

## 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:—

|                   | 1910       | 1911       | 1912       | 1913       | 1914       |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenue . . .     | 17,700,805 | 18,497,700 | 18,196,137 | 18,101,733 | 22,017,337 |
| Expenditure . . . | 16,977,796 | 19,920,566 | 19,867,335 | 20,484,564 | 23,440,531 |

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 493,150 francs. The Savings Bank of the Grand Duchy, on Dec. 31, 1912, had 71,224 depositors with 64,628,393 francs to their credit (inclusive of interest). In 1912, the number of mines was 86; the mineral output amounted to 6,533,930 metric tons; the number of miners was 5,347. Production of iron (1912), 2,252,229 tons. For commercial purposes Luxemburg is included in the German Zollverein. There were 325 miles of railway in 1912, and 454 miles of telegraph line with 1,283 miles of wire, and 329 telegraph offices in 1912. There were also (1912) 92 telephone systems with 760 miles of line and 3,943 miles of wire. In 1912 there were 134 post-offices, through which there passed 13,448,000 letters, 7,871,000 post-cards, and 16,356,000 samples, &c.

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

*British Consul.*—Norbert le Gallais.

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