

supplies, the requisition of naval stores, the general supervision of governmental expenditure and contracts in the United Kingdom, and the collection of interest and amortization charges on debts due the Government of Canada, constitute a great part of the routine business of the office which naturally does not vary greatly in character from year to year. During the eleven months ending November 30, 1930, aggregate expenditure administered on behalf of departments of the Canadian Government by the High Commissioner's Office amounted to \$3,605,880. Reparation payments received for the Government totalled \$5,422,130 and collections of principal and interest on post-war loans to various European Governments were \$1,524,030 in the same period. Ancillary financial activities of the Office included arrangements for the issue, transfer, and redemption of Grand Trunk Pacific new debenture stock, the collection from the Pacific Cable Board of the Canadian Government's share of the proceeds of the Imperial Atlantic cables under the Board's control, and the checking of securities held in London in accordance with the provisions of the Canadian Insurance Act.

Arrangements for the interchange of naval and military personnel, preparations for the flight of the dirigible R100, and plans for the more effective co-operation of educational institutions in Canada and the United Kingdom, all engaged the attention of the High Commissioner's Office. Members of its staff have served from time to time on the Imperial Economic Committee, the Imperial Shipping Committee, and the Empire Marketing Board, and have co-operated with the Imperial War Graves Commission and the Imperial Institute in their undertakings affecting Canada.

The Office has continued to serve as a centre for Canadians in the United Kingdom and as a bureau of information in its contacts with the press, in answering inquiries regarding Canadian laws and regulations, and in the provision of general and specific information regarding Canada.

The High Commissioner's Office has earned a useful reputation as a reliable source of information on every phase of the economic development of the Dominion. Its reference files of official and other publications, relative to Canadian natural resources and industrial opportunities, are always available and widely used by banks and business houses interested in the development of inter-Imperial commerce. During the year a collection of photographs, illustrative of the mines, forests, manufacturing, farming, and other industries of Canada has been enlarged and revised with the co-operation of the National Development Bureau and is now an extremely useful supplement to the documentary material of the files. This work of the Office has been extended during recent years by the circulation to a selected mailing list of regular press bulletins disseminating information about Canadian industrial and business conditions that might not otherwise be readily available to the British investor and industrialist interested in Canada. These regular bulletins include Canadian Natural Resources and Industrial Notes, Canadian Official Mining News Record, Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Notes, and Canadian Official Fruit Export Cablegrams. These special services have been supplemented by a wide distribution of the press bulletins and publications of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the National Development Bureau and have helped appreciably