

## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

**Charters of Incorporation.**—The number of companies incorporated under the Companies Act and amending Acts during the fiscal years 1919–20, was 991 (as against 512 in the previous year), with a total capitalization of \$603,210,850 (as against \$214,326,000 in the previous year), and the number of existing companies to which Supplementary Letters Patent were issued was 165, of which 88 increased their capital stock by \$85,187,750 and 10 decreased their capital stock by \$19,530,000, the remaining 67 being granted supplementary letters patent for various purposes, such as changing names, extending powers, etc. The number of companies incorporated during the year was the maximum for any year in the history of the Department.

**Canada Temperance Act.**—This Act prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors in places that have adopted it and is administered by the Department of the Secretary of State. During the calendar year 1920, the operation of the Act was suspended by Order in Council in the counties of Yarmouth, N.S., and Perth, Huron and Peel, Ontario. Under the Statute the suspension continues as long as the Provincial liquor law is as restrictive as the Canada Temperance Act.

The year was marked by operations of more than usual significance under the Canada Temperance Amendment Act, 1919, which provided for the taking of plebiscites in the provinces upon the question of the importation of intoxicating liquor. An account of these operations is given in Part XIII of this volume.

**Naturalizations.**—The naturalizations effected under the Naturalization Act (R.S. 1906, c. 77) for the calendar years 1908–1917 inclusive, were given on page 594 of the Year Book for 1919. Since January 1, 1918, the only method of obtaining naturalization has been under what is known as the "Imperial" Naturalization Act, which came into force on January 1, 1915. This Act was known under the title of the Naturalization Act, 1914, until July 7, 1919, when it was repealed and the Naturalization Act, 1919, came into force. On July 1, 1920, the Naturalization Act, 1919, was repealed, and the Naturalization Act, 1914, was revived and amended under the title of the Naturalization Acts, 1914 and 1920. This latter Act is the one now in force. Table 10 shows the principal nationalities granted naturalization under these Acts during the calendar years, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920. It is a noteworthy fact that the number of certificates issued under the above Acts increased from 124 in the year 1915 to 8,773 in 1920.