

It also shows in detail, the total amount paid for Bounties less the sums refunded since the passage of the first Bounty Act in 1864, which is.....	\$4,844,925 00
For salaries of Officers and other expenses.....	\$18,679 87
For monies refunded by Bounty and County Commissioners, and for claims paid in error.....	\$102,230 60
Total number of men paid Bounty.....	17,339
Total number of claims of owners paid..	3,583

There were on file in this office at the close of the Fiscal Year, bounty claims to the number of 6,485, exclusive of the claims paid, which, upon examination, are found to be as follows :

Claims undoubtedly good and entitled to bounty.....	1,880
“ for which no official rolls are returned.....	1,510
“ contested, (principally for heirs of dec'd soldiers)	530
“ certainly not good.....	662
“ of drafted men and others, who furnished substitutes, not credited to the call of December, 19th, 1864.....	1,903
Total.....	6,485

Probably out of the number without rolls, contested, &c., enough may be found entitled, to swell the aggregate of good claims to 2,500, and should the Courts decide that men who enlisted for one and two years are entitled under the Act of 1867, the number of good claims may reach 2,800, which, with those already paid, will make about two-fifths of the entire credits to the State during the war.

Quite a number of claims have been sent in since September 1, 1868, which, owing to the limit for making application, under Sec. 9, Chap. 235 of 1868, cannot be examined with the claims filed prior to that date for payment.

The impression seemed to prevail that under the Act of 1867, Chap. 372, all men who furnished substitutes, between April 1, and December 18, 1864, were entitled to bounty, but the Attorney General sustains me in the opinion, that unless they were credited to the call of the President for