

7.—Land Sales by Railway Companies having Government Land Grants, and by the Hudson's Bay Company, in the fiscal years 1915-1917.

| Companies. | 1915. | | 1916. | | 1917. | |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Acres. | Amount. | Acres. | Amount. | Acres. | Amount. |
| | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| Hudson's Bay Co..... | 16,400 | 306,550 | 79,310 | 1,273,144 | 254,941 | 4,234,244 |
| Canadian Pacific Ry..... | 151,262 | 2,496,872 | 242,215 | 3,670,421 | 405,764 | 6,612,040 |
| Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Ry..... | 489 | 5,508 | 4,780 | 58,808 | 12,470 | 165,245 |
| Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Ry. and Steamboat Co..... | 1,292 | 19,118 | 12,246 | 180,361 | 21,533 | 331,596 |
| Calgary and Edmonton Ry. Co..... | 23,042 | 444,018 | 11,689 | 172,033 | 33,821 | 573,875 |
| Canadian Northern Ry. Co..... | — | — | — | — | 17,796 | 298,938 |
| Great Northwest Central Ry. Co..... | 316 | 6,965 | 4,646 | 81,182 | 8,829 | 141,439 |
| Total..... | 192,801 | 3,279,031 | 354,886 | 5,435,949 | 755,154 | 12,357,377 |

Homestead Entries.—In 1917, the total number of ordinary homestead entries for lands of the Dominion Government was 8,768 as compared with 12,568 in 1916, 17,532 in 1915 and 25,623 in 1914. In 1917, 1,618 entries were made in Manitoba against 2,616 in 1916, 4,113 in 1915 and 4,252 in 1914; 2,957 in Saskatchewan against 4,519 in 1917, 6,349 in 1915 and 9,752 in 1914; 3,982 in Alberta against 5,169 in 1916, 6,584 in 1915 and 10,722 in 1914; and 211 in British Columbia against 264 in 1916, 486 in 1915 and 847 in 1914. The number of pre-emptions under the Dominion Lands Act was 870 in 1917 (612 in Saskatchewan and 258 in Alberta) against 1,566 in 1916 (1,082 in Saskatchewan and 484 in Alberta). The number of purchased homesteads under the Act was 207 in 1917 (121 in Saskatchewan and 86 in Alberta) against 271 in 1916 (169 in Saskatchewan and 102 in Alberta).

Provincial Public Lands.—In the Maritime Provinces, in Quebec and in Ontario, the public lands are administered by the Provincial Governments.¹ In Prince Edward Island all the land is settled. In Nova Scotia there are now no free grants of land; but, under conditions prescribed by the Crown Lands Act of the Provincial Assembly (10 Edw. VII, 1910, c. 4, s. 26), and an amending Act of May 3, 1912, Crown lands, not exceeding in each case 150 acres, may be granted for agricultural or grazing purposes to applicants of not less than 18 years of age at the price of \$1 per acre, in addition to the expenses of survey. Leases and grants of Crown lands may also be

¹ For copies of the detailed regulations governing the disposal of provincial Crown lands, application should be made as follows: Nova Scotia, to the Secretary for Industries and Immigration, Halifax; New Brunswick, to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, Fredericton; Quebec, to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, Quebec; Ontario, to the Deputy Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, Toronto.