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NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Reduced Sales Owing to the Policy of
Holding Land for the Actual Settlement
Success of the Irrigation Movement—
American Whalers Rapidly Extending
All Animal Life in Hudson's
Bay.Ottawa, May 15.—The annual report
of the Department of the Interior for
the year 1894 was presented to Parlia-
ment to-day by Hon. Mr. Daly.The following is a comparative state-
ment of the Homestead entries and sales
which have been made at the several
agencies of the department during the
departmental years—that is, the periods
of twelve months ending with October—
1893 and 1894, respectively:Number of homestead en-
tries..... 4,067 3,809
Acres of homesteads..... 650,720 514,440
Sales, acreage of..... 46,873 17,578For the calendar year 1894, the num-
ber of homestead entries was 3,174,
covering an area of 607,840 acres, the
sales during the same period were 18,
275 acres. The great decrease in the
sales of land does not mean that the
business of the department has been cor-
respondingly reduced in volume; it is
simply due to the abolition of the pre-
vious system, and to the policy which
has been substituted of holding the
public lands which have not been uti-
lized as subsidies in aid of the construc-
tion of railways with which to open up
the country for colonization, and to
ally for the development of its resources,
as free homesteads for actual settlers
rather than as a source of revenue.The whole number of arrivals of the
immigrant class at ports of Quebec,
Halifax and Montreal during the year
1894 was 27,011, as compared with 98,
447 during the previous year. Of the
27,011 persons mentioned, 20,680 de-
clared their intention of settling in Mani-
toba, the Northwest Territories and
British Columbia, a decrease of 42,719.
It will be seen by a comparison of the
department has abandoned the plan of
collecting statistics with regard to im-
migrant arrivals in the country gener-
ally. All that is done is to count the
actual arrivals, obtaining from each im-
migrant a declaration as to whether he
intends to remain permanently in the
country or not and the province in which
he proposes to reside.The decrease in the figures mentioned
is much greater in proportion than the
decrease in the number of persons im-
migrating, as compared with the
previous year, which proves that a larger
proportion of the immigrants of last year
than usual consisted of agricultural set-
tlers.The national origin of homesteaders
was as follows: Canadian from Ontario
519, from other parts of Canada 297,
Americans 434, English 393, French 113,
Russians 147, Scotch 74, Irish 23.The Alaska Survey.
The survey of the territory adjacent
to the boundary line between British
Columbia and Alaska has been contin-
ued under Mr. W. F. King, Chief Astron-
omer of the department, as Her Majesty's
Commissioner, and Dr. T. C. Mcendenhall,
as the Commissioner for the United
States.The method of survey was the same as
in 1893. The Commissioner reports that
as a result of the operations of the two
seasons' work, the whole coast strip from
Behm's Canal to Cape Fairweather has
been covered by a connected photo-topo-
graphical survey, and that the office
work of delineating the results of this
survey upon paper—as a contour map on
a scale of 1:50,000 with contour line 250
feet apart—has been advanced. He states
that but little further work is required
in order to obtain all necessary infor-
mation with regard to the coast be-
tween Cape Fairweather and Yakutat
Bay, a distance of 70 miles, and to sup-
plement the information obtained by the
United States party in the vicinity of
Mount St. Elias and the 141st meridian,
which is the western terminus of the
work of the commission.The irrigation movement in the Ter-
ritories is making rapid strides in these
portions situated within the dry dis-
trict. It is only a year or two since
the actual construction of ditches for the
artificial application of water to agri-
cultural lands may be said to have com-
menced, and yet at the close
of this season there were someOver
50,000
Watcheshave received careful and intel-
ligent treatment at our hands
since our advent into the jewelry
business.This number does not include
the many thousands sold by us
that were given attention while
under guarantee (without charge),
and is evidence "prima facie,"
that we thoroughly understand
the repairing of watches.Kents'
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60 odd private ditches in op-
eration in Southern Alberta and West-
ern Manitoba, while two incorporated
companies, the Calgary Hydraulic Com-
pany and the Calgary Irrigation Com-
pany, have extensive systems under con-
struction. In addition to these, the set-
tlers of the Springbank district, near
Calgary, have projected a canal to re-
claim some 20,000 acres in that vicinity,
and the Canadian Pacific Railway Com-
pany have made some preliminary sur-
veys looking to the diversion of water
from the Bow River near Calgary to ir-
rigate lands to the east of that point.
There have also been some 30 private
ditches projected, a number of which
will probably be built next year.The results which have followed the ap-
plication of water, through the systems
constructed, have in almost every in-
stance been successful. In some in-
stances they have been beyond expecta-
tion, and there is now no reason to doubt
that through irrigation a large portion of
Alberta and Manitoba, within which it
has hitherto been impossible to grow
any crops dependent on the rainfall,
will be made productive and sub-
ject to extensive agricultural operations
and settlement.Yankees Extirpating Snails.
In his annual report on Keewatin,
Lieut.-Governor Schmitt calls attention to
the fact that for the few years con-
tinued, two American whale ships wintered
on Marble Island in Hudson's Bay.
During 1893-94, and no doubt pursued the
same destructive methods as in past
years, which caused the almost complete
extirpation of animal life in these waters;
and he repeats the warning that unless
some control is exercised over the pre-
vailing mode of killing seals and walrus
they will soon become utterly exterminated.
These foreign sealmen not only
capture and kill whales and seals in our
waters, but also obtain from the Indians
furs and other articles in exchange for
goods upon which duty is levied. A
great proportion of these goods are of
classes which are prohibited by our laws
from being introduced among the In-
dians.Attention is also called to the fact of
the American whaling fleet annually en-
tering the Arctic Ocean from Behring
Sea, and carrying on the same destructive
methods as the whaling fleet of the
travellers with the Eskimos. This has been
going on to a much increased extent
of late years, and the discovery of the im-
portant Arctic harbor on Herschel
Island, about 100 miles west of the
last mentioned whaling fleet, has in-
creased the number of these whaling ves-
sels passing the winter.The railway line in Manitoba,
the Northwest T.B.C. on June 30
was 3248.

TRADE IN CANADA.

A Fairly Satisfactory Volume of Business
and Bright Outlook.The Daily Bulletin (R. G. & Co.) says:
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