

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 being 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, 1932, the Bankruptcy Act, and with the collection and tabling of parliamentary returns. Other Acts and Regulations administered by the Secretary of State as a result of the declaration of war are: the Patents, Designs, Copyright and Trade Marks Emergency Order, 1939; Regulations governing the maintenance of discipline among and treatment of prisoners of war, as well as certain sections of the Defence of Canada Regulations, and the consolidated Regulations respecting trading with the enemy, 1939. The Secretary of State deals with the organization and administration of internment operations, of refugee camps and of the Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property (see pp. 434-435 of the External Trade chapter of this volume). Statistics regarding patents and copyrights appear in Chapter XVII at pp. 557-560.

Charters of Incorporation.—Statistics of companies incorporated under the Companies Act are given in Table 9.

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9.—Numbers and Capitalizations of Companies Incorporated Under the Companies Act and Amending Acts, Fiscal Years 1926-41

NOTE.—Statistics for the years 1900-25 will be found at p. 1061 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year	New Companies		Old Companies with—				Gross Increase in Capitalization ¹	Net Increase in Capitalization ¹
			Increased Capitalization		Decreased Capitalization			
	No.	Capitalization ¹	No.	Amount ¹	No.	Amount ¹		
		\$		\$		\$	\$	
1926.....	801	353,342,800	48	33,303,500	47	43,797,780	386,646,300	342,848,520
1927.....	836	692,540,900	70	33,524,000	40	16,905,045	726,064,900	709,159,855
1928.....	1,102	538,595,570	82	179,167,100	31	37,123,580	717,762,670	680,639,090
1929.....	1,202	1,406,006,340	128	412,396,320	40	48,005,533	1,818,402,660	1,770,397,127
1930.....	1,280	1,346,138,367	127	293,496,800	35	46,955,000	1,639,635,167	1,592,680,167
1931.....	898	562,613,797	75	153,524,400	39	50,604,545	716,138,197	665,533,652
1932.....	760	294,770,312	43	27,981,750	44	52,773,618	322,752,062	269,978,444
1933.....	548	145,453,718	38	44,621,950	46	31,636,447	190,075,668	158,439,221
1934.....	531	175,239,320	38	62,615,060	61	86,810,799	237,854,380	151,043,581
1935.....	472	171,689,140	47	35,416,353	60	73,634,742	207,105,493	133,470,750
1936.....	371	141,237,550	41	54,073,000	76	79,640,610	195,310,550	115,669,940
1937.....	410	130,767,280	72	143,597,766	105	123,837,999	274,365,046	150,527,047
1938.....	358	104,401,299	47	22,571,383	60	33,229,414	126,972,682	93,743,267
1939.....	317	116,819,350	65	38,160,031	55	56,213,867	154,979,381	98,765,515
1940.....	296	53,497,600	49	18,222,400	27	14,204,053	71,720,000	57,515,947
1941.....	293	53,247,600	55	25,321,900	27	14,204,053	78,569,500	64,365,447

¹ Includes consideration of the amounts of capital received on the issue of shares without nominal or par value.