

chap. 32 of 50-51 Vic., and its boundaries extended by chap. 31, Acts of 1902. Since its reservation many improvements have been completed in the park; roads have been made, bridges built, burnt timber and brush-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 ended the 30th June, 1901, was 8,156. The total number of visitors to the park for the year ended the 30th June, 1902, was 9,473.

By Order in Council of the 14th December, 1901, published in *Canada Gazette* of 8th February, 1902, a large tract of land near Field, B.C., was set aside as a Dominion Park Reserve, to be known as the Yoho Park Reserve.

The following are the comparative figures for the last twelve 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.	Calendar Year, 1902.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Homesteads..	297,760	381,440	775,680	1,070,240	1,255,680	1,457,280	3,554,400
Sales.....	28,395	22,336	47,186	45,502	63,352	93,889	127,133

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, and in 1902 it was more than five times that average.

The following statement shows the number of homestead and pre-emption entries reported in each year from 1874, and the number and proportion of