

LUXEMBURG.

Reigning Grand-duke.—**Wilhelm**, born April 22, 1852; succeeded on the death of his father, the late Grand-Duke Adolf (dispossessed Duke of Nassau), November 19, 1905; married June 21, 1893, to Maria Anna, daughter of Dom 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, now Grand Duke of Baden.

A bill vesting the rights of the Luxemburg succession in the eldest daughter of the reigning Grand-duke was passed by the Chamber of Deputies on July 6, 1907. On November 13, 1908, the Grand Duchess Maria Anna was made Regent.

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 51 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, 1905) of 246,455 (126,220 males and 120,235 females). The population is Catholic, save 2,269 Protestants, 1,201 Jews, and 235 belonging to other sects. German is the popular speech. The chief town, Luxemburg, has 21,024 (1905) inhabitants. Estimated revenue and expenditure (including extraordinary for the last five years) in francs:—

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
Revenue . . .	13,120,770	14,313,120	14,954,520	17,819,619	18,299,174
Expenditure . . .	14,674,730	14,910,915	14,928,918	18,561,614	18,656,619

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 493,150 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). In 1908, the mineral output amounted to 5,799,280 metric tons, valued at 696,250*l.*; miners, 5,438. For commercial purposes Luxemburg is included in the German Zollverein. There were 340 miles of railway in 1910, and 680 miles of telegraph line with 1,410 miles of wire, and 227 telegraph offices. There were also (1908) 78 telephone systems with 1,077 miles of line and 3,985 miles of wire. In 1908 there were 117 post-offices, through which there passed 15,587,000 letters and post-cards, and 13,519,000 samples, &c.

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

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