

loans in full and seven have made arrangements to assume their obligations by tripartite agreement or assignment. A total of 910 families have withdrawn from settlement. Of the 3,346 families who came forward 3,156 are still in Canada; 2,619 are engaged in agriculture under the Board or privately and 537 have taken up other lines of work.

Under the New Brunswick Family Scheme for the settlement of 500 British families, 294 came forward to the end of 1930. Twenty families have withdrawn from settlement.

In connection with the unemployment situation the Board launched late in September a special drive to find placements on farms for farm labourers and by the end of the year 1,595 men had been placed. Total placements and re-placements of single and married farm workers during the calendar year were 4,950. Since this work was started the Board has made 55,312 placements, including domestics. By arrangement with the Department of Pensions and National Health the field staff of the Board were utilized to carry out investigations in rural districts of applications for allowances under the War Veterans' Allowance Act. The total number of investigations completed was 1,742. Field advisory service and aftercare were given to 4,190 prospective settlers and farm workers.

Section 7.—Department of the Secretary of State.¹

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 Government 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, licences, warrants, writs, and other instruments issued under the Great Seal and the Privy Seal. He is further charged with the administration of The Companies Act, the Canada Temperance Act, the Naturalization Act, the Boards of Trade Act, the Trade Unions Act, 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 1929-30 was 1,280 with a total capitalization of \$1,346,138,367. Supplementary letters patent were granted during the year to 328 companies, 127 of which increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$293,496,800; 35 decreased their capital stock by \$46,955,000; the remaining 166 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 \$1,639,635,167.

In Table 19 will be found the number and capitalization of companies incorporated during the years 1900-1930.

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