

The receipts since the last Annual Report are, to the nearest dollar, as follows :—

Homestead fees.....	\$20,740
Preemption fees.....	10,040
Cash on account of sales.....	49,751
Receipts from timber and mining.....	31,912
Registration fees.....	149
Scrip and bounty warrants received on account of sales..	32,770
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Total receipts.....	\$145,362

I regret to have to report that, even at this early date, at what is the mere initiation of a system of *time* sales of Railway lands, there is already experienced difficulty of obtaining punctual payment of instalments due.

The experience of the Department of the steady accumulation of arrears of payment, in the case of similar sales of Ordnance lands, would lead to the inference that, unless the extreme measure is resorted to of prompt cancellation of sale on default of payment of any instalment, this evil is likely to increase.

GRANT OF LANDS TO HALF-BREED CHILDREN.

In the year, the allotment of these lands for the following parishes was made, thus completing the allotment of the 1,400,000 acres granted by the Manitoba Act.

- St. Boniface.
- St. Norbert.
- St. Vital.
- St. François Xavier.
- Baie St. Paul.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence for the year embraces :

	Letters Received.	Letters Sent.
Dominion Lands.....	7,591	9,286
Ordnance Lands.....	631	654

LETTERS PATENT, LEASES, ASSIGNMENTS, &c.

Letters Patent and Leases issued, for Dominion Lands.....	1,084
“ “ “ Ordnance Lands.....	63
Assignments registered, Dominion Lands.....	324
“ “ “ Ordnance Lands.....	53
Timber Leases and Licenses, Dominion Lands.....	11
Timber and Mill returns checked.....	86
Scrip issues.....	380
Half-Breed allotment claims checked.....	2,731
Scrip claims examined.....	529
Claims under Manitoba Act examined.....	715
Survey returns examined.....	86
Plans drawn.....	162
Maps and pamphlets distributed	10,845

In this year three new Agencies were established in the North-West Territory, one at each of the following places :

Birtle, in charge of Mr. A. J. Belch, formerly Assistant Agent at Winnipeg.

The Junction of the Souris and Assiniboine Rivers, in charge of Mr. George Newcomb, formerly Agent at Emerson.