

9.—Receipts of Patents and Homestead Entries in the fiscal years 1914-1918.

Sources of Receipts.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Homestead fees.....	317,412	238,295	170,350	112,110	83,180
Cash sales.....	1,279,224	691,123	1,073,970	2,707,204	3,046,092
Scrip sales.....	240	80	—	333	131
Timber dues.....	378,365	310,934	378,961	429,403	482,006
Hay permits, mining, stone quarries, etc., cash.....	889,863	1,600,455	493,281	600,934	630,473
All other receipts.....	448,716	335,964	327,078	340,254	315,928
Gross revenue.....	3,313,820	3,176,851	2,443,640	4,190,238	4,557,810
Refunds.....	277,309	317,765	143,943	134,243	113,680
Net revenue.....	3,036,511	2,859,086	2,299,697	4,055,995	4,444,130
Total revenue, 1872-1918.....	45,619,673	48,478,759	50,778,457	54,834,452	59,278,582
Letters patent for Dominion lands.....NO.	31,053	24,260	18,989	18,774	23,227
Homestead entries.....“	31,829	24,088	17,030	11,199	8,319

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

**Charters of Incorporation.**—The number of companies incorporated under The Companies Act during the fiscal year 1917-18 was 574, with a total capitalization of \$335,982,400, and the number of existing companies to which supplementary letters patent were issued was 77, of which 41 increased their capital stock by \$69,321,400 and 4 decreased their capital stock by \$1,884,300. The remaining 32 were granted supplementary letters patent for various objects, such as changing names, extending powers, etc., making a total of 651 charters and supplementary charters issued during the year; this is a decrease of 32 as compared with the previous year. The total capitalization of new companies and the increased capital of existing companies amounted to \$403,419,500.

**Canada Temperance Act.**—This Act prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors in places that have adopted it and is administered by the Department of the Secretary of State. Since the date of the last report published in the Year Book of 1916-17, page 630, the Act has been suspended in the counties of Carleton, Northumberland, York, Queen's, King's, Westmorland and Albert, province of New Brunswick. Such suspension was effected without a vote under the Statute passed during the 1917 Session of Parliament to which reference was made in the Year Book of 1916-17. The Federal Act is replaced by the provincial prohibitory law in the New Brunswick counties. The Canada Temperance Act is now (August, 1918) in force in the following places: Ontario: counties of Peel, Huron and Perth and district of Manitoulin; Quebec: cities of Quebec, Thetford Mines and counties of Stanstead, Brome, Missisquoi and Compton; Nova Scotia: counties of Digby, Guysborough and Yarmouth; Manitoba: Lisgar and Marquette.