

as at Jan. 1, 1925. 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 285,752,761 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, 1925.**

Items.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Area under Homestead (including Military Homesteads).....	8,145,900	27,683,200	18,138,300	53,967,400
Area under Pre-emption, Purchased Homesteads, Sales, Half-breed Scrip, Bounty Grants, Special Grants, etc.....	5,110,000	7,453,500	3,653,500	16,217,000
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	2,177,960	6,568,360
Area of School Land Endowment (1-18 of area surveyed in sections).....	1,637,700	3,943,800	3,759,500	9,341,000
Area sold subject to reclamation by drainage.....	89,642	50,916	37,992	178,550
Area sold under Irrigation system.....	-	76,962	981,900	1,058,862
Area under Timber Berths.....	946,900	645,400	1,344,000	2,936,300
Area under Grazing Leases.....	59,500	2,967,900	2,736,000	5,763,400
Area of Forest Reserves and Parks.....	2,500,000	5,912,200	16,809,100	25,221,300
Area reserved for Forestry Purposes (inside surveyed tract).....	795,500	1,293,500	2,085,000	4,174,000
Area of Road allowances.....	977,132	1,468,480	1,288,456	3,734,068
Area of Parish and River Lots.....	506,089	84,015	118,565	708,669
Area of Indian Reserves.....	455,834	1,113,674	1,368,768	2,938,276
Area of Indian Reserves surrendered.....	88,699	410,528	303,373	802,600
Area of Water-covered lands (inside surveyed tract).....	4,260,500	1,904,300	2,300,460	8,465,260
Area undisposed of.....	5,011,000	4,700,000	16,240,000	25,951,000
<b>Total area within surveyed tract.....</b>	<b>35,357,793</b>	<b>78,069,438</b>	<b>88,462,888</b>	<b>199,890,119</b>

**Homestead Entries.**—Table 2 gives the number of homestead entries and cancellations in the fiscal years from 1874 to 1925, providing a record of the growth of settlement in the Prairie Provinces. From 7,426 in 1900, the number of entries rose rapidly to 41,869 in 1906, declined to 21,647 in 1907, and rose again to more than twice that number in 1911. The largest number of "net" entries was made in 1906, when new entries exceeded cancellations by over 30,000. The record number of 44,479 entries in 1911 was offset by 22,122 cancellations, leaving "net" entries of 22,357.