

The total net revenue for the year ending June 30, 1900, including receipts from timber dues, grazing, hay and mineral lands was \$1,480,681, being a decrease as compared with 1899 of \$71,351.

The total receipts on account of Dominion Lands under the various heads from July 1, 1872, to June 30, 1900, have been:—

Homestead fees	\$	850,972
Pre-emption		206,741
Sales		6,437,065
Timber, grazing and mineral		5,114,192
Colonization		887,922
Miscellaneous		799,177
		\$14,296,069
LESS—Refunds		286,173
Total		\$14,009,896

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 100 acres each.	Year.	Acres.	Number of Farms of 160 acres each.
Previous to June,			En 1888	1,131,840	7,074
1873	4,792,292	29,952	1889	516,968	3,231
In 1874	4,237,864	26,487	1890	817,075	5,106
1875	665,000	4,156	1891	76,560	476
1876	420,507	2,628	1892	1,395,200	8,720
1877	231,691	1,448	1893	2,928,640	18,304
1878	306,936	1,918	1894	300,240	1,876
1879	1,130,482	7,066	1895	406,240	2,539
1880	4,472,000	27,950	1896	506,560	3,166
1881	8,147,000	50,919	1897	428,640	2,679
1882	10,186,000	63,662	1898	859,840	5,374
1883	27,234,000	170,212	1899	1,022,720	6,392
1884	6,435,000	40,218	1900	735,480	4,596
1885	391,680	2,448			
1886	1,379,010	8,620	Total	81,799,175	511,245
1887	643,710	4,023			

At the rate of five to a homestead of 160 acres, these lands would sustain an agricultural population of 2,556,225.

The number of homestead entries made during the twelve months of 1900 was 7,848, representing 24,565 souls. The entries were made by 3,331 Canadians, 1851 from the United States (170 of whom were returned Canadians), 955 from the United Kingdom, 50 French, 259 Germans, 1,043 Austro-Hungarians, 80 Russians (other than Mennonites and Poles), 101 Swedes and Norwegians, 71 Icelanders, 107 other countries.

In the session of the 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 subsequent supervision of the available water supply in the arid region. Some of the provisions under which the control is so exercised are departures from the