

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 into direct touch with the owners thereof.

**1.—Disposition of the Surveyed Areas in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Jan. 1, 1926.**

Items.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Area under Homestead (including Military Homesteads).....	8,000,600	28,545,000	18,846,900	55,392,500
Area under Pre-emption, Purchased Homesteads, Sales, Half-breed Scrip, Bounty Grants, Special Grants, etc.....	4,240,200	6,989,500	3,660,000	14,889,700
Area granted to Railway Companies.....	3,566,997	15,177,063	13,120,014	31,864,074
Area granted to Hudson's Bay Company.....	1,266,100	3,316,400	2,288,000	6,870,500
Area of School Lands Endowment ( $\frac{3}{8}$ of area surveyed in sections).....	1,637,700	3,943,800	3,759,800	9,341,300
Area sold subject to reclamation by drainage.....	89,642	50,918	37,250	177,808
Area sold under irrigation system.....	—	77,000	987,440	1,064,440
Area under Timber Berths (leased).....	1,025,300	574,500	1,255,900	2,855,700
Area under Grazing Leases.....	44,600	2,899,700	2,777,600	5,721,900
Area of Forest Reserves and Parks.....	2,500,000	5,928,300	16,833,400	25,261,700
Area reserved for forestry purposes (inside surveyed tract).....	875,000	1,293,500	2,085,000	4,253,500
Area of road allowances.....	977,168	1,468,486	1,288,571	3,734,228
Area of parish and river lots.....	506,207	84,055	121,220	711,482
Area of Indian Reserves.....	473,276	1,113,666	1,350,048	2,936,990
Area of Indian Reserves surrendered.....	88,089	410,536	322,093	820,718
Area of water-covered lands (inside surveyed tract)...	4,259,831	1,903,874	2,296,035	8,459,740
Area undisposed of.....	3,840,000	4,134,000	16,800,000	24,774,000
Total area within surveyed tract.....	33,390,710	77,910,296	87,829,274	199,130,280

**Homestead Entries.**—Table 2 gives the number of homestead entries and cancellations in the fiscal years from 1874 to 1926, 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.

The number of grants made to soldiers from 1919 to 1926 was 1,643, 5,981, 2,892, 1,655, 1,212, 710, 584 and 576 respectively. Entries by soldiers cancelled in the years 1919 to 1923 were included with those given in Table 2. Such cancellations in 1924, 1925 and 1926 numbered 630, 615 and 510 respectively.