

by the Poulsen wireless system. Under this agreement, which is for a period of five years, the rates for messages between Montreal and the United Kingdom are fixed at not more than 4d. per word for messages in plain language not deferred, 8d. per word for code messages, 2½d. per word for Government messages and 2d. per word for Press messages.

**Amendment of the Judges' Act.**—Chapter 28, an Act to amend the Judges' Act, provides for changes in the number of judges, and settles their salaries for the Supreme Courts of New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, for the County or District Courts of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and for the Circuit or District Court of Montreal. Section 8 provides for an additional city allowance of travelling expenses at \$4 per diem under Section 18 of the Judges' Act (R. S. 1906, c. 138). Section 9 provides for the superannuation of county court judges and of judges of the Circuit Court of Montreal at 75 instead of 80 years of age and for their voluntary resignation, with an annuity of full salary after 30 years or upwards instead of after 25 years or upwards continuous service.

**National Gallery of Canada.**—By the National Gallery of Canada Act (chapter 33) the Advisory Council of three members appointed under Order in Council of April 3, 1907, was constituted as a Board of Trustees under the name of the National Gallery of Canada. The objects and powers of this Board are stated to be the development, maintenance, care and management of the National Gallery and generally the encouragement and cultivation of correct artistic taste and Canadian public interest in the fine arts; the promotion of the interests generally of art in Canada; the exhibition of works of art under the auspices of the Board or of art societies or otherwise; the custody and preservation of the works of art contributed, and to be contributed by members of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts to the National Gallery under the statute in that behalf and the acquiring by purchase, lease, devise or otherwise, of pictures, statuary, works of art and other similar property. All pictures, statuary, works of art and other property which, at the time of the passing of the Act, are part of the National Gallery and under the care of the Advisory Council, and all the duties and authorities of the Council are transferred to and vested in the Board as trustees for the Government of Canada.

**Parcel Post.**—By the Parcel Post Act (chapter 35) a parcel post was established for the conveyance of parcels of all kinds, including farm and factory products, the weight of parcels being limited to 11 lb. and the size to 72 inches in length and girth combined. The rates and regulations for the parcel post, which came into operation on February 10, 1914, are published in the Canada Official Postal Guide.

**Railway Acts.**—Amendments are made in the following Acts relating to railways: Government Railways Small Claims (chapter 20); Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railways Employees' Provident Fund (chapter 26); Railway (chapter 44); Railway Belt Water (chapter 45). By chapter 10 subsidies are granted in aid of certain lines of the Canadian Northern Ontario and the Canadian Northern Alberta