

CHAPTER XXVIII.—MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATION.

Section 1.—Public Lands.

Table 1 pp. 918-9 below represents an attempt to summarize the character and disposition of the land area of Canada. Since there are still large areas which have been very little explored and a much larger area not surveyed and therefore not classified with regard to its possibilities, many of the figures given are mere estimates. Furthermore, this is the first attempt to present the information comprehensively for the different provinces and territories in one table, and it cannot be claimed, for the present, that figures given are exactly comparable as between the different provinces. However, with the further co-operation of the provinces, it should be possible gradually to fill in missing figures in future years and generally to increase the accuracy of the information given. The continued extension of exploration and surveys in Canada will enable the governmental authorities to classify more exactly the lands within their jurisdiction.

In this table the areas of occupied and abandoned farms and of farm woodlots are taken from the 1931 census. The totals of the land area of the provinces and territories are the areas revised by the Topographical Survey, Dominion Department of the Interior, and agree with those appearing in the table on p. 7 of this volume, while the areas of Indian reserves are those reported by the Department of Indian Affairs. For other items, figures supplied by the provinces have been used wherever available; otherwise estimates from Dominion Government sources, chiefly the Forest Service, have been substituted. The various items for each province do not always add up to the totals given because the individual items, being drawn from different sources, are neither wholly inclusive nor exclusive, and lands of somewhat similar character may be included in another class which describes them from a different view-point, *e.g.*, provincial Crown lands may be under grazing leases or may be partially or wholly under forest cover, although potentially better suited for agricultural cultivation.

Subsection 1.—Dominion Public Lands.

As described on p. 1019 of the 1931 Year Book, the lands and natural resources lying within the boundaries of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, which had formerly been administered by the Dominion Government, were transferred to the administration of the provinces concerned at various dates in 1930.

Actual Dominion lands, therefore, now comprise the Northwest Territories, including the Arctic islands and the islands in Hudson bay; the Yukon Territory;