

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, 1928.

Items.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Area under Homestead (including Military Homesteads).....	8,311,400	29,003,400	19,066,900	56,381,700
Area under Pre-emptions, Purchased Homesteads, Sales, Half-breed Scrip, Bounty Grants, Special Grants, Swamp lands transferred to Province of Manitoba, etc.....	5,241,200	6,727,800	3,491,100	15,460,100
Area granted to Railway Companies.....	3,566,997	15,177,063	13,038,595	31,782,655
Area granted to Hudson's Bay Company.....	1,273,500	3,351,000	2,402,300	7,026,800
Area of School Land Endowment (one-eighteenth of area surveyed in sections).....	1,637,800	3,944,400	3,760,500	9,342,700
Area sold subject to reclamation by drainage.....	89,762	57,600	39,400	186,762
Area sold under irrigation system.....	-	77,000	989,800	1,066,800
Area under Timber Berths (leased).....	1,453,500	607,300	2,131,100	4,191,900
Area under Grazing Leases.....	62,400	3,232,200	2,953,100	6,247,700
Area of Forest Reserves and Parks.....	2,488,500	6,239,000	17,072,100	25,799,600
Area reserved for Forestry, Park and Pulpwood purposes (inside surveyed tract).....	2,453,000	1,637,000	2,085,000	6,175,000
Area of road allowances.....	977,244	1,468,743	1,288,882	3,734,869
Area of Parish and River Lots.....	529,087	84,132	121,221	734,440
Area of Indian Reserves.....	484,517	1,166,114	1,406,291	3,056,922
Area of Indian Reserves surrendered.....	89,006	404,540	329,964	823,510
Area of water-covered lands (inside surveyed tract).....	4,260,220	1,904,000	2,296,448	8,460,677
Area undisposed of (surveyed).....	4,218,000	3,532,000	15,417,000	23,167,000
Total.....	37,136,133	78,613,311	87,889,701	203,639,144

Homestead Entries.—Table 2 gives the number of homestead entries and cancellations in the fiscal years from 1874 to 1927, 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 1927 was 1,643, 5,981, 2,892, 1,655, 1,212, 710, 584, 576 and 468 respectively. Entries by soldiers cancelled in the years 1919 to 1923 were included with those given in Table 2. Such cancellations in 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927 numbered 630, 615, 510 and 574 respectively.