

The Administration Branch is charged with the general executive work of the Bureau, and acts as liaison agent between the other Branches. It controls the floating staff of the Bureau, which may be transferred from one point to another of the Bureau's work as required, and is also in charge of the mechanical tabulation, and of the work of translation.

The Demography Branch is in charge of the decennial census of Canada, and of the quinquennial census of the Prairie Provinces—the periodical stock-takings of the country. It is also charged with the collection of the vital statistics of Canada, which before the organization of the Bureau had been in an unsatisfactory state, collected on varying systems by each of the Provinces for itself, one Province having no vital statistics at all. Following upon a conference between officials of the Bureau of Statistics and representatives of the Provinces in June 1918, it was agreed that after a model Vital Statistics Act had been passed by each of the provinces, the Bureau of Statistics would print and distribute the forms required and undertake the compilation. Eight of the provinces have up to the present time accepted the arrangement, with the result that, for the first time in the history of the Dominion of Canada and after adding the figures for Quebec, it has been possible to furnish complete vital statistics for Canada for the year 1920. The Demography Branch is also charged with the collection of the statistics of immigration. An important work carried out by the Branch was the compilation of the results of the national registration of June, 1918.

The Agricultural Statistics Branch, since its organization, has succeeded in ending the dual system of crop reporting carried on by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, which led to much duplication of effort and frequent differences of opinion in regard to crop estimates. For 1918 and subsequent years the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Provincial Governments, has undertaken the collection, by means of cardboard schedules filled up by individual farmers, of the areas under field crops and the numbers of farm live stock in each of the nine provinces of Canada. Cards printed by the Bureau are sent to the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, which by arrangement with the Provincial Departments of Education, distributes these cards to the farmers' children through the rural school teachers. The cards when filled out are sent by the teachers to the Provincial Departments, which arrange them by counties or crop districts and send them to the Bureau of Statistics for compilation. Further, based upon material collected from a large staff of crop correspondents, the Bureau furnishes much valuable information regarding the crops to the public through its Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics.

The main function of the Industrial Census Branch is the taking of an annual census of production other than agricultural. Among the work done by this Branch is the collection (in co-operation with Provincial authorities) of the statistics of dairy factories. Fisheries statistics for the Dominion are also collected in co-operation with the authorities of Ontario and Quebec, and the Bureau issues the