

## 4.—Dominion Lands Revenue for the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1924-1930.

| Source of Receipts.                                  | 1924.             | 1925.             | 1926.             | 1927.             | 1928.             | 1929.             | 1930.             |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | \$                | \$                | \$                | \$                | \$                | \$                | \$                |
| Homestead fees.....                                  | 38,640            | 36,500            | 46,900            | 57,700            | 72,551            | 161,890           | 175,080           |
| Cash sales.....                                      | 404,962           | 410,222           | 467,601           | 544,874           | 732,324           | 785,661           | 428,104           |
| Script sales.....                                    | 160               | 612               | —                 | —                 | —                 | —                 | 27                |
| Timber dues.....                                     | 847,773           | 981,400           | 1,098,692         | 1,190,975         | 1,388,140         | 1,395,726         | 1,131,024         |
| Hay permits, mining, stone quarries, etc., cash..... | 723,763           | 639,749           | 793,358           | 1,094,695         | 963,164           | 1,197,890         | 1,816,955         |
| All other receipts.....                              | 338,559           | 425,384           | 473,646           | 540,310           | 607,230           | 611,112           | 698,683           |
| Gross revenue.....                                   | 2,353,847         | 2,493,867         | 2,850,197         | 3,418,554         | 3,703,408         | 4,152,279         | 4,249,893         |
| Refunds.....   | 71,983            | 102,881           | 76,684            | 91,280            | 74,334            | 81,940            | 110,762           |
| Net revenue.....                                     | 2,281,864         | 2,390,986         | 2,808,513         | 3,327,273         | 3,689,075         | 4,070,339         | 4,139,131         |
| <b>Totals, 1872 to date.....</b>                     | <b>78,841,445</b> | <b>81,232,431</b> | <b>84,035,944</b> | <b>87,363,218</b> | <b>91,052,393</b> | <b>95,122,632</b> | <b>99,261,763</b> |
| Letters patent for Dominion lands.....No.            | 5,317             | 4,304             | 5,484             | 5,543             | 5,490             | 6,015             | 5,997             |
| Homestead entries....."                              | 3,843             | 3,653             | 4,685             | 5,760             | 7,233             | 16,157            | 17,504            |

**Railway Lands.**<sup>1</sup>—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 13 of the chapter on Transportation for details, p. 665 of this volume), 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 5 throwing considerable light on the ups and downs in the settlement of the West. The maximum acreage was sold 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 1929 were almost seven times those for 1923, while in 1930 they dropped off again. Details of sales by the different companies are given for the three latest fiscal years in Table 6. Their total sales since 1893 were 29,062,436 acres and the total amount received \$274,866,069, or an average of \$9.46 per acre.

## 5.—Land Sales by Railway Companies with Government Land Grants, and by the Hudson's Bay Company, fiscal years ended 1893-1930.

| Year.     | Total Sales. |            | Average Price per Acre. | Year.     | Total Sales. |            | Average Price per Acre. |
|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
|           | Acres.       | Amount.    |                         |           | Acres.       | Amount.    |                         |
|           |              | \$         | \$                      |           |              | \$         | \$                      |
| 1893..... | 120,211      | 352,847    | 2-93                    | 1912..... | 1,329,390    | 18,324,419 | 13-70                   |
| 1894..... | 68,668       | 207,856    | 3-02                    | 1913..... | 707,149      | 9,867,155  | 13-95                   |
| 1895..... | 114,713      | 222,489    | 1-94                    | 1914..... | 501,575      | 7,398,191  | 14-75                   |
| 1896..... | 108,019      | 361,338    | 3-34                    | 1915..... | 192,801      | 3,279,031  | 17-01                   |
| 1897..... | 222,225      | 719,016    | 3-23                    | 1916..... | 354,886      | 5,435,949  | 15-32                   |
| 1898..... | 448,623      | 1,431,774  | 3-18                    | 1917..... | 755,154      | 12,357,377 | 16-25                   |
| 1899..... | 462,494      | 1,520,792  | 3-28                    | 1918..... | 1,116,237    | 20,867,609 | 18-71                   |
| 1900..... | 648,379      | 2,125,146  | 3-27                    | 1919..... | 1,038,657    | 18,148,736 | 17-47                   |
| 1901..... | 621,027      | 2,088,269  | 3-36                    | 1920..... | 1,026,157    | 19,188,225 | 18-69                   |
| 1902..... | 2,201,795    | 7,746,958  | 3-56                    | 1921..... | 553,630      | 10,860,756 | 19-61                   |
| 1903..... | 4,229,011    | 14,651,757 | 3-46                    | 1922..... | 155,239      | 2,633,572  | 16-96                   |
| 1904..... | 1,267,187    | 5,564,240  | 4-39                    | 1923..... | 123,303      | 1,864,364  | 15-12                   |
| 1905..... | 990,005      | 5,046,572  | 5-09                    | 1924..... | 159,795      | 2,460,057  | 15-39                   |
| 1906..... | 1,642,684    | 9,871,241  | 6-01                    | 1925..... | 247,405      | 3,700,938  | 14-95                   |
| 1907..... | 1,237,759    | 7,697,930  | 6-02                    | 1926..... | 457,822      | 5,594,216  | 13-01                   |
| 1908..... | 346,693      | 3,052,461  | 8-80                    | 1927..... | 666,479      | 8,295,685  | 12-45                   |
| 1909..... | 109,373      | 2,211,589  | 11-08                   | 1928..... | 783,604      | 9,259,759  | 11-82                   |
| 1910..... | 1,134,790    | 15,835,228 | 13-30                   | 1929..... | 859,760      | 9,858,683  | 11-46                   |
| 1911..... | 1,406,651    | 19,122,937 | 13-59                   | 1930..... | 563,080      | 6,360,615  | 11-30                   |

<sup>1</sup>Revised by F. C. C. Lynch, Director, National Development Bureau, Department of the Interior.<sup>2</sup>Nine months to Mar. 31.