

REAL ESTATE.

From E. C. Sessions & Co., real estate agents and auctioneers, we obtain the following record of transactions in Oakland from January 1, 1867, to July 1, 1875, amounting to \$21,204,381, as per the following schedule:

Total sales for 1867.....	\$ 1,685,237
Total sales for 1868.....	2,700,038
Total sales for 1869.....	2,518,315
Total sales for 1870.....	2,294,534
Total sales for 1871.....	2,074,163
Total sales for 1872.....	2,459,015
Total sales for 1873.....	2,439,595
Total sales for 1874.....	3,042,371
First six months of 1875.....	1,991,113
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	\$21,204,381

The above total represents the amount of all sales effected in Oakland from the time it commenced to assume importance and attract general attention throughout the State. During the past year and a half, ending July 1, 1875, sales have increased nearly fifty per cent., and have been mainly to parties intending to improve and occupy the property. These facts indicate that the business has been of healthy and legitimate growth. The year of 1874 was one of unexampled prosperity for Oakland; one thousand and sixty-three buildings were erected at a cost of \$2,422,000, and the indications are, that this number will be largely increased during the present year. Prices of land are still very low; choice property for residence purposes, centrally located, can be obtained within the limits of twenty to seventy-five dollars per front foot; outside lands at a proportionate figure.

The street railroads have developed and rendered valuable large tracts of land, and among the number special attention is directed to the Brooklyn and Fruit Vale Railroad, now in course of construction in East Oakland, and along the route of which are many beautiful building sites noted for their commanding views and healthful location.

The admirable ferry accommodations furnish rapid and frequent transit between Oakland and San Francisco, trains running on double tracks at half hourly intervals, connecting with large, commodious, and elegantly furnished steam ferry boats, carrying passengers on commutation tickets for three dollars per month, single fare fifteen cents. The average travel for 1874 was 9,000 daily.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The meteorological observations made in the City of Oakland up to the present year have been mainly confined to recording the rainfall, which has been as follows:

	INCHES
1868-9.....	20 69-100
1869-70.....	19 58-100
1870-1.....	12 16-100
1871-2.....	32 69-100
1872-3.....	16 42-100
1873-4.....	26 3-100
1874-5.....	21 67-100

For the years 1868 to 1872, the above figures were made by Mr. John Ross, and since the latter date by Mr. James Hutchison, of the Bay Nursery.