

The authorized trustee is directed to insure the property of the debtor, and with the permission of the inspectors, may retain or disclaim leases. The administration of the Act is transferred from the Department of Secretary of State to the Department of Justice.

Civil Service.—By chapter 22, positions on government railways and ships are excluded from the operation of the Civil Service Act of 1918, and other positions may be so excluded where the Civil Service Commission considers this desirable; war pensioners are granted a special preference for employment in the Civil Service. Chapter 49 amends the Act of 1920 providing for the retirement of certain members of the public service, and extends the period when civil servants may be retired under it until July 1, 1922. Chapter 32 confirms certain appointments of officials made by the Minister of the Interior prior to May 24, 1918.

Copyright.—By the Copyright Act, (chapter 24), the law relating to copyright is consolidated and amended. The enactments, relating to copyright passed by the Parliament of the United Kingdom, so far as they apply to Canada, are repealed. The term of copyright is extended to cover the life-time of the author and for fifty years thereafter.

Currency.—By chapter 6, the Currency Act of 1910 is amended by providing for the issue of a nickel five-cent coin weighing 70 grains which shall be legal tender up to five dollars; the melting down of current legal tender gold coin, except under license from the Minister of Finance, is prohibited.

Elections.—Chapter 1 amends the Dominion Election Act with reference to the vote under the Canada Temperance Act in Ontario. By chapter 7, the statutes relating to corrupt practices at elections are amended. The Dominion Elections Act of 1920 is amended by chapter 29, defining as urban divisions those which contain 2,500 population instead of 1,000; hours of polling are to be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; 14 days are uniformly to elapse between nomination and election.

Health.—By chapter 42, amending the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, prescriptions for such drugs are not to be filled more than once, and are to be for medicinal purposes only; offences against the Act are made indictable offences.

Justice.—Under chapter 3, the Exchequer Court Act is amended to allow the Commissioner of Patents to appear before the Exchequer Court and to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada against its decision. By chapter 18, amending the Canada Evidence Act, seven days is substituted for ten days as the period which must elapse between the production of documents to be used in a trial and the trial itself. By chapter 20, the omission of certain technicalities in the procedure under the Canada Temperance Act is not to defeat the general intention of the Act. An Act to amend the Criminal