

The quantity of lands sold is another proof of the development of the country. Excepting the sales made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Dominion Government has received the following amounts since 1877:—

1877.....	\$ 3,799
1878.....	19,424
1879.....	23,828
1880.....	120,479
1881.....	131,124
1882.....	1,744,456
1883.....	1,009,019
1884.....	951,636
1885.....	400,165

There seems to have been a diminution in the last months. But we must not forget that the greatest amount of sales is generally made in the spring, and that the North-West troubles have this year stopped the influx of emigrants and the business in those regions. We must also consider the fact that immigration, here as well as in the United States, decreases at certain times. For instance, I may give you a statement of the yearly immigration to the United States:

1875.....	227,698
1876.....	169,986
1877.....	141,857
1878.....	138,769
1879.....	177,826
1880.....	457,257
1881.....	669,431
1882.....	788,992
1883.....	603,322
1884.....	518,592
1885 (1st December—6 months).....	143,413

But if there is a momentary lull in our immigration, there is still a great number of new settlers going to the North-West, as may be seen by the following statement:—

Sales from 1st July, 1884, to the 1st May, 1885—

Homesteads—1,860, of 160 acres	297,600
“ 520, of 80 “	41,600
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Pre-emption—1,016, of 160 “	162,560
520, of 80 “	41,600
	<hr/> 204,160

Sales..... \$109 10
Not including 153 McLean town lots sold...652,760 acres.

It has been said, in the House and in the press: Why does not the Government exercise its right of taking possession of the road, if this company cannot finish it, rather than make a further advance of funds? A poorer policy could not have been adopted. We must not forget that private capital to the extent of \$29,000,000 is engaged in this enterprise, and that investors would not likely abandon