

## EVENTS OF THE YEAR

The first session of the tenth Parliament of Canada opened on the 11th day of January, 1905, and closed by prorogation on the 20th day of July. In this session forty-nine general public acts and one hundred and seventy-six local and private acts were passed. The public acts include an act respecting the Census and Statistics, acts to establish the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and provide for their government, an act for the regulation of wireless telegraphy, an act for the inspection and sale of seeds, and acts respecting the salaries of certain functionaries and judges, allowances to members of the Senate and the House of Commons, and annuities to certain Privy Councillors.

The Census and Statistics Act makes provision for organizing a permanent office under the Minister of Agriculture to take a general census of the Dominion in the first year of each decade, and a census of population and agriculture in the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the middle year of each decade, commencing with 1906. The office is authorized under the direction of the Minister and subject to approval by the Governor in Council to collect, abstract and tabulate agricultural, commercial, criminal, educational, manufacturing, vital and other statistics and information from time to time in the intercensal years of each decade, which the Minister may publish in such form and manner as the Governor in Council may provide. The Minister may direct the office to abstract and tabulate in concise form such information on subjects susceptible of being represented by figures as is contained in departmental or other public reports and documents, of which the Year Book is an example; and the Governor in Council may authorize the Minister to cause special statistical investigations to be made by the office in the manner and by the means prescribed in such authorization. The office is also required to abstract and tabulate all records of crime in the Dominion collected by the Minister as provided in the act, in order that the results may be printed and published in an annual report to Parliament.