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-The activity in land matters around Edmonton is in no better way illustrated than by a glance at some recent figures published by the land office of that district. Last year there were no fewer than 20,873 letters received and 18,064 letters written, nearly every one of which, of course, would involve some degree of investigation, or making of some new record. The homestead entries numbered 3,099, compared with 2,093 in the previous year. The total quantity of land homesteaded was 493,849 acres, a fair-sized country in itself. Indeed, it is equal to slightly more than 774 square miles, to follow the boundaries of which would take a person one hundred and fifteen miles. That is to say, the sides of the parallelogram would be 36 miles long and the ends 211/2. There were 1,320 applications for timber berths, and 1,106 applications for patents to land already settled and proved on; besides which there were numerous miners' licenses issued. Truly, the development of the im-

mense area tributary to Edmonton as a distributing point, has been marvellous during the past two years.

-The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers Mutual Benefit Society was held in Toronto last week. The report showed that at the close of December 1905, there were 1,500 members in the society, representing insurance of \$1,875,000. During the year twenty-seven members died; \$30,000 was paid out in death benefits and 128 new members were enrolled. The total assets of the society, in cluding a reserve fund of \$45,000, are \$58,796.89, an increase for the year of \$6,578.16, with \$563.38 to the credit of the expense fund account. The following board of directors was elected:-President, Jos. Taylor; vice-president, H. Goodman; treasurer, E. Fielding; secretary, Miss E V.