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With an increase of nearly two millions and a half in total fees collected and of more than 187,000 in the number of automobile licenses issued, Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson today announced a remarkable record made by his office during 1923. The total collections during the year reached \$14,363,000.

Record for 1916 In 1916, the year preceding the administration of Secretary of State Emmerson, the total collections of all departments of the office amounted to only \$1,819,810. During these seven years, therefore, the total collections of the secretary of state have increased nearly 800 per cent. At the same time, it is stated, the operating cost of the office has decreased from 16.5 per cent to 7.45 per cent of the amount collected and the cost of operating the automobile department is now the lowest of any similar department in the United States, averaging 4.1-8 per cent of the amount collected.

1923 Totals During 1923, to December 26, a total of 973,791 automobile licenses were issued as compared with 786,190 in 1922 and \$9,469,737 was collected in automobile fees for use in road construction, as compared with \$7,861,211 collected in 1922.

The total collections of the office which for 1923 were \$14,362,776, in 1922 totaled \$11,943,376.

The enormous increase in the volume of business has by no means swamped the department, which not only has taken care of this business but already has issued 92,787 automobile licenses for 1924 and collected for them more than \$1,000,000.

Comparison of Years The following table shows the number of automobile licenses and the amount of fees collected every year since 1911, the first year under the State Automobile Law. The year is given first, total amount of fees next and total number of automobiles licensed last:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total amount of fees, Total number of automobiles licensed. Rows include years 1911 through 1923.

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