

C. 52 gives the Harbour Commissioners of Vancouver power to appoint and pay a harbour master and his deputies. By c. 9 the number of exemptions from payment of pilotage dues is increased.

**Miscellaneous.**—By c. 12, where the funds of the Canadian Patriotic Fund are not sufficient to carry on its work, and where the cessation of this work would put additional burdens on a municipality or province, the Governor in Council may authorize payments to the Canadian Patriotic Fund from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

### 1923.

The following are the Public Acts of the Second Session of the 14th Parliament of Canada, begun and holden at Ottawa on Jan. 31, 1923, and closed by prorogation on June 30, 1923.

**Finance.**—Three Appropriation Acts were passed during the year, cc. 1, 2 and 73. A total sum of \$288,153,681 was voted for the fiscal year 1924, while \$18,202,106 was voted for the year 1923. C. 32, amending the Bank Act, is summarized on page 817. By c. 34, amending the Business Profits War Tax Act, the limit to the period for which a person is liable for unpaid taxes is removed. C. 48, to supplement the Finance Act, authorizes the Minister of Finance to advance Dominion notes to banks on pledge of securities valued by trustees of the Central Gold Reserves, these advances to be repayable in Dominion notes. C. 52 amends the Income War Tax Act regarding amounts of income taxable. The Exchequer Court is given sole jurisdiction to determine all questions arising out of assessments. C. 55, amending the Insurance Act, provides detailed regulations regarding insurance on automobiles. By c. 66, the charters of the Caisse d'Economie de Notre Dame de Quebec and of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank are extended until July 1, 1933. C. 70 amends the Special War Revenue Act, particularly regarding taxes on cheques and money orders, taxes on wines, sales taxes and manufacturers' and jobbers' licenses.

**Agriculture.**—C. 3 amends the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, reducing the compensation paid to owners of pure-bred cattle from \$200 to \$150. C. 15 regulates the sale and inspection of fruit and fruit containers in respect to grades, marks, packing and repacking, branding, inspection and penalties for infringements. By c. 18, consolidating the Acts respecting live stock, standard stockyard regulations are authorized, with provisions for inspection and enforcement. The testing, inspection and sale of seeds are regulated by c. 27, under which grades, marks, and zones of production are to be standardized by an advisory board appointed for the purpose. The Dairy Industry Act is amended by c. 43, in which percentages of fat in milk, cream and butter are fixed. Penalties for non-compliance are increased. The Feeding Stuffs Act is amended by c. 47. The Minister may prohibit further importation of adulterated feeding stuffs or those below established standards.

**Trade and Commerce.**—The Convention of Commerce between Canada and France is given in c. 14, by which the customs duties of the "Intermediate Tariff" of 1907 are extended to France and her dependencies. The same rates apply to the United Kingdom as long as France continues to enjoy them and likewise to British Colonies which grant to Canada as favourable treatment as they give to any foreign country. A similar convention with Italy is given in c. 17, permitting the importation of goods, the produce or manufacture of Italy, on the most favourable terms granted to any foreign power. C. 42 amends the Customs