

### DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA AS SHEWN BY REVENUE FROM DOMINION LANDS.

The revenue derived from sales of Dominion lands, registration fees, and casual receipts in connection with the land, though indicating only a portion of the land settlement movement, so far as it goes, is an exhibit of great interest. A special element of value in these Government returns is their absolute reliability, they are not "dressed" to support any private interest.

The following table covers the total revenue of the Dominion Government Land Department from 1887 to 1905.

STATEMENT showing yearly the Gross Revenue (in Cash only) received from all sources in connection with Dominion Lands during the eighteen years ending June 30, 1905.

Fiscal Year.	Dominion Lands (Cash).	School Lands.	Seed Grain.	Ordnance Lands.	Fines and Forfeitures.	Registration Fees.	Casual Revenue.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1887-1888.....	223,360	42,045	.....	36,239	1,267	7,212	372	310,497
1888-1889.....	243,046	52,354	26,146	42,072	739	6,543	1,075	371,978
1889-1890.....	224,770	45,188	5,017	29,921	958	8,866	261	314,984
1890-1891.....	268,751	38,826	3,385	54,229	1,595	10,866	627	380,282
1891-1892.....	337,106	136,131	5,957	42,360	788	9,362	532	532,179
1892-1893.....	303,550	82,615	5,866	33,776	777	10,750	1,331	438,668
1893-1894.....	214,540	47,574	2,339	22,318	864	10,358	1,982	299,975
1894-1895.....	171,085	47,665	2,762	22,645	693	9,811	875	255,530
1895-1896.....	174,509	56,584	8,748	17,550	502	8,737	1,920	268,562
	2,160,721	548,985	62,212	301,115	8,185	82,448	8,979	3,172,649
1896-1897.....	187,424	24,292	9,887	9,831	1,316	8,397	2,683	244,431
1897-1898.....	980,313	52,410	12,351	22,537	629	14,263	260	1,082,666
1898-1899.....	1,563,020	41,249	12,388	12,349	2,801	19,220	2,620	1,653,651
1899-1900.....	1,410,883	220,874	15,271	11,043	1,452	21,751	3,664	1,684,942
1900-1901.....	1,533,197	48,049	15,711	14,604	1,977	33,979	1,587	1,649,108
1901-1902.....	1,254,333	193,410	20,293	16,967	1,955	50,854	3,900	1,541,715
1902-1903.....	1,716,597	392,206	28,789	17,512	5,220	81,404	2,230	2,244,062
1903-1904.....	1,478,106	233,769	26,122	30,494	5,911	109,233	3,402	1,887,041
1904-1905.....	1,314,485	332,914	16,471	10,346	10,018	123,082	4,258	1,811,577
	11,438,361	1,539,179	167,287	145,787	31,183	462,788	24,608	13,799,196
	13,599,082	2,088,164	219,500	446,902	39,369	545,237	33,588	16,971,846

The falling off in the revenue from 1887 to 1897 and the sudden rise after that date are striking features in this return.

The total cash sales for the 10 years 1887 to 1897, amounted to \$2,348,145, the yearly average being \$234,814, whereas the total cash sales, for 8 years, from 1897 to 1905, were \$11,250,937, the yearly average being \$1,406,367. The Registration Fees received since 1887 for entries of lands in Northwest Territories were as follows:

	1887.	1897.	1905.
	\$	\$	\$
Assiniboia.....	3,527	5,339	63,645
North Alberta.....	497	2,585	23,836
South Alberta.....	216	1,991	22,673
East Saskatchewan.....	421	848	10,389
West Saskatchewan.....	99	123	772
Total year.....	\$8,731	\$10,204	\$121,317

The aggregate of Registration Fees received on account of the Northwest Territories from the commencement has been \$545,558. A large revenue is derived from "Hay Permits, Mining, Stone Quarries, etc.," the aggregate being given from 1881 to 1905, as \$6,242,857. Grazing Lands yielded \$465,736, Colonization Lands, \$887,921. The land sales in Yukon Territory in 1905 fetched \$7,637 against \$12,678 in 1904, the mining fees in 1905 were \$92,854 as against \$145,391 in 1904, and export tax on gold \$206,755 as compared with \$272,217 in previous year.

The following is a statement of land sales by

railway companies having Government Land Grants and by Hudson's Bay Company.

	Acres.	Amount.
	\$	\$
Total up to 1900.....	2,193,329	6,939,258
Canadian Pacific 1901 to 1905.....	5,232,110	.....
Hudson's Bay Company.....	1,187,620	6,612,132
Canadian Pacific Railway Company.....	6,509,265	23,502,898
Manitoba and S. Western.....	1,035,548	3,469,760
Q Appelle and Saskatchewan.....	1,015,941	1,931,266
Calgary and Edmonton.....	1,086,182	3,553,929
Northern.....	479,912	2,166,547
Great North Western Central.....	187,886	803,138
Totals.....	\$11,502,354	\$42,639,664
Average price per acre.....		\$3.65 per acre.

The total Homestead entries reported up to December, 1899, was 80,437, a yearly average of 3,004. Between June 30, 1900, and June, 1905, the number