

## LUXEMBURG.

**Reigning Grand-duchess.—Marie-Adelaide**, born June 14, 1894; succeeded on the death of her father, the late Grand-Duke Wilhelm, February 26, 1912. Sisters:—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 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, and its integrity and independence were guaranteed.

There is a Chamber of Deputies in the Grand Duchy of 53 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, 1910) of 259,891 (134,101 males and 125,790 females). The population is Catholic, save 4,007 Protestants, 1,270 Jews, and 303 belonging to other sects. The chief town, Luxemburg, has 20,848 (1910) inhabitants. Estimated revenue and expenditure (including extraordinary for the last five years) in francs:—

	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913
Revenue . . . . .	17,819,619	18,299,174	18,497,700	18,196,137	18,201,733
Expenditure . . . . .	18,561,614	19,059,700	19,920,566	19,867,935	19,458,064

The debt consisting of loans, mainly for the construction of railways, was, in 1893, converted into a single loan of 12,000,000 francs at 3½ per cent. The annuities amount to 493,145 francs. The Savings Bank of the Grand Duchy, on Dec. 31, 1911, had 71,224 depositors with 61,104,712 francs to their credit (inclusive of interest). In 1910, the output of iron amounted to 1,682,519 metric tons. For commercial purposes Luxemburg is included in the German Zollverein. There were 509 miles of railway in 1911, and 436 miles of telegraph line with 1,281 miles of wire, and 316 telegraph offices in 1910. There were also (1911) 82 telephone systems with 760 miles of line and 3,613 miles of wire. In 1911 there were 124 post-offices, through which there passed 11,760,000 letters, 7,166,000 post-cards, and 6,596,000 samples, &c.

*British Envoy and Minister.*—Hon. Sir A. Johnstone, G. C. V. O.

*British Consul.*—Norbert de Gallais.

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