

LUXEMBURG.

Reigning Grand-duke.—**Wilhelm**, born April 22, 1852; succeeded on the death of his father, the late Grand-Duke Adolf, November 19, 1905; married June 21, 1893, to Marie Anne, daughter of Miguel, Duke of Braganza; issue, Princess *Marie*, born June 14, 1894; Princess *Charlotte*, born January 23, 1896; Princess *Hilda*, born February 15, 1897; Princess *Antoinette*, born October 7, 1899; Princess *Elisabeth*, born March 7, 1901; Princess *Sophie*, born February 14, 1902. The Grand-Duke has one sister, Princess *Hilda*, born November 5, 1864; married September 20, 1885, to Frederick, son of the Grand Duke of Baden.

The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg was included from 1815 to 1866 in the dissolved Germanic Confederation. By the Treaty of London, 1867, it is declared neutral territory.

There is a Chamber of Deputies in the Grand Duchy of 45 members, elected directly by the cantons for six years, the half renewed every three years. Luxemburg has an area of 998 square miles, and a population (Dec. 1, 1900) of 236,543 (122,002 males and 114,541 females), or 247 inhabitants to the square mile. The population is Catholic, save 2,269 Protestants, 1,201 Jews, and 235 belonging to other sects. The chief town, Luxemburg, has 20,928 inhabitants. The estimated revenue and expenditure of the Grand-Duchy for 5 years were as follows, in francs; each year's revenue includes a small surplus from the preceding year; the last year includes extraordinary revenue and expenditure for public works:—

	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
Revenue . . .	11,730,590	12,418,790	12,780,770	13,120,770	17,013,940
Expenditure . . .	12,750,030	13,518,149	13,998,905	14,674,730	17,488,380

The debt consisting of loans, mainly for the construction of railways, was, in 1883, converted into a single loan of 12,000,000 francs at 3½ per cent. The annuities amount to 493,130 francs. The Savings Bank of the Grand Duchy, on Dec. 31, 1906, had 57,491 depositors with 48,562,140 francs to their credit (exclusive of interest). The mining and smelting industries of Luxemburg are important. In 1905, the mineral output amounted to 6,595,869 metric tons, valued at 16,514,630 francs. The miners in the Grand Duchy numbered 6,278. For commercial purposes Luxemburg is included in the German Zollverein. The imports into the Grand Duchy in 1905 were valued at 7,046,000 marks, and the exports at 5,692,000 marks. There were 326 miles of railway in 1905, and 680 miles of telegraph line with 1,410 miles of wire, and 227 telegraph offices. There were also (1905) 74 telephone systems with 1,030 miles of line and 2,990 miles of wire. In 1905 there were 111 post-offices, through which there passed 13,444,000 letters and post-cards, and 10,194,000 samples, &c.

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