

for the years 1919-20 to 1923-24, with further increase for the years 1924-25 to 1928-29. By this Order in Council the ground rent is increased from \$5 per acre to \$6.50 for the years 1919-20 to 1923-24 and \$8 for the years 1924-25 to 1928-29. In most of the specified classes of timber the increases run from 30 up to 100 p.c.; on miscellaneous timber the dues are a straight 15 p.c. The further increases dated 1924-28 will give a further increase on the 1918-19 to 1922-23 prices of 12½ to 60 p.c.

In Ontario, the Forest Fires Prevention Act was amended (chapter 45) by providing for the appointment, at the request of the owner (i.e., the licensee of an area or any person having the right to cut timber on the land), of extra or special rangers to be paid by the owner as directed by the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines. New regulations for forest reserves were promulgated under the Forest Reserves Act. These forbid the disposal of land within the reserves for agricultural purposes altogether, and for prospecting and mining, hunting and fishing, except under the regulations. Persons travelling through the reserves must give to any forest officer, when required, particulars as to themselves and their business in the reserve. Mining prospectors operating in reserves must have yearly permits. No lands valuable for the timber thereon may be disposed of for mining purposes, and all timber cut on lands so leased must be cut under regulation of the Minister. Mining operations on reserves must have the permission of the Minister, and no ores containing sulphur may be roasted in the open air in forest reserves. No tree may be cut, barked or otherwise injured, except under written authority of the Minister. Precautions must be taken in setting fire, and all fires kindled in the reserve must be extinguished before being left. Locomotives passing through the reserves must have spark-arresters or other efficient means of preventing sparks escaping. Making roads, erecting buildings and other improvement work may be done by the Minister, and no such work may be done without his written permission. A Superintendent and rangers may be employed for each reserve. All guides in the reserve must be licensed. No mining lease may issue for work in the reserve until all development work has been completed. The Game Act is by Order in Council made to apply to forest reserves.

In Saskatchewan, by chapter 5, the tax on timber areas or berths (payable by owner or operator) was reduced from 1½ cent to one cent per acre, areas held under permit exempted. Persons who manufacture lumber from trees cut on their own timber areas may be granted a rebate of all sums over and above half a cent per acre, paid or payable during 1913 and subsequently.

In Alberta, the Timber Areas Act was amended (chapter 41) to provide that anyone owning, leasing or operating any timber area, who fails to give the Minister of Municipal Affairs any information called for by the latter, shall be liable to a fine up to \$50 and costs, or, in default, to imprisonment not exceeding six months. Power is given to the Minister to assess the area after getting information from the Government of Canada or other source. A number of amendments,