

LEGISLATION AND PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF THE YEARS 1916 AND 1917.

chapter 3 of 1916 confirms and extends an Order-in-Council which establishes a Soldiers' Aid Commission to assist, and to find employment and arrange for technical instruction for returned soldiers of the Canadian, Imperial and allied forces. The Saskatchewan Returned Soldiers Commission is constituted by chapter 30 of 1917. For Alberta, chapter 18 of 1917 authorizes and regulates the organization of War Veterans' Associations.

Chapter 41 (1916) of the British Columbia statutes makes arrangements for voting in provincial elections by men on active service. In Saskatchewan, chapter 4 of 1917 provides that three members of the Legislature shall be elected by persons serving overseas, one by those in Great Britain and two by those in France and Belgium. In Alberta, under chapter 12 of 1917, two additional members of the Legislative Assembly are to be elected to represent the soldiers and nurses serving overseas, the Act to remain in force until the dissolution of the fourth legislature; further, under chapter 38 of 1917, certain members of the third legislature, who are on active service overseas, are to be declared elected at the election for the fourth legislature. The right to vote in Saskatchewan is given by chapter 5 of 1917 to every person over 21 years of age who has served as soldier, nurse, etc., in the war. The same right is given in Ontario under chapter 5 of 1917, which specifically gives the right of voting to Indians who have gone on active service.

Taxation to provide money for the Patriotic Fund and other similar purposes is to be levied as follows: New Brunswick (chapter 8 of 1916), the amount to be fixed by Order-in-Council, the assessment so made being confirmed by chapter 29 of 1917; Manitoba (chapter 3 of 1916), one and one-half mill on the dollar of the total assessments of all municipalities, which is increased to two mills by chapter 67 of 1917; Saskatchewan (chapter 6 of 1916), one mill on the dollar of all assessments, which is increased to one and one-half mill by chapter 2 of 1917; Alberta (chapter 17 of 1917), the amounts being unlimited by the Act. In Saskatchewan there is further, under chapter 2 of 1917, a special poll tax of \$2 on every male over the age of 21, who is not otherwise assessed and is not in the naval or military forces on active service nor in the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. The Ontario Act of 1915 (chapter 37) is amended by chapter 41 of 1917, and extended to allow municipalities to make expenditures for armaments, etc. In Quebec a provincial subscription of one million dollars to the Canadian Patriotic Fund is authorized by chapter 2 of 1916. The Ontario Organization of Resources Act (chapter 4 of 1916) establishes a committee to assist in securing the organization of resources in the prosecution of the war and the maintenance of agricultural and industrial production.

Acts Relating to Elections and the Suffrage.—The right of voting in provincial and municipal elections on the same conditions as men is given to women in Ontario by chapters 5, 6 and 43 of 1917, in Manitoba by chapters 36 of 1916 and 57 of 1917, in Saskatchewan by chapter 5 of 1917, in Alberta by chapter 5 of 1916 and in British Columbia by chapters 76 of 1916 and 16 of 1917. Manitoba, under chapter 38 of 1916, is to be divided into forty-five instead of forty-two electoral divisions. Chapter 28 of 1917 forbids the making of contributions or dona-