

Finance.—By c. 1, sums of \$22,058,360 and \$52,546,778 are authorized to be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to defray expenses of the public service for the fiscal years ended 1923 and 1924 respectively. The Ontario Loan Act, 1923, c. 2, provides for the raising of \$35,000,000 for several purposes mentioned therein. By c. 8, authority is given to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to borrow \$5,000,000, to be used in the development of northern and north-western Ontario.

Forestry.—The Reforestation Act, c. 10, provides for the purchase, expropriation or lease of any lands in the province deemed necessary for reforestation purposes, the Minister, in so doing, having the powers provided by the Ontario Public Works Act (R.S.O., c. 35).

Highways.—C. 48, the Highway Traffic Act, consolidates regulations regarding the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, equipment of all vehicular traffic on streets and highways, chauffeurs' licenses, garage licenses, speed limits, weights and loads, rules of the road, accidents and penalties for contravention. In c. 49, provisions are made to govern the operation of public vehicles (motor busses, etc., operating over regular routes) with respect to licenses and license plates, tolls, speed, equipment and loads, with penalties for non-compliance.

Labour, Health and Social Legislation.—C. 5 prohibits the publishing of betting information in the province. C. 31 amends the Workmen's Compensation Act with regard to compensation paid in certain cases; c. 32 makes slight amendments to the Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act; and c. 33 amends the Infants Act regarding the custody of infants. C. 35 amends the Ontario Medical Act with regard to the persons to whom it is deemed to apply, and to the records maintained by the Provincial Secretary of all persons filing statements as osteopaths, chiropractors, etc. The Public Health Act is amended by c. 52, which provides for supervision by the Provincial Board of Health of all sources of public water supply, of inquiries and reports as to pollution and of permits to manufacture mineral, distilled and spring water, etc.

Mining.—C. 11, respecting mineral rights in certain Canada Company's lands, authorizes the Crown to deal with all estates, rights, titles, etc., of lands granted to it under the Canada Company's Lands Act.

Miscellaneous.—C. 20 establishes the Bureau of Archives, in charge of the Provincial Archivist, for the collection and preservation of historical documents; c. 26 makes slight amendments to the Registry Act; c. 29 sets out regulations regarding the validity of assignments of book debts; c. 30 enacts provisions respecting liens of mechanics, wage-earners and others; c. 38 deals in detail with the sale of securities and similar transactions; c. 50 sets out provisions for the maintenance of properly kept registers in all standard hotels, with penalties for misrepresentation and false registration.

Municipalities.—C. 7 provides for the payment of \$197,673 to the town of Haileybury during the years from 1922 to 1939, with provisions regarding its procuring money by means of taxes or debenture issues. Further payments to municipalities and school districts on account of uncollectable taxes are also provided for. C. 41, the Municipal Amendment Act, contains amendments regarding council meetings, retiring allowances to servants of corporations, aid to hospitals and exemptions from taxation.