

assigned to each and prescribes a revised scale of minimum and maximum salaries.

A permanent Civil Service Commission is constituted to consist of two members appointed by the Governor in Council, each commissioner holding office during good behaviour but being removable by the Governor General on address of the Senate and House of Commons. The duties of the commission relate generally to the operation of the Civil Service act and the organization of the service, and specifically include the arrangements for the examination of candidates for admission to the service. Except as otherwise provided, appointments to the inside service will in future be by competitive examinations, open only to British subjects between 18 and 35 years of age that have resided in Canada for at least three years. Section 8 of the act contemplates a definite organization of each department by Order in Council which may not be changed except by a subsequent order. The whole or any part of the provisions of the act may be made applicable to the outside service by Order in Council published in the Canada Gazette. Amongst other matters of detail the act includes provisions which relate to the appointment of professional and technical officers, messengers, packers, etc., temporary clerks, a record of employees, annual increases of salaries and voting at elections.

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Chapters 11 and 25 are acts respecting aid for the extension respectively of the Canadian Northern and Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railways. Chapter 18 repeals section 415 of the Railway act, R. S. ch. 37. The Government Railways act, R. S. 1906, ch. 36, is amended by chapter 31 in respect of compensation for animals killed or injured by trains and for damage caused by sparks from railway engines. In the former case an owner of animals so killed or injured on the Government railways may recover damages unless negligence or wilful act or omission is proved against him or his agent. The other provision renders the Crown liable for damage to property caused by fire started by a railway locomotive working on the railway, provided that if it be shown that modern and efficient appliances have been used and that the officers or servants of His Majesty have not otherwise been guilty of any negligence the total amount of compensation recoverable shall not exceed \$5,000. Chapter 32 is an act respecting the Government guaranteed bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. Chapter 37 makes a verbal amendment in the I. and P. E. Employees' Provident Fund act, ch. 22 1907. Chapter 44 authorizes the sale to the Grand Trunk Railway of a portion of Major's Hill park, Ottawa, as an hotel site. Chapter 54 authorizes the construction of a branch line of the Prince Edward Island Railway from Harmony to Elmira. Chapter 59 authorizes the Governor in Council, pursuant to the terms of an existing agreement, to take over the whole undertaking, assets, property and franchises of the

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