

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 :—

DEPARTMENTAL YEAR ENDED.	HOMESTEADS.			PRE-EMPTIONS.		
	Number of Entries.	Number Cancelled.	Per-cent-age.	Number of Entries.	Number Cancelled.	Per-cent-age.
31st October, 1874	1,376	889	64	643	612	95
" 1875	499	303	60	391	229	58
" 1876	347	153	44	263	135	51
" 1877	845	457	53	594	355	59
" 1878	1,788	1,377	77	1,580	930	58
" 1879	4,068	2,044	50	1,729	1,457	84
" 1880	2,074	676	32	1,004	497	49
" 1881	2,753	937	34	1,649	784	47
" 1882	7,483	3,484	46	5,654	3,124	55
" 1883	6,063	1,817	29	4,120	1,611	39
" 1884	3,753	1,128	30	2,762	1,032	37
" 1885	1,858	596	32	653	411	62
" 1886	2,657	809	30	1,046	421	40
" 1887	2,036	459	22	585	239	40
" 1888	2,655	666	25	454	218	48
" 1889	4,416	1,626	36	1,355	675	49
" 1890	2,955	791	26	371		
" 1891	3,523	926	26			
" 1892	4,840	1,304	26			
" 1893	4,067	876	21			
31st Decem'r, 1894	3,174	1,107	31			
" 1895	2,394	788	32			
" 1896	1,857	347	18			
" 1897	2,384	293	12			
" 1898	4,840	155	3			

The following statements give the letters patent issued and the homestead entries reported, with the cancellations :—

YEAR.	LETTERS PATENT.	
	Number Issued.	Number Cancelled.
Departmental year ended 31st October, 1874	536	6
" " 1875	492	4
" " 1876	375	4
" " 1877	2,156	13
" " 1878	2,597	32
" " 1879	2,194	57
" " 1880	1,704	14
" " 1881	1,768	11
" " 1882	2,766	11
" " 1883	3,591	16
" " 1884	3,837	24
" " 1885	3,257	18
" " 1886	4,570	17
" " 1887	4,599	26
" " 1888	3,275	34