

Trade and Commerce.—Chapter 34 amends the Bankruptcy Act by defining what constitutes a debtor and creditor within the meaning of the Act; by giving precedence to receiving orders and assignments over attachments, executions, etc.; by declaring void conveyancing, etc., of property which would give one creditor preference over others; by regulating the distribution of estate of bankrupt after notice; by providing that the proceeds of a joint estate shall apply to joint debts and of separate estates to separate debts; by prescribing penalties for incurring debts of \$500 or over or engaging in business under a deceptive name by an undischarged bankrupt. Chapter 35 amends the Boards of Trade Act by validating the association of any number of persons not less than thirty interested in trade as a board of trade, such persons to forward a memorandum of agreement to the Secretary of State; any existing board of trade may apply for admission under this Act, every board of trade is to file with the Secretary of State a summary report before June 1 of each year. Chapter 53 amends the Inspection and Sale Act in respect to the marketing of fruit and berries. Chapter 14 amends the Loan Companies Act of 1914 by requiring an inspection of the condition of loan companies and a report of the results of inspections by the Superintendent of Insurance. Chapter 21 amends the Trust Companies Act by requiring a similar inspection and report by the Superintendent of Insurance in the case of Trust Companies.

Civil Service.—Chapter 7 amends the Civil Service Insurance Act by extending authority to insure to persons in the navy, by increasing the maximum amount of insurance from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and by giving additional power to make regulations. Chapter 8 amends the Civil Service Superannuation and Retirement Act by increasing from 4 p.c. to 5 p.c. the rate of interest on amounts reserved for or transferred to the credit of each person in the retirement fund. Chapter 41 amends the Civil Service Act of 1918 and the Civil Service Amendment Act of 1919 by providing that the term of temporary employment outside of Canada shall be 90 days; by providing that the Civil servant who resigned and went on active war service overseas shall be eligible for reappointment on the salary received at the time of resignation or the minimum salary of his class, whichever be the higher; by declaring temporary employees ineligible for increase; by ratifying the classification of the Civil Service which is deemed to have come into force on April 1, 1919, except that those since promoted shall be entitled to the salary to which promoted; also persons employed at prevailing rates or who have retired are not entitled to the retroactive effect of the Act. The Act also reduces the number of Civil Service holidays to eight in addition to Sundays and the days set aside by proclamation. Chapter 67 provides for the retirement of officers 65 years of age and over and those under 65 who are not rendering efficient service, such persons to have the right of appeal and any officer is to have 30 days notice; officers of 45 to 59 who have served over 20 years and of 60 years who have served 10 years shall receive an annual retiring allowance of 10–60 of average annual salary during