

Under the three thousand family scheme, 3,346 families came forward from Great Britain and Northern Ireland for settlement, of which 170 withdrew from the scheme before receiving advances and 1,075 withdrew after contracting loans, a total of 1,245 withdrawals. There are now 2,070 families operating farms under this scheme; 13 families have repaid their loans; 18 families have not yet received a loan.

Under the New Brunswick five hundred British family scheme, 359 families have been settled during the past four years.

In the autumn of 1930 a policy of colonization within Canada was instituted and extended in the spring of 1931 by way of co-ordinated effort with the colonization departments of the railways and later through co-operation with provincial colonization departments. Since October, 1930, the Land Settlement Branch has placed 5,676 single men in farm work and settled 978 families on vacant soldier settlement farms, exclusive of those placed by the railways, bringing the grand total to 12,990 single men and 6,343 families.

Since 1930, the field staff of the organization has been utilized to carry out, in rural districts, investigations of applications for allowances under the War Veterans' Allowance Act of 1930. The Department had made 4,171 investigations up to Dec. 31, 1931. Investigations also have been conducted in connection with special pension cases and pension applications.

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 1930-31 was 898 with a total capitalization of \$562,613,797. Supplementary letters patent were granted during the year to 301 companies, 114 of which increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$153,524,400; 39 decreased their capital stock by \$50,604,545; 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 \$716,138,197.

In Table 17 will be found the number and capitalization of companies incorporated during the years 1900-31.

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