

The annual average number of acres taken up during the period 1891-92 was 638,052 acres. In 1901, the number was more than double the average of 1891-9, and in 1903 it was more than eight times that average.

Statement showing the number of homestead and pre-emption entries reported in each year from 1874, and the number and proportion of those entries which have been cancelled for non-fulfilment of conditions of entry.

DEPARTMENTAL YEAR ENDED.	HOMESTEADS.			PRE-EMPTIONS.		
	Number of Entries.	Number Cancelled.	Per-cent-age.	Number of Entries.	Number Cancelled.	Per-cent-age.
31st October, 1874.....	1,376	890	64	643	613	95
" 1875.....	499	306	61	391	230	58
" 1876.....	347	153	44	263	136	51
" 1877.....	845	458	54	594	352	59
" 1878.....	1,788	1,385	77	1,580	939	59
" 1879.....	4,068	2,066	50	1,729	1,473	85
" 1880.....	2,074	684	32	1,004	502	50
" 1881.....	2,753	645	23	1,649	804	48
" 1882.....	7,483	3,551	47	5,654	3,339	59
" 1883.....	6,063	1,977	32	4,120	2,016	48
" 1884.....	3,753	1,244	33	2,762	1,303	47
" 1885.....	1,858	651	35	653	528	80
" 1886.....	2,657	904	34	1,046	540	51
" 1887.....	2,036	527	25	585	337	57
" 1888.....	2,655	806	30	454	328	72
" 1889.....	4,416	2,085	47	1,355	1,140	84
" 1890.....	2,955	1,062	35	.....	.....	.....
" 1891.....	3,523	1,456	41	.....	.....	.....
" 1892.....	4,840	2,165	44	.....	.....	.....
" 1893.....	4,067	1,666	40	.....	.....	.....
- 31st Decemb'r, 1894.....	3,174	1,384	43	.....	.....	.....
" 1895.....	2,394	1,037	43	.....	.....	.....
" 1896.....	1,857	513	27	.....	.....	.....
" 1897.....	2,384	598	25	.....	.....	.....
" 1898.....	4,848	1,190	24	.....	.....	.....
" 1899.....	6,689	1,792	26	.....	.....	.....
" 1900.....	7,850	2,116	26	.....	.....	.....
" 1901.....	9,108	2,342	25	.....	.....	.....
" 1902.....	22,215	4,850	21	.....	.....	.....
" 1903.....	32,682	1,998	6	.....	.....	.....