

LEGISLATION AND PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF THE YEARS 1916 AND 1917.

Temperance Acts.—Chapter 19, an Act in aid of provincial legislation prohibiting or restricting the sale or use of intoxicating liquors, makes it an offence, punishable by fine or imprisonment, to send intoxicating liquors into any province to be dealt with contrary to the law of that province, or to sell liquor with the knowledge that it will be so sent. The provisions of this Act are extended by chapter 14, an Act to amend the Canada Temperance Act, to provinces in which the Canada Temperance Act is in force. Liquor is to be sold only in wholesale quantities in places which are under that Act.

Shipping Acts.—Chapters 12 and 13 are Acts to amend the Canada Shipping Act. The first of these enables captains who hold coasting certificates to navigate as far south as forty degrees south latitude, instead of only five degrees north latitude. The second makes provisions relating to the issue of certificates to persons who are qualified to take charge of boats with internal combustion engines; it also amends the clauses relating to Quebec pilotage. Chapter 9, an Act to amend the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners Act, removes the restrictions of the Canada Shipping Act from the commissioners' powers of imposing tolls, etc.

Miscellaneous.—Chapter 10 amends the Bank Acts by making permanent the authority to lend money to occupiers of land for the purchase of seed grain upon security of the crop grown, and also authorizes the banks to lend money to farmers and stock owners upon the security of their live stock. The Act provides that in provinces where statutes or ordinances are in force relating to bills of sale and chattel mortgages, the security may be taken in the form of a bill of sale or chattel mortgage, valid and lawful according to the laws in those provinces. In provinces where there are no such statutes or ordinances in force it is provided that the security may be taken in the form of a memorandum in the terms of a schedule to the Act, this memorandum to be published in the Official Gazette of the province within thirty days after its execution. The Zinc Bounties Act (chapter 27) provides for a bounty on zinc produced in Canada when the price in London, England, is less than £36 19s. 3d. per long ton. No bounty, however, is payable under the Act for zinc produced during the continuance of the war, nor for zinc produced after July 31, 1917.

Chapter 21 amends the Prisons and Reformatories Act (R.S., 1906, chapter 148) by making that Act applicable to the system of reformatories and industrial farms established by the Provincial Government of Ontario. Provision is made in the Act for the transfer of prisoners from the gaols to the industrial farms or for their transfer to gaol where necessary; the Act also gives wider powers to the parole board established in connection with reformatories by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in respect of the termination or suspension of indeterminate sentences. Chapter 8 provides for extension of the time during which an insurance company may apply for a license under the Insurance Act, 1910, on payment of a fee of \$100. Chapter 15, an Act to amend the Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act, empowers the Minister of the Interior to cancel letters patent containing errors of name, etc., and to issue correct letters patent for lands in