

SEVENTH REPORT

OF

HER MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED
TO CARRY OUT A SCHEME

OF

COLONISATION IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

OF

CROFTERS AND COTTARS FROM THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS
AND ISLANDS OF SCOTLAND.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

WE, the undersigned Commissioners appointed under Your Majesty's Sign Manual for the purpose of carrying out a scheme of colonisation in the Dominion of Canada, of crofters and cottars from the Western Highlands, and islands of Scotland, and from the congested districts of Ireland, desire humbly to submit to Your Majesty the following Report:—

Reports have been received from the agent of the Board in Canada, relating to the settlements at Killarney, in Manitoba, and at Saltcoats, in the North-West Territories of Canada, for the year 1895. The former was established in the summer of 1888, prior to the constitution of the Board, and the latter in the spring of 1889, most of the families also having been selected before the first meeting of the Board.

Statements are appended containing extracts from the agent's reports (Appendix A.) and statistics (Appendix B.) showing the position of the settlements in 1895, and giving the acreage under various crops, live stock on the farms, and other information.

Killarney Settlement.

There are 54 homesteads under cultivation in the Killarney Settlement, which numbers about 160 persons. The area under cultivation in 1895 was 2,304 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and the additional area broken and under summer fallow was 1,299 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, or a total of 3,604 acres, as compared with 3,520 acres in 1894. Dividing this area among the 30 families forming the settlement, the average is about 120 acres per family. It includes 1,130 acres under crop and in summer fallow, on the homesteads of 20 younger members of the various families, an average of about 56 acres each.

It will be seen that the yield of wheat in the settlement in 1895 was 49,112 bushels as compared with 21,797 in 1894. There were also 14,588 bushels of oats raised, and 4,226 bushels of potatoes, as compared with 4,263 bushels and 3,207 bushels in the previous year respectively. The agent reports the reasons which led to the area of land under wheat being rather smaller than in the previous year. However, owing to a favourable season, the total product of grain and potatoes was 67,926 bushels, as compared with 29,267 bushels last year. The value of the wheat raised was \$19,644, of oats \$2,188, and of potatoes \$845, as compared with \$8,718, \$639, and \$641, in 1894.