

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

	1891.	1892.	1893.	Departmental Year, 1894.	Calendar Year, 1894.	10 months ended 28th October, 1895.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Homesteads.....	563,680	774,400	650,720	513,440	507,840	338,240
Sales.....	189,704	62,800	46,873	18,578	18,275	27,436
	12 months ended 31st October, 1896.	Calendar Year, 1897.	Calendar Year, 1898.	Calendar Year, 1899.	Calendar Year, 1900	
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Homesteads.....	297,760	381,440	775,680	1,070,240	1,255,680	
Sales.....	28,395	22,336	47,186	45,502	63,352	

The annual average number of acres taken up during the period 1891-9, was 638,052 acres. In 1900, the number was double the average of 1891-99.

The following statement shows the number of homestead and pre-emption entries reported in each year from 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.	Percentage.	Number of Entries.	Number Cancelled.	Percentage.
31st October, 1874.....	1,376	889	64	643	612	95
" 1875.....	499	305	61	391	229	58
" 1876.....	347	153	44	263	135	51
" 1877.....	845	458	54	504	356	59
" 1878.....	1,788	1,378	77	1,580	930	58
" 1879.....	4,068	2,047	50	1,729	1,459	84
" 1880.....	2,074	676	32	1,004	497	49
" 1881.....	2,753	939	34	1,649	787	47
" 1882.....	7,483	3,492	46	5,654	3,149	55
" 1883.....	6,063	1,840	30	4,120	1,669	40
" 1884.....	3,753	1,143	30	2,762	1,072	38
" 1885.....	1,858	603	32	653	425	64
" 1886.....	2,657	821	30	1,046	440	42
" 1887.....	2,036	407	22	585	256	43
" 1888.....	2,655	686	25	454	238	52
" 1889.....	4,416	1,687	38	1,355	744	54