

play, and the value of such a statistic in administrative planning along national lines, involves, of course, an added function of the Bureau, *viz.*, its usefulness as a national laboratory for economic and social research. This is a development which, as yet, is in its infancy but the foundation of such a service, comparable with the increasing importance of Canada in the economic and political world, has already been laid.

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