7.—Provincial	Government	Employment :	and Payrolls.	for March 1966
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Province or Territory and Item	Departmental Services	Provincial Institutions of Higher Education	Provincial Government Enterprises	Workmen's Compensation Boards	Total
Newfoundland— Employees	8,260	329	358	52	8,999
	2,343,552	163,968	121,172	17,821	2,646,513
Prince Edward Island— Employees	1,648 378,056		60 15,089	8 2,928	1,716 396,073
Nova Scotia— Employees	10,710 2,597,008	Ξ	1,444 487,646	73 28,690	12,227 3,113,344
New Brunswick— Employees	7,171	893	2,309	60	10,433
	2,332,299	306,388	891,885	24,433	2,555,005
Quebec— Employees No. Gross payrolls \$	42,721 14,467,220	=	14,356 6,047,297	1,195 368,698	58,272 20,883,215
Ontario— Employees	55,814	8,917	19,470	1,418	85,619
	23,192,778	3,759,258	10,237,688	624,071	37,813,795
Manitoba— Employees	8,847	3,690	6,787	115	19,439
	3,265,039	1,094,755	3,144,975	43,345	7,548,114
Saskatchewan— Employees	9,595	3,881	6,656	113	20,245
	4,308,347	1,648,895	2,860,665	49,870	8,867,777
Alberta— Employees	17,956	7,768	7,884	438	34,046
	7,112,947	2,766,159	2,878,272	180,232	12,937,610
British Columbia— Employees	::	5,584 2,161,172	**	::	5,584 2,161,172
Yukon and Northwest Territories—1 Employees	537 253,430	=	58 20,298	=	595 273,728
All Provinces and Territories— Employees	163,259	31,062	59,382	3,472	257,175
	60,250,676	11,900,595	26,704,987	1,340,088	100,196,346

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Departmental services of the Northwest Territories are staffed by employees of the Government of Canada who are included in the statistics under "Federal Government Employment".

## PART V.—CANADA'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS\*

Canada's Status in the Commonwealth.—The Imperial Conference held in London in 1926 marked a turning point in the history of the then British Empire and was an important step in the evolution from Empire to Commonwealth. At the 1926 Conference the self-governing countries, consisting of Britain and the Dominions, were described as being "autonomous countries within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown, and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations" The Governors General of the Dominions were recognized as having in all essential respects the same constitutional position as the Crown in Britain. It was also stated by the Conference that "it is the right of the Government

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