

statistics for the Dominion in a report which is edited by the Dominion Fisheries Branch. In a similar way, for forestry statistics, the Bureau works in close co-operation with the Dominion Forestry Branch and the Provincial Forestry Departments and for mining statistics in co-operation with the Dominion Department of Mines and Provincial Departments of Mines. As regards water-powers, again, a similar arrangement has been made with various Provincial authorities, and the data are revised by the Dominion Water Power Branch. As regards general manufactures, the Branch sends out schedules to between 35,000 and 40,000 manufacturing plants throughout the Dominion, and compiles the enormous amount of information thus secured.

The External Trade Statistics Branch, since its organization, has been successful in eliminating the previous duplication of publications with the Customs Department. At the same time it has succeeded in devising a new system of classification of commodities imported and exported, according to "chief component material", "purpose" and "source or origin". Imports and exports are classified on this basis in Tables 10 and 11 of the Trade and Commerce section of the Year Book.

The Transportation Branch of the Bureau of Statistics has inaugurated a system of water transportation statistics, and provides monthly statistics of canal traffic. It has also taken over the work of the Railway Statistics Branch of the Department of Railways and Canals, eliminating duplication on many points and making better provision for the statistical needs of the Board of Railway Commissioners. Monthly statistics of railway traffic, revenues and expenditures are a specially valuable feature, in view of the existing railway situation. Annual reports on steam and electric railway statistics and canal statistics, as well as statistics of express companies, telegraphs and telephones, are also issued.

The Internal Trade Branch is reaping the benefit of various statistical organizations created for the purposes of the war, especially in connection with its statistics of prices and stocks of commodities on hand. The Branch secures traffic returns from transportation companies and statistics of marketing from the Grain Commission, from the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture, and from the Fuel Controller. It is also taking over the wholesale price statistics formerly compiled and published by the Department of Labour. The Internal Trade Branch publishes weekly statistics of grain in storage and grain shipped, monthly statistics of commodities in cold storage, of live stock marketed at public stock yards and visible supply of sugar, quarterly statistics of stocks of raw hides and skins and annual grain trade and coal trade reports.

The Finance Branch of the Bureau of Statistics has up to the present been mainly occupied with problems of Dominion, Provincial and municipal public finance. The statistics of Provincial finance, published by the Provinces on very dissimilar lines, have been brought into such uniformity that it is for the first time possible to make a comparative study. The same has been done for municipal