

As a result of the Back-to-the-Land Movement inaugurated by the Minister in 1930, the Soldier Settlement of Canada has, since October of that year, placed 9,514 single men in farm work and settled 1,279 families on vacant soldier settlement farms, exclusive of those placed by the railways, bringing the total by railways and Department in co-operation up to 22,803 single men and 10,486 families. Under the Relief Land Settlement Plan instituted by the Dominion Government in 1932, 1,706 families have been settled on the land under Dominion-Provincial agreements. On the basis of five to a family a total of 84,763 individuals has been absorbed into agriculture.

The Soldier Settlement of Canada is equipped to deal with certain phases of the work of several other departments and is rendering assistance to the War Veterans' Allowance Committee and the Board of Pension Commissioners, and to the Department of the Interior. The work involved in this connection is with respect to applications for relief by unemployed pensioners, with respect to special pension cases, pension and war veterans' allowance applications arising in rural districts, together with reports on applications for patent. From Sept. 1, 1930, to Dec. 31, 1932, 12,605 investigations of the type referred to have been carried out.

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 Boards of Trade Act, the Companies Act, the Canada Temperance Act, the Copyright Act, the Naturalization Act, the Patent Act, the Trade Unions Act, the Ticket of Leave Act, the Unfair Competition 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 1931-32 was 760 with a total capitalization of \$294,770,312. Supplementary letters patent were granted during the year to 197 companies, 43 of which increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$27,981,750; 44 decreased their capital stock by \$52,773,617; the remaining 110 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 \$322,751,062.

In Table 14 will be found the number and capitalization of companies incorporated during the years 1900-32.

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