

investigated settlement conditions in 1,393 cases for the Department of Immigration and Colonization in connection with the proposed admission of immigrants to Canada. The Back-to-the-Land movement instituted in 1930 had, as its basis, the active co-operation of the Land Settlement Branch of the Department, and the colonization departments of the C.P.R. and C.N.R. in the settlement of families on farms and the placement of single unemployed men in farm work. In the period Oct. 1, 1930, to Dec. 31, 1935, the three organizations jointly were instrumental in settling 18,496 families on farms and placing 40,957 single men in farm employment. This Department settled 2,936 families, mainly on vacant Soldier Settlement lands in the period and placed 17,168 single men in farm work.

The field staff of the Department have conducted 16,722 investigations in rural districts with respect to applications under the War Veterans' Allowance Act of 1930. In the past calendar year these investigations numbered 3,667. Since the inception of the work in 1931, 13,954 investigations have been made for the Department of Pensions and National Health and the Canadian Pension Commission with respect to applications for relief allowances and special investigations of pension cases in rural districts. In the calendar year 2,946 field investigations were made. The field staff were also called upon to make 1,385 land appraisals for the Canadian Farm Loan Board pending appointment of their own appraisal staff.

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. Statistics regarding patents and copyrights appear under Chapter XVII at pp. 627-630. The following information on other 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 ended Mar. 31, 1935, was 472 with a total capitalization of \$171,689,140. Supplementary letters patent were granted during the year to 176 companies, 47 of which increased their capital stock by the aggregate amount of \$35,416,353; 60 decreased their capital stock by \$73,634,742; the remaining 69 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 \$207,105,493, partly offset by the above-mentioned decreases in capitalization totalling \$73,634,742.

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