

Mining.—C. 31, the Coal Sales Act, sets out the powers of the Lieutenant-Governor in the regulation of the sale of coal in the province.

Municipalities.—The Town Act is amended by c. 28, which deals chiefly with the powers of councils, agreements between towns and hospitals, repeal and amendment of by-laws, taxation, exemptions and assessment. Similar amendments are made to the Village Act and the Improvement District Act in cc. 29 and 30. C. 34 amends the Municipal District Act, chiefly regarding the borrowing of money to supply seed grain to farmers in the district, and the assessment and taxation of residents.

Professions.—C. 57 amends the Dental Association Act in respect to the composition and election of the Board of Directors. C. 58, the Chiropractic Act, establishes the Advisory Board of Examiners and sets out their powers as examiners of persons desiring to practice as chiropractors in the province. The Act further regulates the fees of such applicants, qualifications, examinations and certificates.

Public Utilities.—The Public Utilities Act, c. 53, establishes, in Part 1, the Board of Public Utility Commissioners and outlines its composition and general procedure; it further deals with the disqualification of members, the Board's jurisdiction, practice and procedure, orders and annual report. Parts 2 to 8 of the Act outline the Board's powers as to public utilities, loans to local authorities, municipal finances, repayment of municipal debentures, separation of lands from urban municipalities, arrears of taxes and cancellation of plans of subdivisions.

Railways.—The Railway Act is amended by c. 42 with respect to tolls, relief from erection and maintenance of fences, etc., effect of the existence of insurance on property destroyed and penalties for certain offences.

Statute Law.—The Statute Law Amendment Act, c. 5, in some 50 sections, amends various statutes of the province, all in more or less minor details. C. 6 confirms the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, giving them force and effect from Jan. 19, 1923.

Taxation.—C. 32 imposes a tax of 3 cents per acre on mining lands and provides for its collection; c. 33 imposes a tax of not more than 2 p.c. on the gross revenue of all mine owners, with provisions similar to those in the preceding Act; c. 39 provides for a tax of 3 p.c. on the gross revenue of every first vendor of beverages in the province; while in c. 40 provisions are enacted for the issuing of licenses to owners of slot machines, on the payment of annual fees.

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(Acts of the 4th session of the 15th Parliament, begun Oct. 29 and closed Dec. 21, 1923.)

Agriculture.—C. 2, amending the Apiaries Act, provides for the appointment of a Provincial Apiarist and inspectors, with powers of examination of apiaries in the province and other duties and responsibilities. The Egg Marks Act, c. 10, provides rigid restrictions governing the sale of eggs of foreign origin, and for the notification of provincial inspectors of the importation or storage of Chinese eggs, with the powers of inspectors under the Act. C. 63 gives force to the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act, 1917, (Dominion) throughout the province.

Companies.—C. 4 provides for the formation of Cemetery Companies with their powers, duties and regulations *re* shares and shareholders, directors and officers. Slight amendments are made to the Trust Companies Act by c. 5.