

## 441. OCEAN STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

*Chapter 8, 23rd July,*

Provides (Sec. 1.) For repeal of Sec. 3, previous Act, and substitution of a section authorizing the Governor-in-Council to enter into a ten year contract for a fast weekly steamship service between Canada and the United Kingdom, making connection with a French port. The subsidy not to exceed \$750,000 a year.

## 442. BOUNTIES ON IRON AND STEEL.

*Chapter 9, 23rd July,*

Provides (Sec. 1.) For the payment of a bounty of \$2 a ton ; (a) on all pig iron made in Canada from Canadian ore ; (b) on all iron-puddled bars from Canadian pig ; (c) and on steel billets from Canadian pig and such other ingredients as are necessary in the manufacture of steel billets, the proportion of such ingredients to be regulated by Order-in-Council, provided that in computing the bounty no payment shall be made on foreign ores used in the manufacture. (Sec. 2.) That said bounties are applicable to then existing furnaces till 26th March, 1899, and to new furnaces for five years from the date of commencing operations. (Sec. 3.) For prevention of fraud, the Governor General-in-Council to make regulations which (Sec. 4) are to be laid before Parliament within the first 15 days of the Session. (Sec. 5.) That a steel billet means the products of a steel ingot reheated or rolled or hammered into flat slabs or square billets of any size.

## 443. THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

*Chapter 10, 23rd July,*

Provides (Sec. 1.) For the extension of the number of days of absence, without deduction of indemnity, to 12 days.

## 444. THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

*Chapter 11, 23rd July,*

Provides (Sec. 1.) For the absence of the Speaker, by enabling him to call upon any senator to act *pro tempore*. (Sec. 2.) For the selection by the Senate of a Speaker in the unavoidable absence of the Speaker, such *ad interim* Speaker to remain Speaker until the return of the Speaker. (Sec. 4.) That the Act is to come into force only on proclamation in the *Canada Gazette*.

## 445. ELECTORAL FRANCHISE ACT.

*Chapter 12, 23rd July,*

Provides (Sec. 1.) (a) That the expression "the Redistribution Act" shall mean the Act to readjust the representation in the House of Commons, being Chap. 11 of Acts, 1892, as amended by Chap. 9 of the Acts of 1893 ; (b) That the expression "by election" shall mean any election held after the