

2.—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 them being conducted by him with the Lieutenant-Governors. 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, the Naturalization Act, the Board of Trade and Trade Unions Acts, the Ticket of Leave 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 1926-27 was 836, with a total capitalization of \$692,540,900. Supplementary letters patent were granted to 212 companies during the year, 70 of which increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$33,524,000; 40 decreased their capital stock by \$16,905,045; the remaining 102 were granted supplementary letters patent for various purposes, such as changing names, extending powers, etc. The total capitalization of new companies plus the increase of capital of existing companies amounted to \$726,064,900.

In Table 20 will be found the number and capitalization of companies incorporated during the years 1900-1927.

20.—Number and Capitalization of Companies Incorporated under the Companies Act and amending Acts during the calendar years 1900-1927, and for the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1908-1927.

Years.	New Companies.		Old Companies.		Gross Increase in Capitalization.	Old Companies.		Net Increase of Capitalization.
	Number.	Capitalization.	Number.	Increase in Capital.		Number.	Decrease in Capital.	
1900.....	53	\$ 9,558,900	-	\$ 3,351,000	\$ 12,909,900	-	-	\$ 12,909,900
1901.....	55	7,662,552	-	3,420,000	11,082,552	-	-	11,082,552
1902.....	126	51,182,350	-	5,055,000	56,237,350	-	-	56,237,350
1903.....	187	83,406,340	-	5,854,520	89,259,340	-	-	89,259,340
1904.....	206	80,597,752	-	3,366,000	83,963,752	-	-	83,963,752
1905.....	293	99,910,900	-	9,685,000	109,595,900	-	-	109,595,900
1906.....	374	180,173,075	-	32,403,000	212,576,075	-	-	212,576,075
1907.....	378	132,686,300	-	19,091,900	151,778,200	-	-	151,778,200
1908 (3 mos.)	64	13,299,000	-	885,000	14,184,000	-	-	14,184,000
1909.....	366	121,624,875	-	72,293,000	193,917,875	-	-	193,917,875
1910.....	420	301,798,300	44	46,589,500	348,377,800	4	670,600	347,707,200
1911.....	454	458,415,800	45	24,715,600	483,131,400	4	10,650,000	472,481,400
1912.....	575	447,626,999	44	42,939,000	490,565,999	7	47,880,800	442,685,199
1913.....	835	625,212,300	64	55,549,900	680,762,200	5	11,861,381	669,100,819
1914.....	647	361,708,567	61	63,589,003	425,307,570	3	3,290,000	422,017,570
1915.....	461	208,283,633	34	26,650,000	234,933,633	4	6,340,000	228,093,633
1916.....	534	157,342,800	28	68,996,000	226,338,800	11	4,811,700	221,527,100
1917.....	606	207,987,810	36	26,540,000	234,507,810	3	5,050,000	229,457,810
1918.....	574	335,982,400	41	69,321,400	405,303,800	4	1,884,300	403,419,500
1919.....	512	214,826,000	69	67,583,625	281,509,625	11	2,115,985	279,793,640
1920.....	991	603,210,850	88	85,187,750	688,398,600	10	19,530,000	668,868,600
1921.....	852	752,062,683	135	79,803,000	831,865,683	17	7,668,300	824,167,383
1922.....	875	351,555,909	43	18,275,000	369,830,909	13	5,121,450	364,709,459
1923.....	752	314,603,050	45	46,108,500	360,711,550	30	10,751,123	349,960,427
1924.....	694	204,646,283	58	15,352,755	219,999,038	27	57,944,410	262,064,628
1925.....	663	231,044,800	47	15,549,573	246,594,373	28	43,863,633	202,730,740
1926.....	801	353,342,800	48	33,303,500	386,046,300	47	43,797,780	342,848,520
1927.....	836	692,540,900	70	33,524,000	726,064,900	40	16,905,045	709,159,855