

## AREA AND POPULATION.

**Immigration.**—Each of the past three fiscal years 1910-11 to 1912-13 has constituted a record as regards the number of Canadian immigrants. For the calendar year 1912 the total number of immigrant arrivals was 395,804, of whom 145,859 were from the United Kingdom, 140,143 from the United States and 109,802 from other countries. The proportion of British and American immigrants for 1912 was 72 per cent of the total. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 1913, the total arrivals numbered 402,232, of whom 150,542 were from the United Kingdom, 129,009 from the United States and 112,681 from other countries, the proportion of British and American immigrants being again 72 per cent of the total.

The present heavy tide of immigration to Canada set in about the beginning of the twentieth century as will be apparent from the diagram on page 41. This diagram illustrates graphically the immigration into Canada during the past seventeen years, viz., from 1897 to 1913. The immigration records before 1897 are defective and cannot properly be compared with the more accurate figures of later years. It should be observed that the period covered by the diagram relates to the calendar year from 1897 to 1899, to the fiscal year ended June 30 from 1900 to 1906 and to the fiscal year ended March 31 from 1907 to 1913. Therefore the drop shown to have occurred in 1900 and again in 1907 is due to the change of year, only six months being included in the former and only nine months in the latter period. The drop from 262,469 in 1907-8 to 146,908 in 1908-9 (see Table 26) may be attributed (1) to the effect of the regulations which came into force in the spring of 1908 restricting the emigration to Canada of persons assisted by charitable organizations; (2) to the cessation of propagandist work in European countries owing to the adoption therein of restrictive laws and (3) in some measure also to the effects of the general financial stringency of 1907.

Since the beginning of the century, and especially within the last five years, regulations have been in force excluding from Canada immigrants physically, mentally and morally unfit. There is therefore not only an increase in the number of arrivals; but the general standard of quality as regards the class of immigrants settling in Canada has greatly improved. In Table 27 will be found the number of rejections upon arrival and of deportations after admission of intending immigrants, by principal causes of rejection and deportation, for the years 1903 to 1912.

The immigration of settlers from the United States continues to increase and to maintain a high standard of general excellence. Table 28 shows that during the years 1906 to 1912 a total of 664,448 citizens of the United States crossed the border, bringing with them effects and cash of the estimated aggregate value of \$777,725,897, or an average of \$1,170 per capita.