

1900-01 .....	8,162
1901-02 .....	14,633
1902-03 .....	31,383

Total ..... 73,185

The totals are:—

Seven years Liberal rule .....	73,185
Seven years Conservative rule .....	23,029

Increase under Liberals ..... 50,156

Thus the increase alone under the Liberals is more than twice as large as the total entries under the Conservatives during the periods dealt with. The land sales by the Hudson Bay Company and the railway companies owning land in the West show a similar state of affairs. These sales total as follows:—

**UNDER LIBERALS.**

	Acres.
1897 to 1903, both inclusive .....	8,833,554
1893 to 1896, both inclusive, under Conservatives .....	411,608

Increase under Liberals... .. 8,421,946

No returns were made to the Government previous to 1893, so it is presumed there were no sales to report.

**CANADIANS NOW STAY IN CANADA.**

Energetic work on the part of the Immigration Department might of itself partially explain the big increase in the homestead entries and land sales. But it would not explain the extraordinary increase in the number of Canadians who have taken up homesteads in recent years. The improvements in the land laws and the efficiency shown in their administration alone explain the big movement of Canadians Westward. In the Conservative days the oppressive character of the land laws, and the maladministration there was in connection with them, kept the native Canadians away from the West. The young men who wanted to leave the East went to the United States instead of to our own West because they believed they had better chances there than in our own country, with its incapable Government. The amendment of the laws by the Liberals and the improvement in the administration synchronized with a big boom in homesteading by Canadians.

The following figures tell the tale:—

**Homestead Entries by Canadians.**

1896-97 .....	677
1897-98 .....	1,041
1898-99 .....	1,809
1899-1900 .....	2,647
1900-01 .....	2,351
1901-02 .....	4,080
1902-03 .....	6,536