

**The
Judicature.** Chapter 25 amends the Judges act, R. S. 1906 c. 138, by increasing the number of puisne judges of the superior court of the province of Quebec from 17 to 21 and also amends chapter 25 section 1 of the statutes of 1907 by providing for four instead of three puisne judges of the Manitoba court of king's bench.

Railway acts. Chapter 6 is an act to incorporate the Canadian Northern Alberta Railway Company and to aid in the construction of its railway. Chapter 24 amends the Government Railways act as to the liability of His Majesty for damages caused by fire from locomotives. Chapter 25 authorises the Government of Canada to acquire by lease lines of railway connecting with the government railways. Chapter 26 provides for the adjudication of small claims arising out of the operation of the government railways. The Railway act is amended by chapters 50 and 57, and chapter 51 authorises the granting of subsidies in aid of the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned.

Miscellaneous enactments. Amongst the remaining public acts the following may be mentioned. The criminal code is amended in respect of betting, pool-selling and book-making (chapter 10), thefts of motor cars (chapter 11) and the unlawful possession of rock, ore or quartz containing gold or silver (chapter 12). By chapter 13 drivers of automobiles or motor vehicles are brought within the operation of the criminal code when guilty of causing injury by furious driving or other wilful misconduct and are also rendered liable to fine or imprisonment for failure to stop after the occurrence of an accident. The Supplementary French Convention act 1909 (chapter 21), assented to on December 3, gives the legal approval of the Parliament of Canada to the supplementary convention signed at Paris on January 23 1909 prior to ratification of the commercial treaty with France (see Year Book of 1909, p. xxvii). Chapter 33 abolishes the payment after June 30 1911 of bounties on rolled, round wire rods under section 1 (1d) of chapter 24 of the statutes of 1907. Chapter 40 provides for further advances to the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal. Chapter 42 provides that the act respecting the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources may be cited as the Conservation act. It amends also the original act of 1909 in matters relating to procedure, and new sections are added which forbid, under penalties, any employee of the Commission to acquire an interest in mines, lands, timber limits, etc., or to disclose any discovery made by him or information in his possession to any persons except members of the Commission until such discovery or information has been reported to Parliament. By chapter 45 an additional sum of \$40,000 is payable annually by the Dominion Government to the Ottawa Improvement Commission for a period of ten years from July 1 1909, and also during the same period a sum of \$15,000 is payable annually to the corporation of Ottawa as a contribution

The criminal code.

Criminal liability of drivers of motor cars.

The French Commercial Treaty.

Abolition of bounties on rolled, round wire rods.

Montreal Harbour Commission.

Commission of Conservation.

Ottawa Improvement Commission.