

**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 1926 were more than treble 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 1893-1926.**

| 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      | 222,469    | 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    | 2-23                    | 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      | 1,620,792  | 3-28                    | 1916..... | 354,886      | 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.....               | 2,261,795    | 7,746,958  | 3-56                    | 1919..... | 1,039,657    | 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 <sup>1</sup> ..... | 1,237,759    | 7,697,930  | 6-02                    | 1924..... | 159,795      | 2,460,037  | 15-39                   |
| 1908.....               | 346,693      | 3,052,461  | 8-50                    | 1925..... | 247,405      | 3,700,938  | 14-95                   |
| 1909.....               | 109,373      | 2,211,685  | 11-08                   | 1926..... | 457,822      | 5,954,216  | 13-01                   |

<sup>1</sup>Nine 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 1924-1926.**

| Companies.  | 1924.          |                  | 1925.          |                  | 1926.          |                  |
|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|   | Acres.         | Amount.          | Acres.         | Amount.          | Acres.         | Amount.          |
|   |                | \$               |                | \$               |                | \$               |
| Hudson's Bay Co.....  | 33,434         | 456,386          | 84,758         | 1,117,618        | 184,595        | 2,276,129        |
| Canadian Pacific Railway Co.....                                      | 45,911         | 775,205          | 91,295         | 1,602,524        | 168,998        | 2,263,919        |
| Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Railway Co.....                    | 637            | 8,822            | 1,701          | 13,890           | 3,723          | 31,043           |
| Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Co..... | 6,242          | 92,145           | 1,925          | 28,571           | 7,623          | 115,603          |
| Calgary and Edmonton Railway Co.....                                  | 1,263          | 14,144           | 8,499          | 132,504          | 10,145         | 93,642           |
| Canadian Northern Railway Co.....                                     | 71,489         | 1,103,421        | 56,981         | 770,680          | 79,088         | 1,127,973        |
| Great Northern Central Railway Co.....                                | 799            | 14,934           | 2,246          | 35,151           | 3,660          | 45,907           |
| <b>Total.....</b>   | <b>159,795</b> | <b>2,469,857</b> | <b>247,405</b> | <b>3,700,938</b> | <b>457,822</b> | <b>5,954,216</b> |