

co-ordination of employment offices, to establish clearing houses for the interchange of information and the transfer of labour and to compile and distribute information regarding conditions of employment. Money, provided for the purpose, is to be allotted to the provinces in proportion to their expenditure on employment offices. Chapter 27 amends the procedure under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, 1907.

Foods and Feeding Stuffs.—The Act to amend the Inspection and Sale Act (Fruits, Fruit Marks and Potatoes) (chapter 29) requires the marking of fruit packages with the name of the packer and the designation of the fruit, specifies the dimensions of fruit packages and makes provisions as to the grading of potatoes. Under the Act to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act (chapter 31) meat imported into Canada must have passed an inspection in the country of origin, and all imported food products must conform to the requirements of the Canadian Regulations.

The Act to amend the Inspection and Sale Act (Hay and Straw Inspection) (chapter 30) makes provisions concerning the grading and inspection of hay and straw.

Agriculture.—By the Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act (chapter 8), the amounts which may be paid as compensation to owners of animals slaughtered under the provisions of the Act are increased: for grade cattle from \$60 to \$80, for pure-bred cattle from \$150 to \$250, for grade pigs from \$15 to \$20, and for pure-bred pigs from \$50 to \$75.

Dominion Lands and Forests.—The Act to amend the Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act (chapter 4) permits the granting of sites for roads in Dominion Forest Reserves to Provincial Governments in exchange for portions of existing road allowances which are not required, and authorizes the grant to the province of British Columbia of certain minerals found in Forest Reserves but not in Dominion Parks. The Act to amend the Dominion Lands Act (chapter 19) withdraws the privileges of pre-emption, entry and purchased homesteads entry, allows absence on military service to be counted as residence and restricts the issue of letters patent to British subjects. The Act to amend the Railway Belt Act (chapter 40) permits letters patent to be issued in the name of deceased settlers.

Railways.—The Act supplementary to chapter 24 of the Statutes of 1917 respecting the Canadian Northern Railway System provides that the five-sixths of the company's shares mentioned in the original Act having been transferred to the Government, the Governor in Council may guarantee liabilities of the Canadian Northern Railway System. The Act to amend the Railways and Canals Act (chapter 38) empowers the Minister of Railways and Canals to acquire rolling stock and equipment and to lease or dispose of the same to railways and authorizes the issue of equipment notes in whole or part payment for the same. The Act to amend the Department of Railways and Canals Act (chapter 39) authorizes the stores account of the Canadian Government Railways to be increased to an amount not exceeding \$6,000,000.