

OUTGOING MAIL.

	1904.	1907.
Letters, Circulars and Reports.....	52,110	66,000

Thus, with one branch less the correspondence has greatly increased during the three years. These figures do not include the multitudinous personal and semi-personal correspondence directed to the Minister.

GROWTH OF THE WORK.

Another very instructive comparison is afforded by the Land Branch figures:

	1904.	1907.
Persons Located	1,098	1,282
Acres Located	152,699	180,864
Purchasers	326	393
Acres Purchased	10,212	16,608
Lots Resumed	710	970
Patents Issued (Agricultural, Veteran and Mining)	1,200	2,730

WOODS AND FORESTS.

The figures from the Woods and Forests Branch throw a strong light on where the money used to come from to finance the Province in the late years of the Ross Government. The total revenue from woods and forests in 1904 was \$2,650,872, compared with \$1,219,051 in 1907; but a glance at the figures which follow will show that nearly a million and three-quarters was received in 1904 from bonuses on pine timber sales, and in 1907 only \$152,224 from that source. The revenue in 1907 was also affected by the unprecedented stringency of the money market towards the end of the year, and lumbermen who usually paid promptly were obliged to ask for three months' extension. In this way there are between five and six hundred thousand dollars outstanding, but as the Province has the very best security in the shape of the logs, which are worth many times the amount of the dues, there is no risk, and these payments will simply go into this year's business. The figures:

	1904.	1907.
Bonns	\$1,664,258 31	\$152,223 94
Dues	919,471 21	998,863 15
Ground Rent	64,997 03	65,084 38
Transfer Fees	2,056 00	2,879 85
	\$2,650,782 45	\$1,219,051 32