

A total population of 105,420 persons is represented by the 41,869 homestead entries. When it is considered that 27,251 of these entrants were heads of families coming from outside of Canada, and who had not received previous entry, it will be seen that approximately over 65,000 newly arrived immigrants actually settled on government free lands during the year.

And in this connection it must not be overlooked that vast land sales to settlers from abroad and from Eastern Canada have been made by railway companies having government land, and by the Hudson's Bay Company.

	Acres	Amount
Hudson's Bay Co.....	236,191	\$1,863,375
Canadian Pacific.....	1,012,322	6,015,060
Manitoba S. Western.....	83,418	360,889
Calgary & Edmonton.....	85,784	480,063
Canadian Northern.....	204,966	1,014,351
G. N. W. Central.....	20,003	137,503
Totals for 1906.....	1,642,684	\$9,871,241

Since the year 1893 the sales by such corporations have totalled (up to June 30, 1906) an acreage of 13,145,038 at a purchase value of \$51,910,295.

### CASUALTY CONVENTION.

Among the most interesting features of the convention being held this week at Frontenac, N.Y., by the International Association of Accident Underwriters, have been the committee reports dealing with such important matters as uniform policy phraseology, uniform classification of occupations, automobile hazards, and tabulation of statistics regarding health insurance. It will be remembered that Dr. R. S. Keelor, the chairman of the committee dealing with the last-mentioned subject, has at previous meetings brought very much to the fore the importance of more scientific treatment of health insurance data.

The addresses on the programme have been varied and given by exceptionally able men. They comprised the following:

- (1) Address of President, H. G. B. Alexander, Continental Casualty Co.
- (2) Standard Policies—Wm. Bro. Smith, Counsel, Travelers Insurance Company.
- (3) The Stir and Development in Casualty and Health Insurance—Max Cohen, Editor, Views.
- (4) Address—Hon. A. I. Vorys, Superintendent Insurance Department, State of Ohio.
- (5) To what extent is the age of the policyholder a factor in health and sickness insurance.—D. E. Stevens, President, Commonwealth Casualty Company.
- (6) The Adjuster's Tale of Woe.—Thomas P. Trevett, Adjuster, Commercial Travelers Mutual Accident Association.
- (7) Requisites and Qualifications for a Person as Accident Adjuster—H. W. Tillinghast, Superintendent Accident Department, Casualty Company of America.
- (8) Address—Hon. J. V. Barry, Commissioner, Insurance Department, State of Michigan.
- (9) The tendency to incorporate in Accident Contracts insurance which should be confined to contracts of Life and Sickness Insurance, and the expensive and unwise practice of frequent changes

in policy forms to meet competition, which might well be ignored.—Wm. Bro. Smith, Counsel, Travelers Insurance Company.

(10) What is a Legal Accident.—Chester N. Farr, jun, Counsel Commercial Mutual Accident Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

(11) Address.—F. J. Canty, Chief of Claim Department, London Guarantee & Accident Company, Ltd., U. S. Branch.

(12) Missouri Suicide Law.—Walter C. Faxon, Vice-President, Aetna Life Insurance Company.

### HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

The annual report of the Hudson's Bay Company submitted to the shareholders this week, shows that the profit of the trade for the year ending May 31, 1907, amounts to £197,688, and the balance of the land account for the year ending March 31, 1907, after setting aside £25,000 to credit of buildings account, is £258,879—together £456,567. To this is to be added £96,306, brought forward from last year, making a total of £552,874. Deducting £100,000 paid as interim dividend of £1 per share, in January last, there remains a sum of £452,874, available, out of which a dividend of £3 5s per share, free of income tax, was recommended. This makes a total dividend for the year of £4 5s per share. The committee also recommended that £10,000 be added to the Employees' Benefit Fund. After making this appropriation there will remain a balance of £117,874 to be carried forward.

The report regarding land sales forms an interesting supplement to the table published elsewhere in this issue regarding Western land sales as reported by the Dominion Government. Land sales by the company for the year ending March 31, comprise 140,089 acres for \$1,370,638, an average of \$9.78 per acre, compared with 226,197 acres for \$1,611,627, an average of \$7.12 per acre for the year preceding, with \$342,317 for the previous year. The total sales in the land department amount to £334,312, as compared with £401,095, and the receipts to £327,686 15s 8d, compared with £297,000 18s 7d last year.

On March 31, 1906, the unsold land in the possession of the company amounted to 2,703,446 acres, and as in the year to March, 1907, 140,089 acres were sold, and 655,106 acres of land accrued to the company, there is now in hand 3,218,463 acres, to which must be added 3,740 acres reverted to the company under cancelled sales. Installments on sales, not yet due, amount to \$4,781,932, as compared with \$4,536,450 on March 31, 1906.

### CANADIAN RAILWAY ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Company made an excellent change in locating in their present offices on Wellington street, opposite the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. The suite of offices occupied by the company is particularly well lighted, and fitted up in an up to date manner, with ample accommodation for a large staff.

Mr. John Emo, general manager, has returned from Winnipeg, where the usual half-yearly con-