

Railway Lands.—In the early stages of the settlement of the North West, large grants of wild lands were made to the railway companies as subsidies (see Table 12 of the Transportation section for details), while the Hudson's Bay Co., under the contract by which the North West Territories passed to the Dominion, retained one-twentieth of the lands of the fertile belt. Statistics have been compiled of the sales of land by these companies and the prices at which lands were sold, for the fiscal years since 1893, the figures, given in Table 6, throwing considerable light on the ups and downs in the settlement of the West. The maximum acreage sold was in 1903, and the maximum amount was received in 1918. It is noteworthy that the sales reached a low point for recent years in 1923, and in 1925 were double those for 1923. Details of sales by the different companies are given for the three latest fiscal years in Table 7.

6.—Land Sales by Railway Companies having Government Land Grants and by the Hudson's Bay Company, fiscal years 1893-1925.

Years.	Total sales.		Average price per acre.	Years.	Total sales.		Average price per acre.
	Acres.	Amount.			Acres.	Amount.	
		\$	\$			\$	\$
1893.....	120,211	352,847	2.93	1910.....	1,184,790	15,835,228	13.36
1894.....	68,668	207,856	3.02	1911.....	1,406,651	19,122,937	13.59
1895.....	114,713	222,489	1.94	1912.....	1,329,390	18,224,419	13.70
1896.....	108,016	361,338	3.34	1913.....	707,149	9,867,155	13.95
1897.....	222,225	719,016	3.23	1914.....	501,575	7,398,191	14.75
1898.....	448,623	1,431,774	3.18	1915.....	192,801	3,279,031	17.01
1899.....	462,494	1,520,792	3.28	1916.....	354,866	5,435,949	15.32
1900.....	648,379	2,125,146	3.27	1917.....	755,154	12,357,377	16.35
1901.....	621,027	2,088,269	3.36	1918.....	1,116,237	20,887,600	18.71
1902.....	2,201,795	7,746,958	3.56	1919.....	1,038,657	18,148,736	17.47
1903.....	4,229,011	14,651,757	3.46	1920.....	1,026,157	19,188,225	18.69
1904.....	1,267,187	5,564,240	4.39	1921.....	553,630	10,860,756	19.61
1905.....	990,005	5,046,572	5.09	1922.....	155,239	2,633,572	16.96
1906.....	1,642,684	9,871,241	6.01	1923.....	123,303	1,864,364	15.12
1907.....	1,237,759	7,697,930	6.02	1924.....	159,795	2,460,057	15.39
1908.....	346,693	3,052,461	8.80	1925.....	247,405	3,700,938	14.95
1909.....	109,373	2,211,885	11.08				

¹Nine months to Mar. 31.

7.—Land Sales by Railway Companies having Government Land Grants, and by the Hudson's Bay Company, in the fiscal years 1923-1925.

Companies.	1923.		1924.		1925.	
	Acres.	Amount.	Acres.	Amount.	Acres.	Amount.
		\$		\$		\$
Hudson's Bay Co.....	24,976	366,257	33,434	456,386	84,758	1,117,618
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.....	83,485	1,248,968	45,911	775,205	91,295	1,602,524
Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Railway Co.....	373	5,107	637	3,822	1,701	13,890
Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Co.....	1,122	17,000	6,242	92,145	1,925	28,571
Calgary and Edmonton Railway Co.....	1,013	15,552	1,283	14,144	8,499	132,504
Canadian Northern Railway Co.....	11,214	190,112	71,489	1,103,421	56,981	770,680
Great Northern Central Railway Co....	1,120	21,368	799	14,934	2,246	35,151
Total.....	123,303	1,864,364	159,795	2,460,057	247,405	3,700,938