

Manitoba.

(Acts of the 1st session of the 17th Legislature—Jan. 18, 1923—May 5, 1923.)

Administration of Justice.—C. 20 provides for sittings of the Court of King's Bench at appointed times, and provides for instructions to be given to juries by the presiding judge. C. 26 amends the Manitoba Magistrates Act respecting returns of convictions, fines and qualifications of J.P.'s.

Agriculture.—C. 24 enables the Department of Agriculture to administer the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act (Dominion) within the province. Cc. 41 and 42 provide for the issue of notes or debentures by municipalities, to be guaranteed by the government, in order that money may be loaned to farmers for the purchase of seed grain.

Assessment.—The Assessment Act is amended by c. 62, as regards the taxing of houses on exempted property, residence as shown on assessment rolls, mode of payment of taxes in rural municipalities, redemption of lands sold for taxes and validation of assessments; it is further amended by c. 63, respecting fees for applications or assignments and by c. 64 regarding assessments where a leasehold interest in any land is taxable.

Companies.—C. 4 amends the Companies Act regarding the issue of letters patent in respect of capital stock and commencement of business, and also regarding the cancellation of letters patent and their revival. C. 12 provides for the inspection by the Attorney-General of the province of the affairs of companies carrying on financial business.

Education.—C. 34 amends the Public Schools Act regarding non-resident pupils, tenure of office of school boards and trustees, assessments, duties of trustees and of boards, and agreements with teachers.

Finance.—The Manitoba Farm Loans Act is amended by c. 11, particularly respecting the powers of the Board, its liability with respect to loans, advances for the purchase of seed grain and sales of land held by the board. C. 40 makes minor amendments to the Rural Credits Act. By c. 45, the Lieutenant-Governor is authorized to raise by loan and to expend the sum of \$2,700,000 for capital purposes; c. 46 authorizes a further loan of \$2,000,000 under the Provincial Loans Act; c. 47 authorizes the expenditure of \$11,207,085 to defray the expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1923; c. 48 authorizes a further similar expenditure of \$264,800.

Game.—C. 13 amends the Game Protection Act, setting out new schedules of licenses, dates of seasons and areas of preserves.

Lands.—C. 6 amends the Act respecting Contracts relating to Land, withdrawing the benefits of the Act from certain dates. C. 9 provides for the raising of loans under the Land Drainage Act. C. 33 amends the Provincial Lands Act regarding adjustments with municipalities under various Acts affecting assessment and levies.

Legislation.—Cc. 38 and 39 set out provisions for referring the question of the sale of liquors to the electors of the province.

Motor Vehicles.—C. 32 amends the Motor Vehicle Act regarding schedules of fees for licenses, the registration of dealers' cars and penalties imposed under the Act.

Municipalities.—The Town Planning Act is amended by c. 50, chiefly regarding increase in property values. The Municipal Act is amended by c. 57, principally with respect to sinking funds of municipalities, and to public highways