

forward, and the agreement provides for the establishment of 100 families a year until the quota is completed.

The Land Settlement Branch placed 2,616 British married farm workers, single farm workers and young men trained in various training centres. Other British migrants, to the number of 5,460, brought out by various organizations were received for after-care. The Branch was also called upon to place newcomers to the number of 7,346 in farm work. These included single men, domestics and families of various nationalities. It was also called upon to investigate 1,335 cases for the admission of aliens, 1,344 for nominated household workers and 2,971 for nominated agricultural workers.

Section 7.—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 Governments 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 1927-28 was 1,102, with a total capitalization of \$538,595,570. Supplementary letters patent were granted to 261 companies during the year, 82 of which increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$179,167,100; 31 decreased their capital stock by \$37,123,580; the remaining 148 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 \$717,762,670.

In Table 20 will be found the number and capitalization of companies incorporated during the years 1900-1928.