

of which shall be vested in the Minister of Finance on behalf of the Crown, and under which the railways, works and undertakings of the companies comprised in the Canadian Northern Railway System may be consolidated, and, together with the Canadian Government Railways, operated as a national system. The Act provides for the appointment by the Governor in Council of a Board of Directors, not fewer than five nor more than 15 in number, who shall hold office from one annual meeting to another, or until removed for cause by the Governor in Council. This body may be entrusted with the management and operation of any railway, property or works vested in His Majesty. The expenses incurred in the management and operation of the Government railways are to be paid out of the rates and revenues of the enterprise, while any deficit shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to which also any surplus shall revert. The Company may sue or be sued like other companies. With the approval of the Governor in Council, it may issue bonds, debentures, debenture stock, perpetual or terminable, or other securities in respect of the mileage of the lines of railway which it from time to time constructs, acquires, owns or controls—not including the Canadian Government railways, nor exceeding in the aggregate \$75,000 per mile.

**Railways.**—In chapter 68 are consolidated the various Acts relating to railways. Annual, and if required monthly statistical reports, are to be compiled in duplicate by railway, telegraph, telephone and express companies, as well as by water carriers, for the Minister of Railways and Canals and for the Dominion Statistician. Limits are set to the granting of passes and reduced rates. Railways having legal powers to transmit telegraph and telephone messages for the public or to transmit or distribute electric and other power or energy, must not construct or operate lines along any highway or public place, or dispose of power or energy within the limits of a municipality without the consent of the municipality, expressed by by-law. The rates at which messages may be sent or at which power may be sold, must be approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners.

**Technical Education.**—Chapter 73 provides for aid to the provinces in promoting and assisting technical education in Canada, by annual grants beginning at \$700,000 and aggregating \$10,000,000 within a period of ten years. Out of the annual grant each province is to receive \$10,000, while the balance is to be divided among the provinces in proportion to their population as shown at the last decennial census. The grants to any province in any year are not to exceed an amount equivalent to that which the Provincial Government shall expend on technical education within such year, and the Dominion Minister of Labour is entitled to an accounting for the federal moneys expended and to a report setting forth the work done in the province in promoting technical education.

**Control of Aeronautics.**—The Air Board Act (Chapter 11) provides for the appointment by the Governor in Council of an Air Board consisting of from five to seven members to include a Minister of the Crown as chairman and representatives of the Departments