

Three warrants under section 2 of the Public Reserves and Domains Amendment Act, 1921, authorizing charges for admission on fifteen days in a year, were issued during the year. As this provision becomes better known, and the advantages it offers to sports and games more fully recognized, it is anticipated that there will be a material increase in applications received for permission to levy admission charges on the full number of days allowed.

A few Boards have failed to furnish the annual reports required by law, and suitable action to enforce requirements will be taken where necessary. The great majority of reports, however, come to hand promptly, and their perusal serves to show what a great and increasingly valuable asset the Dominion possesses in its public domains. A considerable number of applications for grants and subsidies were received during the year, but under prevailing conditions it is only in very exceptional cases that Government aid can be granted. This fact is becoming more widely recognized, and various Boards are displaying commendable activity in raising funds in other ways for the improvement and development of the domains under their charge.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

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J. B. THOMPSON, Under-Secretary.

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