

Under the 3,000 British Family Scheme 3,346 families were accepted for settlement, of whom 1,503 families withdrew from the Scheme. Under the New Brunswick British Family Scheme 359 families were accepted for settlement and of these 103 withdrew.

Further Land Settlement activities of this Department included the Back-to-the-Land Movement inaugurated by the Minister in 1930 in co-operation with the railways, and the Relief Land Settlement Plan, which was inaugurated in 1932 by the Dominion Government in co-operation with the provinces and municipalities. Under the former plan a total of 15,589 families and 33,842 single men have been placed on the land.

The Relief Land Settlement plan was responsible for the placing of 3,948 families on the land up to the end of 1934. These families were selected from among unemployed who had previous farm experience and were in receipt of direct relief.

In connection with the investigations carried out by the field staff of the Soldier Settlement for the War Veterans' Allowance Committee, Board of Pension Commissioners, Department of Pensions and National Health, Department of the Interior and Department of Immigration and Colonization, a total of 22,170 cases have been dealt with from Jan. 1, 1932, to Dec. 31, 1934.

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 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, and with the collection and tabling of Parliamentary Returns. 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 1933-34 was 531 with a total capitalization of \$175,239,320. Supplementary letters patent were granted during the year to 185 companies, 38 of which increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$62,615,060; 61 decreased their capital stock by \$86,810,799; the remaining 86 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 \$237,854,380, partly offset by the above-mentioned decreases in capitalization totalling \$86,810,799.

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