In addition to the foregoing, the usual Federal, County, and City officials may be called upon for information such as postal receipts, building permits, marriage licenses, etc. In this connection it should be stated that practically all the public officers contacted were inclined to resent the multitude of demands made upon them by the various Federal departments and bureaus.

Of the foregoing sources, it is believed that the Research Department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce would prove the most useful and reliable. So far as could be observed, it is entirely free from the usual Chamber of Commerce propaganda, and its principal function is apparently to furnish accurate information to the membership of the Chamber. About May 1st of each year it issues an "Economic Survey" for the previous year. This is a distinctly worth while publication.

The firm of Thomas Magee and Sons publish semi-annually (January 1st and July 1st) the "San Francisco Real Estate Circular". This publication is maintained at considerable expense, largely, it was gathered, as a memorial to the founder of the firm. It was arranged that the Division of Research and Statistics would be placed upon the mailing list for this publication. This arrangement was also made with regard to the monthly "Bank of America Business Review".

It seems appropriate to observe at this point that the Field Agent labors under a distinct disadvantage owing to the fact that his operation is, of necessity, on the basis of the "Scotchman's pocket book"—all coming in and nothing going out. Anything that can properly be done to relieve this situation will result in greater efficiency.