

The Secretary of State deals with the organization and administration of the Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property (see the External Trade chapter of this volume, p. 441). Statistics regarding patents and copyrights appear in Chapter XVII at pp. 545-548.

**Charters of Incorporation.**—Statistics of companies incorporated under the Companies Act are given in Table 6.

### 6.—Numbers and Capitalizations of Companies Incorporated Under the Companies Act and Amending Acts, Fiscal Years 1936-43

NOTE.—Statistics for the years 1900-25 will be found at p. 1061 of the 1938 Year Book and for 1926-35 at p. 934 of the 1942 edition.

Year	New Companies		Old Companies with—				Gross Increase in Capitalization <sup>1</sup>	Net Increase in Capitalization <sup>1</sup>
			Increased Capitalization		Decreased Capitalization			
	No.	Capitalization <sup>1</sup>	No.	Amount <sup>1</sup>	No.	Amount <sup>1</sup>		
		\$		\$		\$		\$
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	38,160,081	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
1942.....	211	50,606,141	40	15,760,300	39	54,964,907	66,366,441	11,401,534
1943.....	205	51,630,000	35	56,193,739	29	7,728,436	107,828,739	100,100,303

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

**Naturalizations.**—The naturalizations effected under the Naturalization Act (R.S.C., 1906, c. 77) for the calendar years 1908-17, inclusive, are given at p. 594 of the Year Book for 1919. Since Jan. 1, 1918, the only method of obtaining naturalization has been under what is known as the "Imperial" Naturalization Act, which came into force on Jan. 1, 1915. This Act was known under the title of the Naturalization Act, 1914, until July 7, 1919, when it was repealed and the Naturalization Act, 1919, came into force. On July 1, 1920, the Naturalization Act, 1919, was repealed, and the Naturalization Act, 1914, was revived and amended under the title of the Naturalization Acts, 1914 and 1920. By an amendment passed by Parliament in 1923, the restriction by which persons of alien enemy birth were ineligible to receive certificates of naturalization for a period of 10 years after the termination of the War was removed. All these Acts have been consolidated in R.S.C. 1927, c. 138. At the present time any alien, regardless of his nationality, may apply for naturalization, but, according to Sect. 4, Part II of the Act, the granting of a certificate of naturalization to the applicant is left entirely to the discretion of the Minister, who may, without assigning any reason, give or withhold the certificate as he thinks most conducive to the public good. Since Jan. 15, 1932, female British subjects, marrying aliens, retain British nationality, unless they, by marriage, acquire their husbands' nationalities, and the wives of aliens no longer become British subjects automatically through their husbands' naturalization. They must apply to the Secretary of State.

By Order in Council under the War Measures Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 206) dated July 9, 1942, (5842) as amended by Order in Council dated Sept. 23, 1942 (P.C. 8499), effective Jan. 1, 1943, all aliens who are required to apply for naturalization