

Forestry.—By chapter 17, one of two Acts amending the Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act, authority is given to forest officers to seize the outfit and equipment of persons arrested for capturing or killing game or fish. Power is also given to expropriate lands for Dominion parks. Chapter 49 makes provision for the withdrawal of certain lands from forest reserves.

Housing Scheme.—The sum of \$25,000,000 was appropriated by Parliament for the purpose of furthering the Housing Scheme authorized by Order in Council of December 3, 1918. The Order, which is intended to facilitate the building of dwellings for working men, particularly returned soldiers, provides that the money is to be lent to the provinces in proportion to their population. The loans are to be made for a period not exceeding 20 years at 5 p.c. interest.

Miscellaneous.—Under chapter 62, the Ottawa Improvement Commission receives \$150,000 per annum to be expended under the supervision of the Minister of Finance in the improvement of the capital. By chapter 60, the increase is authorized of the Permanent Force of the Militia from 5,000 to 10,000 men. A loan to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners not to exceed \$5,000,000 is authorized by chapter 74. An Act (chapter 46) to amend the Criminal Code declares that organizations aiming to bring about by violent means governmental, industrial or economic changes in Canada are unlawful associations, whose property may be forfeited to His Majesty, and whose organizers, members, and those who print, circulate or import its literature may be punished with not more than 20 years' imprisonment. By chapter 30 the sum of \$200,000 per year for ten years is appropriated to aid construction work for public safety at railway crossings.

Special Session (September 1 to November 10, 1919).

At the second or special session of 1919 (third session of the thirteenth Parliament of Canada), extending from September 1 to November 10, 1919, thirty-one public general Acts and five local and private Acts were passed. Of the latter, one was an insurance company Act, and four were divorce Acts.

Finance.—Under chapter 31, appropriations were made aggregating \$62,916,039. Of this amount \$20,000,000 were voted as a supplementary grant to provide advances to soldiers settling on the land and for the cost of administering the Soldier Settlement Acts of 1917 and 1919, and \$40,000,000 to carry out the recommendations of the Report of the Committee on Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

Peace Treaties.—By chapter 30, the Governor in Council is authorized to "make such appointments, establish such offices, make such Orders in Council, and do such things as appear to him to be necessary" for giving effect to the Treaty of Peace signed on June 28, 1919, with Germany, and to the Treaty of Peace with Austria, signed at St.-Germain-en-Laye, September 10, 1919.

Grand Trunk Railway.—The Government is authorized by chapter 17 to enter into an agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada for the acquisition by the former of the entire capital stock of the Company, except £12,500,000 of 4 p.c. guaran-