

## ADMINISTRATION.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

**Charters of Incorporation.**—The number of companies incorporated under The Companies Act during the fiscal year 1915-16 was 534, with a total capitalization of \$157,342,800, and the number of existing companies to which supplementary letters patent were issued was 71, of which 28 increased their capital stock by \$68,996,000 and 11 decreased their capital stock by \$4,811,700. The remaining 32 were granted supplementary letters patent for various objects, such as changing names, extending powers, etc., making a total of 605 charters and supplementary charters issued during the year; this is an increase of 59 as compared with the previous year. The total capitalization of new companies and the increased capital of existing companies amounted to \$221,527,100.

**Canada Temperance Act.**—The Act prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors in the places that have adopted it, and is administered by the Department of the Secretary of State. According to the Report for the year ended March 31, 1915, of the Secretary of State, the Act was in force on April 1, 1915, in the following counties and cities:—Ontario: Counties of Peel and Huron and district of Manitoulin; Quebec: City of Thetford Mines; Nova Scotia: Counties of Annapolis, Digby, Guysborough, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth; New Brunswick: Counties of Albert, Carleton, Charlotte, Kings, Northumberland, Queens, Sunbury, Westmoreland and York, and City of Fredericton; Manitoba: Lisgar and Marquette.

**Naturalizations.**—The naturalizations effected under the Naturalization Act (R. S. 1906, c. 77), for the 12 months ended June 30, 1915, numbered 25,067. Of these 6,739 were formerly citizens of the United States. Table 8 shows by principal nationalities the number of naturalizations effected in Canada during the years 1907 to 1915 under the Act. The number of naturalizations for the years 1907 to 1915 was 207,757, which with 70,690 previously recorded makes a total of 278,447. (See also page 681.)

8.—Number of Naturalizations in Canada by Principal Nationalities during the Calendar years 1907-1914.

Nationalities.	1907 <sup>1</sup> .	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	Total 1907-14.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Austrians.....	1,915	3,982	1,588	1,902	3,833	2,030	2,766	7,128	25,144
Belgians.....	129	318	205	191	350	152	288	380	2,013
Chinese.....	283	355	241	78	180	136	173	69	1,515
Danes.....	124	146	154	92	169	158	201	290	1,334
Dutch.....	34	78	65	85	136	81	178	219	876
Finnns.....	122	328	231	328	534	1,259	884	835	4,521
French.....	256	652	344	397	534	346	359	588	3,476
Galicians.....	807	1,083	512	686	818	295	406	1,024	5,631
Germans.....	319	585	293	333	484	344	539	1,070	3,967
Greeks.....	60	83	96	63	268	205	233	224	1,232
Hungarians.....	279	580	164	254	395	217	214	392	2,495

<sup>1</sup>For eighteen months.