893.....	2,928,640	18,304
1880.....	4,472,000	27,950	1894.....	300,240	1,876
1881.....	8,147,000	50,919	1895.....	406,240	2,539
1882.....	10,186,000	63,662	1896.....	506,560	3,166
1883.....	27,234,000	170,212	1897.....	428,640	2,679
1884.....	6,435,000	40,218			
1885.....	391,680	2,448	Total.....	79,181,135	494,878
1886.....	1,379,010	8,620			

At the rate of five to a homestead of 160 acres, these lands would sustain an agricultural population of 2,474,390 souls.

The number of homestead entries made during the twelve months ending 31st October, 1897, was 2,406, representing 7,404 souls. The entries were made by 703 Canadians, 218 from the United States (54 of whom were returned Canadians), 416 from the United Kingdom, 55 French, 100 Germans, 358 Austro-Hungarians, 69 Russians (other than Mennonites), 23 Swedes and Norwegians, 9 Icelanders and 455 from other countries.

In the session of 1894 an Act was passed entitled the "North-west Irrigation Act." This Act has been so framed as to provide for careful supervision by the Government of the first distribution, and the subse-