

Homestead entries between 1896 and 1903—totalled 75,530, or 13,000 more than for the whole 18 years of Conservative administration.

Land sales viz. by Railway Companies in North-West :

| | 4 years 1892 to 1896 | 4 years 1899 to 1903 |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Acres | 411,608 | 7,700,212 |
| Value | \$1,144,530 | \$26,632,130 |

When the C.P.R. in 1902 applied to Parliament for an increase in capital stock, the Government authorized the increase in order that the needs of the country might be met, but specified how all the money should be spent, and compelled the C.P.R. to agree to the immediate submission of a test case to the courts to ascertain whether the term of exemption of the C.P.R. from Government control of its freight rates had expired. The case is before the courts.

The Government has entered test cases on behalf of municipalities to ascertain when the C.P.R. term of exemption from taxation terminates.

The Government secured the release of millions of acres of odd-numbered sections of land in the West from railway control and decided that the homesteader is to have precedence in the purchase of this land.

The Government has relieved the lands of the farmers who acted as bondsmen for neighbors, from seed-grain liability.

Land regulations have been simplified, and in a host of other ways settlement has been made more easy.

The arable lands of the Dominion have been