

REVENUE FROM PUBLIC LANDS.

While the Dominion Lands Revenue statement is by no means a full measure of growth in immigration and land settlement, the observing of it year by year affords an interesting indication of general increase in these respects.

The table printed in this issue gives the total cash revenue of the Dominion Lands Department for the twenty years ending with the fiscal year 1906. In marked contrast to the receipts during the first ten years, was the sudden increase made—in the second year of the decade just closed—to a showing that has been more than maintained ever since. The total cash revenue from Dominion lands proper for the ten years 1887 to 1896 was \$2,343,835, an annual average of \$234,383. For the past ten years the corresponding revenue has been \$13,139,941, a yearly average of \$1,313,994. The gross revenue of the department from all sources, as shown in the accompanying statement, amounted to \$3,410,804 for the first ten years, and to \$16,325,320 for the past ten years. Last year alone, the gross cash revenue was \$3,526,123—an increase of nearly \$700,000 over the receipts of the previous twelve months. The largest item of increase for the year, as for the decade, was on account of Dominion lands proper, the year's total being \$1,701,580, as against \$1,314,485 for the preceding twelve months. When it is borne in mind that the bulk of this revenue is made up of homestead fees and mining, grazing, timber and hay dues, the enormous increases shown in the statement form the strongest possible proof of the

rapid and lasting progress being made by the Canadian West.

The Registration Fees received for entries of lands in the Northwest Provinces alone show the following marked increase since 1886:

	1886	1896	1906
Assiniboia (Regina).....	1,161	4,489	90,466
N. Alberta (Edmonton).....		2,713	35,574
S. Alberta (Calgary).....	254	2,097	35,210
E. Saskatchewan (P. Albert).....	212	728	14,377
W. Saskatchewan (Battleford).....	10	73	2,963
Total—Year.....	1,639	10,101	178,593

The total of Registration Fees received on account of the Northwest Provinces since the year 1879 has been \$724,151.

The total of Homestead entries reported up to June 30, 1899 was 87,863, an annual average of about 3,250. Since then, up to June 30, 1906, there were 152,984 entries—a yearly average of 25,497. During the last year covered by the table the number of entrants was 41,869 as against 30,819 in the preceding year. The nationality of the greater part of these new comers to the West is given in the following table:

From Ontario.....	7,584	Renewals.....	2,951
Quebec.....	792	United States.....	12,485
N. Scotia.....	348	English.....	5,897
N. Brunswick.....	245	Scotch.....	1,657
P. E. Island.....	176	Irish.....	543
Manitoba.....	1,531	French.....	317
N. W. Provinces.....	863	Belgians.....	159
B. Columbia.....	122	Germans.....	1,024
Canadians from U. S.....	703	Hungarians.....	2,193
		Russians.....	534
Total Canadians.....	12,364		

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Statement showing yearly the Gross Revenue (in cash only) received from all sources during the twenty years ending June 30th, 1906.

Fiscal Year.	Dominion Lands (Cash.)	School Lands.	Seed Grain.	Ordnance Lands.	Fines and Forfeitures.	Registration Fees.	Casual Revenue.	Total.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1886-1887.....	183,114 78	35,707 41		21,676 57	3,249 25	3,317 16	90 15	247,155 32
1887-1888.....	223 360 73	42,045 11		36,239 88	1,267 05	7,212 02	372 79	310,497 58
1888-1889.....	243,046 84	52,354 94	26,146 13	42,072 07	739 25	6,543 53	1,075 36	371,978 12
1889-1890.....	224,770 16	45,188 57	5,017 44	29,921 61	958 75	8,866 31	261 63	314,984 55
1890-1891.....	268,751 35	38,826 33	3,385 60	54,229 69	1,595 02	10,866 65	627 81	380,282 45
1891-1892.....	337,106 07	136,131 80	5,957 65	42,360 80	788 92	9,302 11	532 14	532,179 49
1892-1893.....	303,550 86	82,615 22	5,866 21	33,776 90	777 00	10,750 34	1,331 96	438,668 53
1893-1894.....	214,540 30	47,574 11	2,339 16	22,318 20	864 15	10,358 02	1,982 04	299,975 98
1894-1895.....	171,085 48	47,665 10	2,752 56	22,645 97	693 85	9,811 77	875 36	255,530 09
1895-1896.....	174,509 38	56,584 32	8,748 65	17,550 28	502 00	8,337 87	1,920 66	268,552 56
	2,343,835 95	584,692 91	62,212 80	322,791 97	11,435 24	85,765 90	9,069 90	3,419,804 67
1896-1897.....	187,424 19	24,292 43	9,887 13	9,831 27	1,316 00	8,997 24	2,683 05	244,431 31
1897-1898.....	980,313 10	52,410 82	12,351 71	22,537 17	529 06	14,263 50	260 92	1,082,666 28
1898-1899.....	1,563,020 74	41,249 77	12,388 69	12,349 65	2,801 03	19,220 73	2,620 91	1,653,651 52
1899-1900.....	1,410,883 48	220,874 78	15,271 84	11,043 53	1,452 92	21,751 90	3,664 00	1,684,942 45
1900-1901.....	1,533,197 07	48,049 83	15,711 63	14,604 47	1,977 96	33,979 77	1,587 57	1,649,108 30
1901-1902.....	1,254,333 56	193,410 75	20,293 06	16,967 36	1,955 61	50,854 99	3,900 62	1,541,715 95
1902-1903.....	1,716,597 20	392,206 93	28,789 97	17,612 79	5,220 88	81,404 18	2,230 26	2,244,062 21
1903-1904.....	1,478,106 33	333,769 62	26,122 30	30,494 34	5,911 92	109,233 73	3,402 94	1,887,041 18
1904-1905.....	1,314,485 40	332,914 48	16,471 34	10,346 90	10,018 49	123,082 86	4,258 14	1,811,577 61
1905-1906.....	1,701,580 71	608,960 79	12,577 29	10,893 17	3,304 77	180,310 73	8,496 09	2,526,123 55
	13,139,941 78	2,148,140 20	169,864 96	156,680 65	34,488 64	643,099 63	33,104 50	16,325,320 36
	15,483,777 73	2,732,833 11	232,077 76	479,472 62	45,923 88	728,865 53	42,174 40	19,745,125 03