

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, 11 May, 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 :—

—	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	1916-17	1917-18 ¹
Revenue . . .	18,101,733	22,017,781	20,745,223	17,690,705	43,761,428
Expenditure . . .	20,484,564	24,882,531	24,050,362	30,114,967	48,045,794

¹ Revenue includes loan of 25,076,500 francs; expenditure includes 11,926,659 francs for repaying Treasury Bills.

The debt on December 31, 1916, amounted to 45,754,917 francs. Production of iron in 1916, 1,580,530 tons as against 1,590,773 tons in 1915. Production of steel in 1916, 935,716 tons, as against 980,384 tons in 1915. For commercial purposes Luxemburg is included in the German Zollverein. There were 325 miles of railway in 1914, and 439 miles of telegraph line with 1,352 miles of wire, and 356 telegraph offices in 1915. There were also (1915) 107 telephone systems with 858 miles of line and 4,690 miles of wire. In 1915 there were 139 post-offices, through which there passed 9,301,000 letters, 5,142,000 post-cards, and 16,443,000 samples, &c.

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