

the active militia not to be used unless the permanent force is insufficient or not available.

**Post Office.**—By c. 61, the Postmaster-General is empowered to make regulations *re* registration of letters and compensation for loss.

**Public Works.**—By c. 58, the Montreal Harbour Commissioners are empowered to build a bridge from Montreal to the south side of the St. Lawrence, to expropriate property, to borrow the money required and to charge tolls for the use thereof. C. 59 authorizes the Minister of Public Works to extend for one year the agreement of 1920 with the city of Ottawa. C. 72 provides for advances, not to exceed \$5,000,000, to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners for the construction of terminal facilities for the port.

**Railways.**—By c. 13, it is enacted that where Parliament has authorized expenditures on equipment to the extent of 25 p.c. of the cost thereof, the Canadian National Railway Co. may raise the remaining 75 p.c. by equipment issues. Cc. 14 to 32 authorize the construction of nineteen branch lines of the Canadian National Railways. By c. 70, provision is made for the construction of a viaduct and works in Toronto by the Toronto Terminals Railway Co.

**Returned Soldiers.**—By c. 60, the Pension Act is amended with regard to the time within which application must be made, the suspension of pension on imprisonment or its payment to a dependant, the payment of compassionate pensions or allowances in especially meritorious cases, the payment of allowances for maintenance of parents; the right of appeal is left open for two years after the appointment of the Federal Appeal Board or for one year after the decision complained of; bonus payments are continued during the years commencing Sept. 1, 1924 and 1925. C. 67 amends the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Act in respect of the selection and employment of staff and the receipt and retention of moneys payable to the persons cared for under the Act, and the guardianship of the insane.

**Shipping.**—By c. 11, it is enacted, as an amendment to the Canada Shipping Act, that foreign vessels captured during the war or ceded as reparations shall be deemed British and entitled to engage in the coasting trade. C. 12 amends the Canada Shipping Act in accordance with draft conventions adopted by the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations, particularly in regard to the employment of children and young persons, the medical examinations of young persons and the payment of seamen's wages.

**Scientific Research.**—C. 64, the Research Council Act of 1924, provides for an "Honorary Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research," appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Committee of the Privy Council on Scientific and Industrial Research. The Council is to have a president, and is to consist of not more than 15 members, holding office, with the exception of the president, for 3 years, but being eligible for re-appointment. The president, who receives such salary and is employed for such term as the Governor in Council prescribes, shall supervise the work of the council and of its technical officers. The council is to meet at least four times a year, members receiving no salary, but their travelling and other expenses. The council is to promote the utilization of the natural resources of Canada, to have supervision of researches undertaken under its auspices, to appoint its technical officers, and to publish scientific and technical information. Discoveries and inventions made by its officers are to be public property, but bonuses or royalties may be paid by the council to the officers making such discoveries or inventions.