

73.—Issue of Postage Stamps, etc., 1916-1917—concluded.

Denominations.	ISSUE 1916.		ISSUE 1917.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	No.	\$	No.	\$
2 cent Postal Union cards.....	29,200	584	2,500	50
2 " reply cards.....	98,050	1,961	112,900	2,258
1 " Stamped envelopes at \$1.20 per 100.....	826,500	9,918	665,100	7,981
2 " stamped envelopes at \$2.20 per 100.....	3,286,800	72,310	2,852,800	62,762
1 " special newspaper wrappers.....	796,300	7,963	782,100	7,821
6 " International reply coupons.....	15,580	935	20,270	1,216
STAMPS IN ROLLS.				
1 cent sidewise at \$5.06.....	48,863	247,247	26,072	131,924
2 " " \$10.06.....	55,366	556,982	32,982	331,799
3 cent postage and war tax at \$15.06...	7,408	111,564	40,001	602,415
1 " endwise, \$5.06.....	105	531	137	693
2 " " \$10.06.....	238	2,394	182	1,831
Totals.....	1,149,012,588	21,455,177	957,051,564	23,174,602

XI.—LABOUR.

The Department of Labour of the Dominion Government was established in 1900 under the authority of the Conciliation Act, 1900 (63-64 Vict., c. 24), its chief duties originally comprising the administration of certain provisions of this statute designed to aid in the prevention and settlement of labour disputes, the administration of the Government's fair wage policy for the protection of workmen employed on Dominion Government contracts and works aided by grant of public funds, the collection and classification of statistical and other information relative to conditions of labour and the publication of a monthly journal known as the "Labour Gazette." From 1900 to 1909, the Department was administered by the Postmaster-General, who was also Minister of Labour. It was constituted a separate Department under the Labour Department Act, 1909 (8-9 Edw. VII, c. 22).

The work of the Department was greatly increased in 1907 by the passage of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907 (6-7 Edw. VII, c. 20), which was designed to aid in the prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts in mines and industries connected with public utilities. The Department is also charged with the administration of the Combines Investigation Act, 1910 (9-10 Edw. VII, c. 9), and of an Act passed in 1918 known as the Employment Offices Co-ordination Act (8-9 Geo. V, c. 21). The scope of the Department has increased in other directions, especially in the investigation of the wholesale and retail prices of Canadian commodities and of questions affecting the cost of living.

Labour Legislation.—More attention has been given recently to matters connected with labour legislation. Information is col-