

services between Canada and the West Indies. As regards the former, duties levied on dutiable goods (other than tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and spirituous or alcoholic liquors) imported into Canada from any of the above-mentioned colonies are not to exceed 50 p.c. of the general tariff rate. Canada also receives tariff concessions in their markets. The agreement also deals with the steamship service between Canada and both the Eastern and Western groups of the West Indian and neighbouring colonies. The agreement is to continue in force for 12 years after it has been ratified and proclaimed by the Governments concerned.

**Health.**—The Opium and Narcotic Drug Act of 1923 was amended by c. 12, with regard to the persons to whom drugs may be sold, the necessity of a written order, the unlawfulness of refilling narcotic prescriptions, persons who may manufacture without a license, etc. Aliens convicted of unlawful possession or manufacturing without a license may be deported.

**Interior.**—By c. 8 the schedule to the Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act, as enacted by c. 13 of the Statutes of 1923, is amended in respect of changes in the areas of the various reserves, and also by creating the Shuswap Forest Reserve with an area of some 326 square miles, in British Columbia.

**Marine.**—By c. 6, the Chicoutimi Harbour Commissioners' Act, the creation of a harbour commission for the port of Chicoutimi is authorized. The commissioners are to be three in number, and are authorized to appoint officers to control and administer the harbour properties, to develop the harbour and facilitate traffic and expropriate lands where necessary for this purpose; also to collect rates, to borrow moneys and to recover penalties for violations of their by-laws.

**Railways.**—By c. 14, it is provided that the amount of money apportioned from the railway grade crossing fund for the removal of grade crossings shall not in the case of any one crossing exceed 40 p.c. of the cost nor \$25,000, and that no such money shall be applied in any one year to more than six crossings on any one railway in any one municipality or more than once in any one year to any one crossing.

**Miscellaneous.**—The Canadian Red Cross Society Act was amended by c. 5, giving the society the right to dispose of any of its property upon such terms as it may deem advisable.

By c. 13, an Act to provide for changing the names of certain pension societies, such changes are allowed where by-laws or resolutions to this effect have been passed by a two-thirds majority of the contributories to the funds, and where the approval of the Secretary of State has been secured.

The Railway Belt Water Act (c. 15) provides that during pleasure of the Governor in Council, the water within the railway belt of British Columbia shall be under the control of the British Columbia authorities and be administered under and in accordance with the Water Acts as if these Acts had been enacted by the Parliament of Canada. Other clauses provide for the protection of the interests of the Dominion in such waters, also of those of riparian proprietors.

The Yukon Quartz Mining Act of 1924 was amended by c. 17, with respect to definitions and the date of the coming into force of the Act, *viz.*, July 19, 1924.