

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics was set up by statute in 1918 as a central statistical department for Canada (8-9 Geo. V, c. 43). In 1948 this statute, which had been consolidated as the Statistics Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 190), was repealed and replaced by the Statistics Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 257), subsequently amended in March 1953 (1-2 Elizabeth II, c. 18).

The chief aims of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are: (1) to furnish statistical data bearing on Canada, for government and administration, whether municipal, provincial, national or international; and (2) to assist in meeting the needs of non-governmental users of statistics, arising from a growing awareness of the value of statistics to business efficiency and social security.

Inquiries.—Hundreds of individual requests for information are received in the Bureau each day, routed through the appropriate divisions and answered as expeditiously as possible. Since the field of effort from the statistical side deals with all phases of the national economy, there is scarcely a subject upon which the Bureau is not able to give some information. Nevertheless only inquiries of a statistical nature should be directed to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Publications.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics is the principal publication agency of the Federal Government; the subjects of its reports cover all aspects of the national economy.

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A complete list of DBS publications is available from the Dominion Statistician. Orders for reports should be sent to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, giving the correct title or titles of the publication or series of reports in which the applicant is interested and should include the necessary remittance in the form of a cheque or money order made payable to the Receiver General of Canada.

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To perform the first function the Division produces and distributes various documents on external affairs—statements of government policy and reports on related developments abroad and on the work of the Department generally. The Division also answers inquiries from Canadian sources on these subjects (except for inquiries from the press which are handled by the Department's Press Office) as well as requests for information about Canada made by Diplomatic Missions at Ottawa, by Canadian posts abroad, and by individuals and organizations in other countries.

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