

E. S. Macphail, of the Census and Statistics Office, were appointed commissioners to take the census under instructions and with the aid of schedules approved by the Minister of Agriculture and assented to by the Governor in Council. As the result of the census, the total population of the three provinces was ascertained to be 808,863 as compared with 419,512 at the general census of 1901. In the schedules for agriculture provision was made for records of acreage and yield of crops for the year 1905 and for records of acreage for the year 1906. Estimates of the yield of crops in 1906 were made subsequently from the returns of correspondents selected from farmers throughout the three provinces. The detailed results of the census are in course of preparation by the Census and Statistics Office, and tables compiled therefrom are included in the present edition of the Year Book.

The foreign trade of the Dominion, exclusive of coin and bullion, of goods not the produce of Canada and exports estimated short, has grown from \$336,017,668 in the last fiscal year of the nineteenth century to \$518,766,160 in the sixth year of the twentieth. It was \$122,983,266 in 1870 and \$162,374,956 in 1876. Thirty years ago, at the end of a period of six years Canada's foreign trade showed a gain of \$39,391,690 and at the end of the last period of six years it shows a gain of \$182,748,492.

Chartered banks, which in 1870 had assets of \$103,197,103 and in 1876 of \$183,499,801, had assets of \$459,715,065 in 1900 and of \$878,512,076 in 1906, being a gain in the former period of \$80,302,698 and in the latter of \$418,797,011. In 1870 the total cash on deposit in the banks was \$18,763,205 and \$72,852,686 in 1876; and after thirty years the amount was \$305,140,242 in 1900 and \$605,68,513 in 1906. In the first period of six years the gain was \$24,089,481 and in the last it was \$300,828,271. The monthly average reserve fund held by the banks was \$32,372,394 at the end of 1900 and \$64,002,266 at the end of 1906, and in the same period their paid-up capital was increased by \$25,881,010. The clearing house statements, which are a certain measure of the volume of the country's business, show an expansion of \$2,361,140,851 in the six years of this century, the amount being \$1,589,560,411 in 1900 and \$3,950,701,262 in 1906. There was at the credit of depositors in Post Office and Dominion Government savings