

Department of the Interior.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FOR THE YEAR 1894

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OTTAWA, 17th April, 1895.

To the Honourable T. MAYNE DALY, Q. C.,
Minister of the Interior.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the annual report of the Department of the Interior for the year 1894.

Some misapprehension has arisen in the past from the fact that the report, while it dealt with all matters of consequence down to the end of the calendar year, brought the business of the agencies down to the end of October only, which was called the departmental year. With a view to overcoming this difficulty, the transactions covered by this report include the whole of the calendar year. It has been attempted as far as possible in all comparative statements to prevent confusion by quoting the figures for the last departmental year and previous corresponding periods, as well as for the calendar year.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES.

Two deaths have taken place in the department at headquarters during the past year—Mr. William Mills, the clerk in charge of Ordnance and Admiralty Lands, an old and highly valued officer, and Mr. Peter M. Duffy, who had been but a short period in the public service.

The vacancy created by the death of Mr. W. G. Pentland, Agent of Dominion Lands at Yorkton, which was noted in last year's report, has been filled by the promotion of Mr. Frederick K. Herchmer, the assistant.

Owing to the pressure of work in the Edmonton Land Office, and the distance from that point of some of the lands within the boundaries of the agency which were greatly in demand by homestead settlers, it was found necessary at the beginning of the summer season of 1894 to open a sub-agency at Beaver Lake, thus affording greater facility for the making of entries in the eastern part of the district.

Mr. George Young, formerly Agent of Dominion Lands at Lothbridge, retired from the service on account of ill-health, and has since died.