

The estimated value of live stock in possession of same soldier settlers for three years shows:—

Year	Estimated Total Value	Average Value per Farm
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1921.....	13,829,601 00	755 01
1922.....	13,398,397 40	735 53
1923.....	11,805,033 00	634 75

While these figures show that there has been an increase in the numbers, the value of live stock was less in 1923 than in 1922.

By provinces the value of crops produced and the value of live stock are shown in the following table:—

Province	Value of Crops produced	Value of Live Stock held by Settlers
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
British Columbia.....	1,443,081 00	1,279,160 50
Alberta.....	4,227,675 90	3,695,483 50
Saskatchewan.....	5,212,382 05	3,394,858 00
Manitoba.....	1,203,268 00	1,577,072 00
Ontario.....	1,012,101 00	1,022,990 00
Quebec.....	171,639 00	238,906 00
New Brunswick.....	231,893 00	237,244 00
Nova Scotia.....	256,350 00	239,734 00
Prince Edward Island.....	124,065 00	129,585 00
Dominion.....	13,882,454 95	11,805,033 00

The survey shows further that throughout the Dominion 85 per cent of soldier settlers have kitchen gardens, 78 per cent have milch cows, 47 per cent brood sows, 55 per cent other pigs and 78 per cent poultry.

That the Government has not been hard on the soldier settlers is shown by the following facts:

No interest was charged on stock and equipment purchases for two years.....	\$ 1,500,000
Pay and allowance to soldiers and dependents while under instruction.....	224,418
Interest exemptions as provided by amendments of 1922.....	10,269,109
Losses on reverted lands.....	618,571
No charges for inspectional appraisal and legal services.....	724,440
Saving to settlers by discount to Government on implement purchases.....	1,220,572
Saving to settlers by Government purchases of land at difference in vendors price and price paid.....	3,530,113
	\$18,087,223

In addition, by the Government loaning the money at a low rate of interest the Government lost approximately 1½ per annum. Also, an opportunity has been given to settle on cash-down payment of only 10% of the land value, making the risk far higher for the Government.

Special rates over the railways have been procured for the settlers, which has amounted to a large sum.

The total amount of live stock purchased during the periods covered by the Bill is:

Up to October 1st, 1920.....	\$ 9,275,000
From October 1st, 1920 to October 1st, 1921.....	2,500,000

40% of \$9,275,000 is..... \$ 3,710,000

20% of \$2,500,000 is..... 500,000

\$ 4,210,000

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: On some loans the Government made a profit, as a matter of fact. I do not know whether you have any returns as to that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think I brought to the Senate last Session a statement indicating operations on land, and I am not sure but it showed some such figures.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: There were gains. I know these soldiers have been applying many times for a reduction or re-valuation of their land.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: This Bill covers only the live stock.