

wood removed, buildings erected at the Hot Springs, at the "Cave and Basin," for the convenience of bathers and other visitors; and lately a museum which already contains an interesting collection of 1,339 articles, found within the park or elsewhere in the Rocky Mountains, has been added to the attractions of this park. The majority of visitors call at the Cave and Basin, and in 1898 of those who registered there, 1,366 were Canadians, 721 were from the United States, 280 from England, Scotland and Ireland, and the remainder from France, Germany, India, Australia, China, Japan, and other countries. For the year 1899, the number was 2,775, of whom 1,491 were Canadians, 765 from the United States, 317 from England, Scotland and Ireland, and the remainder from other countries. For the year 1900 the number was 2,702, of whom 1,515 were Canadians, 805 from the United States, and 229 from England, Scotland and Ireland—the remainder from other countries. The total number of visitors to the Park during the year 1900 was about 7,000. The total number of visitors to the Park for the year ending the 30th June, 1901, was 8,156.

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 Oct. 28, 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 Oct. 31, 1896.	Calendar Year, 1897.	Calendar Year, 1898.	Calendar Year, 1899.	Calendar Year, 1900.	Calendar Year, 1901.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Homesteads	297,760	381,440	775,680	1,070,240	1,255,680	1,457,280
Sales	28,395	22,336	47,186	45,502	63,352	93,889

The annual average number of acres taken up during the period 1891–9, was 638,052 acres. In 1901, the number was more than double the average of 1891–9.