

statistics, and (2) a policy of statistical co-ordination for the Dominion, under central direction. In 1915, following the recommendations in this Report, the office of Dominion Statistician was created but it was not until 1918 that the recommendations of the Commission were embodied in legislation.

The chief aims of the Bureau of Statistics are:—

- (1) To furnish factual data for administration and government.
- (2) To assist in developing Canada as a well-informed nation by standing ready to help business men and individuals to plan their enterprises and their lives.

It is in regard to the second of these aims that this review is concerned.

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