

ment and Opportunities; Agricultural Loans; the Peace River District of Alberta; Description of the Resources and Possibilities of the Province of Saskatchewan, etc. Similar reports have been issued with regard to other parts of Canada, such as:— Natural Resources of Nova Scotia; Natural Resources of Quebec; the Province of New Brunswick. 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 Provinces and New Brunswick, 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, 1929.

Items.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
Area under Homestead (including Military Homesteads)	8,375,000	29,620,840	20,065,460	58,061,300
Area under Pre-emptions, Purchased Homesteads, Sales, Half-breed Scrip, Bounty Grants, Special Grants, Swamp lands transferred to Province of Manitoba, etc.	5,845,500	6,758,574	3,574,730	16,178,804
Area granted to Railway Companies	3,553,833	15,169,775	13,031,731	31,755,339
Area granted to Hudson's Bay Company	1,273,500	3,351,160	2,402,780	7,027,440
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	41,066	41,441	39,057	121,564
Area sold under irrigation system	—	44,712	274,359	319,071
Area under Timber Berths (leased)	1,405,824	551,744	1,036,137	2,993,705
Area under Grazing Leases	70,105	3,464,512	3,235,927	6,776,544
Area of Forest Reserves and Parks	2,488,500	6,553,000	17,072,100	26,113,600
Area reserved for Forestry, Park and Pulpwood purposes (inside surveyed tract)	2,453,000	1,637,000	798,000	4,888,000
Area of road allowances	977,307	1,468,830	1,288,882	3,735,014
Area of Parish and River Lots	529,082	84,589	121,221	734,897
Area of Indian Reserves	482,229	1,193,451	1,342,417	3,018,097
Area of Indian Reserves surrendered	77,072	369,481	328,917	775,470
Area of water-covered lands (inside surveyed tract) ..	4,260,280	1,899,590	2,296,618	8,456,518
Area undisposed of (surveyed)	3,900,000	3,000,000	14,872,000	21,772,000
Total	37,376,698	79,153,699	85,640,866	202,171,263

Homestead Entries.—Table 2 gives the number of homestead entries and cancellations in the fiscal years from 1874 to 1928, 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. It is noteworthy that more homestead entries were made in 1928 than in any other year since 1922.

The number of grants made to soldiers from 1919 to 1928 was 1,643, 5,981, 2,892, 1,655, 1,212, 710, 584, 576, 468 and 504 respectively. Entries by soldiers cancelled in the years 1919 to 1928 are included with those given in Table 2. Such cancellations from 1924 to 1928 numbered 630, 615, 510, 574 and 819 respectively.