

finance throughout the Dominion in the case of urban communities of over 3,000 population. An important contribution has thus been made to the study of civic problems.

The Judicial Statistics Branch publishes annually a volume showing for each of the 148 judicial districts of the Dominion statistics of the indictable and of the non-indictable offences, which have been committed, analyzed in the most approved way. A scheme for a similar compilation of the statistics of civil justice is also under way.

The Education Statistics Branch, after having held a conference with the Provincial Departments of Education regarding the greater uniformity of education statistics and the proper subjects of Dominion-wide education statistics, has begun the compilation of such statistics for certain provinces, besides collecting directly statistics of private schools and universities and professional colleges. It has recently issued the first nation-wide "Historical Statistical Survey of Education in Canada."

The General Statistics Branch publishes the Canada Year Book, and has a developed plan for a more frequent summary of Canadian statistics which will devote special attention to the current economic trend in Canada. It also supplies accurate statistics of Canadian progress to various works of reference and answers numerous inquiries from within and without the country, where information not falling within the scope of other Branches is required.

Perhaps, however, the greatest advantage which the Bureau offers to the Canadian people arises out of its centralization. Its Internal Trade, External Trade and Industrial Census Branches, work in harmony with each other upon a single co-ordinated plan. Thus, for instance, where information regarding a certain commodity is desired, the Industrial Census can furnish the information regarding the production of that commodity in Canada, the External Trade Branch regarding the importation or exportation of that commodity. The Internal Trade and Transportation Branches, again, may be able to state the manner in which that commodity is handled, by what means it is transported and at what price, wholesale or retail, it is sold. Thus those interested in the production of or in the trade in any such commodity will find a great deal of useful information concerning it freely at their disposal in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The present position of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, its underlying purpose, its aims and objects, are well expressed in the following quotation from the first Annual Report of the Dominion Statistician:—

"As will be evident, the organization of the Bureau is still in process, though the outline has been traced and certain sections filled in. Especially will it have been remarked that the Bureau has been concerned thus far rather with scope of the statistics to be secured and the means of securing them, than with the methods of presentation and publication. Prominently in mind also has been the point of view so strongly emphasized during the war that statistics are not