

## ADMINISTRATION

explored only in a very partial way. The total area of this unsurveyed tract is 290,300,972 acres, of which over 23,000,000 acres are water-covered. No estimate of the area suitable for agriculture can be made with any degree of accuracy.

**Railway Lands.**—Table 5 is a record for the three fiscal years 1912 to 1914 of the sales of lands by the Hudson's Bay Company and by railway companies having government land grants. The total sales in 1913-14 amounted to \$7,398,191 for 501,575 acres, as compared with \$9,867,155 for 707,149 acres in 1912-13.

**5.—Land Sales by Railway Companies having Government Land Grants, and by the Hudson's Bay Company, in the fiscal years 1912-1914.**

Companies.	1912.		1913.		1914.	
	Acres.	Amount.	Acres.	Amount.	Acres.	Amount.
		\$		\$		\$
Hudson's Bay Co. . . . .	42,554	808,943	53,521	1,128,806	26,292	572,837
Canadian Pacific Ry. . . .	855,280	12,420,488	447,158	6,348,352	263,962	4,242,089
Manitoba Southwestern Colonization Ry. . . . .	18,932	117,497	2,768	48,639	7,626	91,948
Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Ry & Steamboat Co. . . . .	35,213	495,116	15,395	255,399	1,629	21,546
Calgary and Edmonton Ry. Co. . . . .	10,853	154,424	4,155	44,212	19,575	460,129
Canadian Northern Ry. Co. . . . .	365,926	4,216,578	182,491	2,009,642	182,491	2,009,642
Great Northwest Cen- tral Ry. Co. . . . .	632	11,373	1,601	32,105	—	—
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>1,329,390</b>	<b>18,224,419</b>	<b>707,149</b>	<b>9,867,155</b>	<b>501,575</b>	<b>7,398,191</b>

**Homestead Entries.**—In 1914 the total number of ordinary homestead entries for lands of the Dominion Government was 25,623, as compared with 31,499 in 1913, 35,538 in 1912 and 38,909 in 1911. In 1914, 4,252 entries were made in Manitoba against 2,998 in 1913 and 3,133 in 1912, 9,752 in Saskatchewan against 14,524 in 1913 and 18,425 in 1912, 10,772 in Alberta against 12,122 in 1913 and 13,668 in 1912, and 847 in British Columbia against 1,855 in 1913 and 312 in 1912. The number of pre-emptions under the Dominion Lands Act was 3,262 in 1914 (2,417 in Saskatchewan and 845 in Alberta) against 6,483 in 1913 (4,711 in Saskatchewan and 1,772 in Alberta). The number of purchased homesteads under the Act was 422 in 1914 (290 in Saskatchewan and 132 in Alberta) against 786 in 1913 (534 in Saskatchewan and 252 in Alberta).

**Provincial Public Lands.**—In the Maritime provinces, in Quebec and in Ontario the public lands are administered by the provincial governments.<sup>1</sup> In Prince Edward Island all the land is settled. In

<sup>1</sup>For copies of the detailed regulations governing the disposal of provincial crown lands, application should be made as follows: Nova Scotia, to the Secretary for Industries and Immigration, Halifax; New Brunswick, to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, Fredericton; Quebec, to the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, Quebec; Ontario, to the Deputy Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, Toronto.