

9.—Receipts of Patents and Homestead Entries in the Fiscal Years 1916-1921.

Sources of Receipts.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Homestead fees.....	170,350	112,110	83,180	42,190	67,460	53,880
Cash sales.....	1,073,970	2,707,204	3,046,092	2,192,861	2,799,605	1,721,172
Scrip sales.....	-	333	131	323	80	-
Timber dues.....	378,961	429,403	482,006	408,728	589,780	705,314
Hay permits, mining, stone quarries, etc., cash.....	493,281	600,934	630,473	630,976	896,414	1,234,558
All other receipts.....	327,078	340,254	315,928	341,204	385,582	371,152
Gross revenue.....	2,443,640	4,190,238	4,557,810	3,616,282	4,738,821	4,086,076
Refunds.....	143,943	134,243	113,680	76,031	116,249	130,751
Net revenue.....	2,299,697	4,055,995	4,444,130	3,540,251	4,622,672	3,955,325
Total revenue, 1872 to date.....	50,778,457	54,834,452	59,278,582	62,819,848	67,442,520	71,397,845
Letters patent for Dominion lands..... No.	18,989	18,774	23,227	16,810	17,732	17,947
Homestead entries..... "	17,030	11,199	8,319	4,227	6,732	5,389

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

The Department of the Secretary of State was constituted in its present form in 1873 through the merging of the previously-existing offices of the Secretaries of State for Canada and for the Provinces. The Secretary of State is the official mouthpiece of the Governor General, as well as the medium of communication between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, all correspondence between the two being conducted by him with the Lieutenant-Governor. He is also the custodian of the Great Seal of Canada and the Privy Seal as well as the channel by which the general public may approach the Crown.

The Secretary of State is also the Registrar General, registering all proclamations, commissions, charters, land patents and other instruments issued under the Great Seal. He is further charged with the administration of the Companies Act, the Canada Temperance Act and the Naturalization Act. The following information on these subjects has been secured in the course of administration.

Charters of Incorporation.—The number of companies incorporated under the Companies Act and amending Acts during the fiscal year 1920-21 was 852 (as against 991 in the previous year), with a total capitalization of \$752,062,683 (as against \$603,210,850 in the previous year). During the year Supplementary Letters Patent were granted to 229 companies, of which 135 increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$79,803,000, 17 decreased their capital stock by \$7,698,300, the remaining 77 being granted Supplementary Letters Patent for various purposes such as changing names, extending powers, etc. The total capitalization of new companies plus the net increase of capital of existing companies amounted to \$824,167,383.

Canada Temperance Act.—Under Parts I and II of this Act provision is made for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors in counties and cities. During the calendar year 1921 a vote was taken upon the repeal of the Act in the city of Quebec. The repeal was carried by a large majority and became effective from the 22nd October, 1921. The Act was suspended by Order in Council without