

THE CANADA GRAIN ACT.

Commissioner as to the licensing and bonding of all elevators and as to grain commission merchants and track buyers of grain. Heavier penalties are imposed upon operators of terminal elevators who violate the laws, rules and regulations respecting the same. The amounts of the bonds required to be furnished by owners of terminal elevators are increased and placed upon a capacity basis. The nomenclature for the grades of all kinds of grain grown in the Western Division, except wheat, has been changed to Canada Western, and changes are made in the classifications for barley, flax and all grain. In the Eastern Division (east of Port Arthur) the principal change in the grades is the moisture test provided for corn. Provision is made for large 'Public Elevators' which can be erected in the prairie provinces and into which, if necessary, grain may be inspected and graded, thus relieving any congestion that may arise through lack of insufficient storage or transportation facilities. Provision is also made for 'Hospital Elevators' for the treatment of damaged grain, grain mixed with foreign seeds, etc., and for 'Mill Elevators' to be used in connection with plants manufacturing grain products. The establishment of sample markets for grain at Winnipeg, Fort William and Calgary has been provided for, and it is highly probable that by the time the crop of 1914 is moving such markets will be in operation at Winnipeg and Fort William. Several important changes are made in the car distribution sections, and powers are conferred upon the Board which the Warehouse Commissioner did not possess. Power is taken to increase the size of loading platforms within a certain prescribed maximum limit. Provision is made for the establishment of a Survey Board at Calgary. A new clause is inserted to provide that the expenses of the administration of the Act shall be paid by the imposition of fees fixed by the Board subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

Aid to Agriculture.—Chapter 3 provides for the granting of subsidies to the provincial governments for the encouragement of agriculture, and empowers the Minister of Agriculture, with the authority of the Governor in Council, to enter into agreements with the provincial governments setting forth the terms upon which the subsidies are granted and prescribing the conditions under which and the purposes for which they shall be expended. For the financial year ended March 31, 1913, a total sum of \$500,000 was appropriated for the purposes of this Act (see also page 453).

Biological Board.—Chapter 6 created a Biological Board of Canada to have charge of all biological stations in Canada and of investigations connected with marine and fresh-water fisheries, flora and fauna. The Board as now constituted under the Act consists of eight members under the chairmanship of Professor E. E. Prince.

Prince Edward Island Subsidy Act.—By chapter 42 an additional subsidy of \$100,000 was granted to Prince Edward Island from July 1, 1912.