

1924. In addition to the surveyed area, there are large tracts of land in the northern part of these provinces, which have as yet been only very little explored. The total area of this unsurveyed tract is 284,998,787 acres, of which 22,390,540 acres are water-covered.

Maps showing the disposition of Dominion lands and lands available for entry, and reports on the resources and development of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, have been issued by the Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior, some of which are as follows: Land Maps of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Southern and Northern Alberta respectively; small Land Map of the Prairie Provinces; Cereal Map of Alberta; Manitoba, its Development and Opportunities; Agricultural Loans; the Peace River District of Alberta; Description of the Resources and Possibilities of the Province of Saskatchewan, etc. Similar reports have been issued with regard to other parts of Canada such as: Natural Resources of Nova Scotia, Natural Resources of Quebec, the Province of New Brunswick, and Central British Columbia. With the object of assisting in the settlement and development of the idle lands in Canada, this service also publishes lists of unoccupied lands in the Prairie and Maritime Provinces, giving a short description of the properties, the prices and terms of sale or lease and the owners' names and addresses, thus giving prospective landseekers an opportunity of selecting lands suitable to their means and requirements, and affording them an easy means of getting in direct touch with the owners thereof.

1.—Disposition of the Surveyed Areas in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Jan. 1, 1924.

| Items. | Manitoba. | Saskat- | Alberta. | Total. |
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| | acres. | acres. | acres. | acres. |
| Area under Homestead (including Military Homesteads)..... | 8,235,600 | 27,657,400 | 18,217,200 | 54,110,200 |
| Area under Pre-emption, Purchased Homesteads, Sales, Half-breed Scrip, Bounty Grants, Special Grants, etc..... | 5,109,100 | 7,533,100 | 3,821,300 | 16,463,500 |
| Area granted to Railway Companies..... | 3,566,997 | 15,177,063 | 13,120,014 | 31,864,074 |
| Area granted to Hudson's Bay Co..... | 1,206,400 | 3,184,000 | 2,177,800 | 6,568,200 |
| Area of School Land Endowment (1/18 of area surveyed in sections)..... | 1,637,700 | 3,943,500 | 3,756,000 | 9,337,200 |
| Area sold subject to reclamation by drainage..... | — | 23,188 | 34,837 | 58,025 |
| Area sold under Irrigation system..... | — | 76,832 | 981,877 | 1,058,709 |
| Area under Timber Berths..... | 961,900 | 675,800 | 1,347,200 | 2,984,900 |
| Area under Grazing Leases..... | 95,371 | 2,929,037 | 2,870,957 | 5,895,365 |
| Area of Forest Reserves and Parks..... | 2,901,939 | 5,925,980 | 16,807,347 | 23,635,266 |
| Area reserved for Forestry Purposes (inside surveyed tract)..... | 323,100 | 1,074,300 | 1,677,500 | 3,074,900 |
| Area of Road Allowances..... | 977,132 | 1,468,330 | 1,287,406 | 3,732,868 |
| Area of Parish and River Lots..... | 505,361 | 84,015 | 118,565 | 707,941 |
| Area of Indian Reserves..... | 433,957 | 1,071,061 | 1,368,337 | 2,873,355 |
| Area of Indian Reserves surrendered..... | 88,695 | 410,440 | 302,675 | 801,810 |
| Area of Water-covered lands (inside surveyed tract)..... | 4,260,500 | 1,904,820 | 2,297,160 | 8,462,480 |
| Area undisposed of..... | 5,511,500 | 5,917,800 | 15,586,000 | 27,015,300 |
| Total area within surveyed tract..... | 35,815,252 | 79,056,666 | 85,772,175 | 200,644,093 |

Homestead Entries.—In the calendar year 1923 the total number of homestead entries was 3,754. Table 2 is a statement of the homestead entries on Dominion lands for the years 1916 to 1923. Statistics of the origin of those making homestead entries in the fiscal years ended 1918 to 1923 are given in Table 3, and financial statistics of receipts from Dominion lands in Table 4.

The privilege of making pre-emptions or purchased homestead entries was withdrawn by Order in Council, from March 20, 1918, confirmed by chapter 19 of the Statutes of 1918, assented to May 24, 1918.