

of Militia and Naval Service. The Board is given powers of control over aerodromes, air stations, air craft, etc., and generally over aerial navigation in Canada and its territorial waters.

**Highways.**—The Canada Highways Act (chapter 54) authorizes the expenditure within five years from April 1, 1919, of \$20,000,000, for assisting the provinces in the construction and improvement of highways in Canada. To each province is to be given \$80,000 in each year, the balance of the annual grant being divided among the provinces in proportion to population, on condition that any highway for which aid is granted shall be constructed or improved in accordance with an agreement made by the Dominion Minister of Railways and Canals with the Government of the province, and approved by the Governor in Council. The federal grant in aid in each case shall be 40 p.c. of the actual necessary and reasonable cost of the construction or improvement.

**Bankruptcy.**—By the Bankruptcy Act (chapter 36) an effort has been made to provide a uniform bankruptcy law for the various provinces. An expeditious means of administering an insolvent estate is provided and such administration is made as inexpensive as possible. Provision is made for an honest insolvent obtaining under certain conditions an absolute discharge from further obligations. The Act applies to all corporations, with the exception of banks, railways, trust and insurance companies, and to all persons except farmers and wage-earners earning less than \$1,500 a year.

**Dominion By-Elections Act.**—The right to vote at by-elections is given by chapter 48 to British subjects by birth or naturalization, male or female, 21 years of age, who have ordinarily resided in Canada for at least twelve months and in the electoral district for two months. In the case of naturalized subjects, only personal naturalization is accepted as qualifying for the franchise, except in the case of those born in North America, or of those who, already being naturalized by operation of law, obtain from judges of competent jurisdiction certificates that but for such naturalization they would be entitled to be personally naturalized in Canada.

**Currency.**—By chapter 21 it is provided that the proclamation of September 3, 1914, made under authority of the Finance Act, 1914, suspending the redemption of Dominion notes in gold, and authorizing the advance to the chartered banks of Dominion notes on the pledge of approved securities, and making bank notes legal tender, shall, unless otherwise provided, continue in force for two years after the conclusion of peace. Further, paragraph (c) of this proclamation authorizing the banks to issue excess circulation from March 1 to August 31 of each year (as well as in the other six months) shall continue in force throughout 1919 and 1920 unless otherwise provided. Authority is also given to the Governor in Council by proclamation to prohibit the export of gold coin, gold bullion and fine gold, except under license from the Minister of Finance, for two years after the end of the war.