

Doukobors. were endeavoring to procure passages to England en route for Canada, and he thinks it is doubtful if any Doukobors now residing in Canada are likely to avail themselves of this tardy token on the part of the Russian government to befriend them. The fact that earlier in the year the Russian ambassador at London had reported in a note to the Marquis of Lansdowne that passports had been granted to 85 Doukobors who intended emigrating to Canada, now that the order for their detention in the province of Yakoutsk had been cancelled, does not indicate that the people of this sect have any desire to remain in Russia when they are given freedom to leave it, much less to return to it from a country where they may acquire good homes and all the liberties of citizenship.

Secretary of State's report. The report of the Secretary of State shows that in the calendar year 293 companies were granted incorporation with an authorized capital of \$99,910,900. For the preceding year the number was 206 and the authorized capital \$80,597,752. Existing companies were also authorized to increase their capital last year by \$9,685,000, making a total authorized capital of \$109,595,900. The authorized capital of new companies organized in the six years 1900-1905 was \$332,318,294, and existing companies were allowed to increase their capital by \$30,731,520. Companies organized and naturalizations effected. The revenue of the Department during the year, which is derived mainly from fees upon charters, was \$76,512, or \$20,605 more than in the previous year. Ten years ago the cost of maintenance of the Department was \$42,000 more than the revenue, and last year the revenue was \$19,000 more than the cost of maintenance. Returns are now made half yearly to the Secretary of State of the number of naturalizations effected in the Dominion under the act of 1902, and large increases are shown for each year. This is noticeably the case as regards former citizens of the United States, of whom 6,074 were naturalized last year.

Canada's foreign trade. Canada's foreign trade came very close to the half billion mark in the calendar year 1905, being in value \$495,010,028. This is \$130,295,385 more than in the calendar year 1900, or an increase of 36 per cent. The following table shows the imports and exports of each year by classes and the increase in each class, together with the duty collected on imports :