

17.—Number and Capitalization of Companies Incorporated under the Companies Act and Amending Acts during the calendar years 1900-07, and the fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1908-31.

| Year. | 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 | 51,182,850 | - | 5,055,000 | 56,237,850 | - | - | 56,237,850 |
| 1903..... | 187 | 83,405,340 | - | 5,854,520 | 89,259,860 | - | - | 89,259,860 |
| 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 | 132,686,306 | - | 19,091,900 | 151,778,206 | - | - | 151,778,206 |
| 1908 (3 mos.) | 64 | 13,239,000 | - | 865,000 | 14,104,000 | - | - | 14,104,000 |
| 1909..... | 366 | 121,624,875 | - | 72,293,000 | 193,917,875 | - | - | 193,917,875 |
| 1910..... | 420 | 301,728,300 | 44 | 46,589,500 | 348,317,800 | 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 | 17,880,800 | 472,685,199 |
| 1913..... | 335 | 625,212,300 | 54 | 55,549,900 | 680,762,200 | 5 | 11,861,381 | 668,900,819 |
| 1914..... | 647 | 361,708,567 | 61 | 63,599,003 | 425,307,570 | 3 | 3,290,000 | 422,017,570 |
| 1915..... | 461 | 208,283,633 | 34 | 26,650,000 | 234,933,633 | 4 | 6,840,000 | 228,093,633 |
| 1916..... | 534 | 157,342,800 | 28 | 68,995,000 | 226,337,800 | 11 | 4,811,700 | 221,527,100 |
| 1917..... | 606 | 207,967,810 | 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 | 214,326,000 | 69 | 67,583,625 | 281,909,625 | 11 | 2,115,985 | 279,793,640 |
| 1920..... | 991 | 808,210,850 | 88 | 85,187,750 | 893,398,600 | 10 | 19,530,000 | 873,868,600 |
| 1921..... | 852 | 752,062,683 | 135 | 79,303,000 | 831,365,683 | 17 | 7,698,300 | 823,667,383 |
| 1922..... | 875 | 351,555,900 | 43 | 18,275,000 | 369,830,900 | 13 | 5,121,450 | 364,709,450 |
| 1923..... | 752 | 314,603,050 | 45 | 46,108,500 | 360,711,550 | 30 | 10,751,123 | 349,960,427 |
| 1924..... | 604 | 204,646,283 | 58 | 15,352,755 | 219,999,038 | 27 | 57,944,410 | 162,054,628 |
| 1925..... | 663 | 311,044,800 | 47 | 15,549,573 | 326,594,373 | 28 | 43,863,633 | 282,730,740 |
| 1926..... | 801 | 353,342,800 | 48 | 33,308,500 | 386,651,300 | 47 | 43,797,780 | 342,853,520 |
| 1927..... | 836 | 692,540,900 | 70 | 33,524,000 | 726,064,900 | 40 | 16,905,045 | 709,159,855 |
| 1928..... | 1,102 | 533,595,570 | 82 | 179,167,100 | 712,762,670 | 31 | 37,123,580 | 675,639,090 |
| 1929..... | 1,202 | 1,406,006,340 | 128 | 412,396,320 | 1,818,402,660 | 40 | 49,005,533 | 1,770,397,127 |
| 1930..... | 1,250 | 1,346,138,367 | 127 | 293,496,800 | 1,639,635,167 | 35 | 46,955,000 | 1,592,680,167 |
| 1931..... | 898 | 562,613,797 | 75 | 153,524,400 | 716,138,197 | 39 | 50,604,556 | 665,533,642 |

Naturalizations.—The naturalizations effected under the Naturalization Act (R.S.C., 1906, c. 77) for the calendar years 1908-1917 inclusive, were given on p. 594 of the Year Book for 1919. Since Jan. 1, 1918, the only method of obtaining naturalization has been under what is known as the "Imperial" Naturalization Act, which came into force on Jan. 1, 1915. This Act was known under the title of the Naturalization Act, 1914, until July 7, 1919, when it was repealed and the Naturalization Act, 1919, came into force. On July 1, 1920, the Naturalization Act, 1919, was repealed, and the Naturalization Act, 1914, was revived and amended under the title of the Naturalization Acts, 1914 and 1920. By an amendment passed by Parliament in 1923, the restriction by which persons of alien enemy birth were ineligible to receive certificates of naturalization for a period of 10 years after the termination of the War was removed, and at the present time any alien may apply for naturalization, regardless of his nationality. All these Acts have been consolidated in R.S.C., 1927, c. 138. Since Jan. 15, 1932, women British subjects on marrying aliens may by declaration retain their British nationality, and the wives of aliens no longer become British subjects through their husbands' naturalization. They must apply thereafter to the Secretary of State.

Table 18 shows the number of naturalization certificates issued to single persons or heads of families under these Acts during the calendar years from 1922 to 1930. The total number of persons naturalized during the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1931, was 21,392, including the wives and minor children of those to whom naturalization certificates were issued.