

Dominion Lands.

Expenditure, 1903.....	\$186,355
" 1895.....	129,727

Increase, 1903..... \$ 56,628

Compared with the increase in the volume of the work devolving upon the Branch, and the extra revenue derived therefrom, the additional expenditure is very small, and the proportionate cost is less to-day than it ever was.

The revenue in 1895 was \$167,869, whereas last year it was \$1,695,591. In 1903 the homestead entries amounted to 31,383 as against only 3,030 in 1895.

A large number of extra clerks had to be employed to cope with the work, and over thirty sub-agencies were established for the convenience of settlers.

The expense for collecting the

Excise Duties

increased by about \$7,000, but the percentage cost decreased from 5% in 1895 to 3½% in 1903.

The expenditure for Weights and Measures, Gas and Electric Light inspection increased from \$98,173 in 1895 to \$121,575 in 1903. Increased business and particularly the extension of electric lighting systems is the cause of this, and the additional expense is more than justified by the additional revenue. The revenue in 1895 was \$56,866, and in 1903 \$113,300.

Dominion Police account for about \$6,000 additional, due to the appointment of more men.

Increase in business and in the number of Insurance Companies is the cause of an extra expense of \$4,930 for insurance superintendence. The fees obtained from this service practically recoup the country for the expenditure.

Under the head of *Miscellaneous*, the expenditure for the two years under consideration was:—

1903.....	\$528,231
1895.....	217,210

Increase 1903.....\$311,021