

ACTION IN REGARD TO INDIAN LANDS.

Kansas or Kaw Indian lands in Kansas.—An act of Congress approved May 8, 1872, provides for the removal of the Kansas Indians and the appraisement and disposition of their lands in Kansas. These lands, embracing 137,808.13 acres of "trust lands" and 80,409.06 acres of the "diminished reserve," were appraised in accordance with the provisions of the act, and a sale of 2,443.94 acres of the "diminished reserve" was made. New legislation being deemed desirable, the same was recommended by the Department. The act of Congress approved June 23, 1874, provides that the settlers on the "trust lands" whose claims have heretofore been approved by the Secretary of the Interior shall pay for their lands, at the appraised value, in six equal annual installments, the first payable January 1, 1875, the remaining installments bearing 6 per cent. interest. There are 235 of these settlers, who are entitled to purchase on these terms a total number of 29,190.87 acres. The remainder of the "trust lands" and the "diminished reserve" are, for a period of one year from the date of the act last referred to, namely, until June 23, 1875, subject to entry by actual settlers, at their appraised value, payment to be made, one-fourth at the time the entry is made, and the remainder in three equal annual payments, bearing 6 per cent. interest. All the lands not sold before June 23, 1875, in this manner, may be sold in amounts not to exceed 160 acres to any one person, at the appraised price, such purchaser to make payment, one-fourth at the time of the purchase and the remainder in three equal annual installments, bearing interest at 6 per cent. When there is timber on the land, a bond will be required to provide against waste. In compliance with the law, the lands are being sold by the register and receiver of the land-office at Topeka, Kans., acting under instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land-Office.

Miami Indian lands in Kansas.—An act of Congress approved March 3, 1873, entitled "An act to abolish the tribal relations of the Miami Indians, and for other purposes," provides for the appraisement and sale, with the consent of the Indians, of the unallotted portion (including the school section) of the lands reserved for their future homes by the first article of the treaty of June 5, 1854. All these lands not occupied by actual settlers at the date of the approval of the act, (2,493.20 acres,) including the improvements thereon, were to be sold to the highest bidder for cash, either at public sale or on sealed bids, for not less than the appraised value. In accordance with this provision of the law, the unoccupied lands were duly advertised for sale on sealed bids, the bids to be opened on the 20th day of February, 1874. At this sale awards were made of 165.28 acres for the sum of \$1,703.56 for the land and \$120 for improvements, and payment has been made for the same.