

Its duties are "to collect, abstract, compile and publish statistical information relative to the commercial, industrial, social, economic and general activities and condition of the people," also to collaborate with all other departments of the Government "in the compilation and publication of statistical records of administration." The taking of the census is under its jurisdiction, and finally the Act provides for provincial co-operation—which on account of the extent of provincial jurisdiction is no less essential to statistical organization than is co-operation between Dominion Departments—by a clause enabling the Bureau to enter into arrangements for the collection and supplying of statistical data through Provincial Departments or officers, which, when executing any duty in this connection are to be considered as officers under the Statistics Act.

By an Order in Council passed October 12, 1918, the general policy guiding the activities of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and its sphere of action were more precisely defined. All purely statistical investigations relative to the commercial, industrial, social, economic and general activities of the people were to be carried out in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. As regards records of a statistical character in any Department or Branch of the government, the Dominion Statistician was instructed to confer with the head of such Department or Branch "with a view to arranging that such records be collected and compiled in so far as possible in conformity with the methods and organization established in the Bureau, the object of such arrangement being the prevention of overlapping, the increase of comparability, and the utilization of departmental organizations in the best way for statistical purposes." The Dominion Statistician was also instructed to report at as early a date as practicable upon the statistical work of each Department or Branch of the public service. In order further to promote efficiency and economy it was ordered that all statistical compilations for the Government should be carried out in so far as practicable by the mechanical appliances installed in the Bureau of Statistics.

At the close of its initial year on March 31, 1919, the Bureau was organized in eleven main Branches as follows: I, Administration; II, Population and the Census; III, Agriculture; IV, Industrial Census, comprising fisheries, furs, forestry, dairy factories, mines, central power stations, general manufactures and construction; V, External Trade (Exports and Imports); VI, Transportation; VII, Internal Trade, including prices, etc; VIII, Finance, including public and private finance, wealth, debt and taxation; IX, Administration of Justice; X, Education; and XI, General Statistics and the Canada Year Book. The scope of these various branches will be better understood by reference to the diagram showing the organization of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics appearing on page 61.

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

The spheres of activity of the various Branches of the Bureau are described in detail in the first Annual Report of the Dominion Statistician for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1919, to which the interested reader is referred for further information.