

teed stock. As part of the consideration in such purchase, the Government may guarantee the payment of: (a) half-yearly dividends at 4 p.c. per annum upon the present guaranteed stock; (b) the interest upon the present debenture stocks; (c) half-yearly dividends at 4 p.c. per annum, from the date of the appointment of the committee of management, upon an issue of non-voting capital stock not exceeding the amount determined by the board of three arbitrators, such issue to be distributed among the holders of the present preference and common stocks, in proportions determined by the arbitrators, in satisfaction of their claims. One of the arbitrators is to be appointed by the Government, one by the Grand Trunk, and the third is to be Sir Walter Cassels, Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada. The total award by the arbitrators shall not be greater than an amount on which the annual dividend at 4 p.c. per annum on the face value of the present guaranteed stock and the new guaranteed stock taken together would exceed \$5,000,000.

Civil Service.—By the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1919, (chapter 10), the salaries of the Civil Service Commissioners are increased. The Commissioners are empowered to establish lists of persons eligible for temporary employment, and to employ temporarily persons possessed of professional, scientific, technical or other expert knowledge. They are authorized to prescribe working hours for the Civil Service, to set examinations for candidates for employment, to classify the service, and to determine the rates of compensation to be paid.

Dominion Lands.—The Dominion Lands Act is amended by chapter 13 to allow only those who have served in the war to enter for any parcel or parcels of Dominion lands on the first office day after such lands become available for entry. Also where a period of service with the forces has been credited to an entrant as performance of residence duties, it shall not be necessary for him to erect a house upon the land held by him in order to fulfil the requirements of the Act as to residence.

Prohibition.—Amending the Canada Temperance Act, the Governor in Council is by chapter 8 authorized, on the request of the Legislative Assembly of a province, to take a vote on the question "That the importation and the bringing of intoxicating liquors into such province be forbidden." If the majority of those voting are found to be in favour of prohibition the Governor in Council shall declare such prohibition to be in force, in which case no person shall either import intoxicating liquor into such province or sell it for such importation. By a similar vote, prohibition may after three years be repealed. Liquor seized under the Act is forfeited. By chapter 21, the manufacture of intoxicants knowing or intending that they shall be unlawfully used is forbidden; but no prosecution shall be initiated against a person residing in another province without the written approval of the Attorney-General of such province.

House of Commons.—By chapter 18, amending the House of Commons Act, it is provided that in the event of a vacancy occurring an election writ shall be issued within six months after the receipt by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery of the warrant for the issue of