

Administration of Justice.—An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act and the Exchequer Court Act (chapter 23) allows the Crown to receive costs in an action even though the solicitor or counsel for the Crown is a salaried law officer. The Act also extends the jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court in cases of claims against the Crown arising out of deaths or injuries resulting from the negligence of persons engaged on public works. An Act to amend the Judges Act (chapter 31) provides for the appointment of an additional judge of the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan and of an additional county court judge in Ontario, and orders that the payment of the travelling expenses of a judge, who does not reside in his district, shall be subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council. An Act to amend the Criminal Code (respecting jurors) (chapter 13) limits the number of jurors that may be ordered by the Crown to stand aside at any trial. By the Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Evidence Act (chapter 14), certain definitions and details are amended, and any trader is penalized who, being in debt to an amount greater than \$1,000 and unable to pay his creditors, has not kept proper books of account.

Railway Acts.—An Act providing for the acquisition by His Majesty of the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway Company (chapter 24) authorizes the Government to buy the six hundred thousand shares of the company's capital stock, which were not held, at the time of the passing of the Act, by the Minister of Finance, for a price to be determined by arbitration. In an Act concerning the payment of salaries or wages of employees of railway companies and otherwise to amend the Railway Act (chapter 37) the salaries and wages of persons employed on railways are required to be paid at least semi-monthly, and provisions are made as to warnings and protection at highway crossings and as to other safety measures. An Act to amend the St John and Quebec Railway Act, 1916 (chapter 22), extends the time to be allowed for the completion of that railway.

Insurance and other Companies.—The Insurance Act, 1917 (chapter 29), replaces the Act of 1910 and includes certain changes in the law, particularly in regard to the control by the Dominion Government of foreign companies doing business in Canada. An Act to amend the Criminal Code (respecting insurance) makes it an offence under the Criminal Code to carry on insurance business without proper authority in accordance with the Insurance Act, or to make discrimination as to terms between insured persons of the same class.¹ By the Companies Act Amendment Act, 1917 (chapter 25), amendments of and additions to the Companies Act are made, chiefly derived from the Acts of the United Kingdom and of Ontario.

Game and Fisheries Acts.—The Migratory Birds Convention Act (chapter 18) enacts the provisions of a convention made between Canada and the United States for the protection of migratory birds.

¹ A synopsis of the Dominion and provincial legislation affecting insurance appears in the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance, Business of 1917, Vol. I (Fire and Miscellaneous), pp. xlviiii-lx.