

## ADMINISTRATION

## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

**Charters of Incorporation.**—The number of companies incorporated under The Companies Act during the fiscal year 1914-15 was 461, with a total capitalization of \$208,283,633, and the number of existing companies to which supplementary letters patent were issued was 85, of which 34 increased their capital stock by \$26,650,000 and four decreased their capital stock by \$6,840,000. The remaining 47 were granted supplementary letters patent for various objects, such as changing names, extending powers, etc., making a total of 546 charters and supplementary charters issued during the year; this is a decrease of 212 from previous year. The total capitalization of new companies and the increased capital of existing companies amounted to \$228,093,633.

**Juvenile Delinquents Act, 1908.**—Since the last issue of the Year Book, this Act was put into force in the province of Alberta, the city of Berlin, the district of Timiskaming and the county of Waterloo, Ontario. It is now in force in the following places: Halifax, Toronto, Montreal, Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Charlottetown, Stratford, Berlin, the counties of Perth and Waterloo, the district of Timiskaming, Ontario, and the province of Alberta.

**Canada Temperance Act.**—The Act prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors in the places that have adopted it, and is administered by the Department of the Secretary of State. It is now in force in 21 counties and cities. Of these five are in Nova Scotia, ten in New Brunswick, two in Manitoba, three in Ontario and one in Quebec. Since the last issue of the Year Book elections for the repeal of the Act have been held in the counties of King's, Pictou, Cumberland, Hants and Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and in all cases the repeal was carried. Elections for the bringing of the Act into force took place in the district of Muskoka, Ontario, the county of Stanstead, Quebec, and the county of Perth, Ontario. The result in Muskoka was against the Act. In Stanstead and Perth the petitions were adopted by substantial majorities, but in Stanstead protest proceedings were taken and the result has not yet been reported to the Department. The Act will come into force in Perth county after the statutory interval. Elections are pending in the county of Beauce, Quebec, and Shelburne, Nova Scotia, for the bringing of the Act into force and for its repeal respectively.

**Naturalizations.**—The naturalizations effected under the Naturalization Act (R. S. 1906, c. 77), for the 12 months ended June 30, 1914, numbered 35,079. Of these 8,056 were formerly citizens of the United States. Table 8 shows by principal nationalities the number of naturalizations effected in Canada during the years 1907 to 1913 under the Act. The number of naturalizations for the years 1907 to 1913 was 147,611, which with 70,690 previously recorded makes a total of 218,301.