

**Railway Lands.**—In the early stages of the settlement of the Northwest, 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 Northwest 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 in 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 1927 were more than five times those for 1923. Details of sales by the different companies are given for the three latest fiscal years in Table 7. Their total sales since 1893 were 26,855,983 acres and the total amount received \$249,387,007, or an average of \$9.29 per acre.

**6.—Land Sales by Railway Companies having Government Land Grants and by the Hudson's Bay Company, fiscal years 1893-1927.**

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	1911.....	1,406,651	19,122,937	13-59
1894.....	68,668	207,856	3-02	1912.....	1,329,390	18,224,419	13-70
1895.....	114,713	222,459	1-94	1913.....	707,149	9,867,155	13-95
1896.....	108,016	361,338	3-34	1914.....	501,575	7,399,191	14-75
1897.....	222,325	719,016	3-23	1915.....	192,901	3,279,031	17-01
1898.....	448,623	1,431,774	3-18	1916.....	354,886	5,435,949	15-32
1899.....	462,494	1,520,792	3-28	1917.....	755,154	12,357,377	16-35
1900.....	618,379	2,125,146	3-27	1918.....	1,116,237	20,887,600	18-71
1901.....	621,027	2,088,269	3-36	1919.....	1,038,657	18,148,738	17-47
1902.....	2,201,795	7,746,958	3-56	1920.....	1,026,157	19,188,225	18-69
1903.....	4,229,011	14,651,757	3-46	1921.....	553,630	10,860,756	19-61
1904.....	1,267,137	5,564,240	4-39	1922.....	155,239	2,633,572	16-96
1905.....	980,005	5,046,572	5-09	1923.....	123,308	1,864,364	15-12
1906.....	1,642,684	9,871,241	6-01	1924.....	159,795	2,460,057	15-39
1907 <sup>1</sup> .....	1,237,759	7,697,930	6-02	1925.....	247,405	3,700,938	14-95
1908.....	846,693	3,652,461	8-80	1926.....	457,822	5,594,216	13-01
1909.....	109,373	2,211,885	11-08	1927.....	666,479	8,295,685	12-45
1910.....	1,184,790	15,835,228	13-36				

<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 1925-1927.**

Companies.	1925.		1926.		1927.	
	Acres.	Amount.	Acres.	Amount.	Acres.	Amount.
		\$		\$		\$
Hudson's Bay Co.....	84,758	1,117,618	184,595	2,276,129	282,670	3,414,539
Canadian Pacific Railway Co.....	91,295	1,602,524	168,988	2,263,919	249,497	2,979,958
Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Railway Co.....	1,701	13,890	3,723	31,043	3,695	27,043
Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Co.....	1,925	28,571	7,623	115,603	9,985	142,968
Calgary and Edmonton Railway Co.....	8,499	132,504	10,145	93,642	8,658	96,799
Canadian Northern Railway Co.....	56,981	770,680	79,088	1,127,973	107,511	1,588,850
Great Northern Central Railway Co.....	2,246	35,151	3,660	45,907	4,463	47,531
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>247,465</b>	<b>3,700,938</b>	<b>457,822</b>	<b>5,954,216</b>	<b>666,479</b>	<b>8,295,685</b>