

The Civil Service List of Canada, for the year 1896, showing the names, dates of appointments and promotions, ages, years in the service and salaries of all persons employed in the several departments of the service and in the two Houses of Parliament, as the same stood upon the 1st July last, has been published and distributed.

The following is a statement of fees received during the financial year ended 30th June, 1896.

Charters and supplementary charters	\$6,920 50
Commissions.....	1,011 25
Passports.....	408 00
Copies.....	69 45
Certified copies.....	59 00
Certificates of deposit.....	57 00
Certificates of incorporation of boards of trade.. . . .	55 00
Certificates.....	48 00
Exemplifications.....	40 00
Letters patent of annuity.....	40 00
Certificates of legalization	34 00
Searches.....	25 35
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	<u>\$8,767 55</u>

The work devolving upon my department in connection with the administration of "The Companies Act," was largely in excess of that of any previous year as will be seen by a reference to the list of companies incorporated. It will be observed that the number of charters and of supplementary charters granted during the year was ninety-one, showing an aggregate capital stock of \$11,952,000, and representing well nigh every branch of industry.

In expressing my satisfaction with the manner in which the officers of my department have discharged their duties, I may refer especially to the long and faithful services, extending over a period of nearly forty years, of Mr. L. A. Catellier late Under-Secretary of State, to whom Your Excellency was pleased to grant the usual retiring allowance in the early part of the year.

I have the honour to be, My Lord,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

R. W. SCOTT,

Secretary of State.