

**Federal District Commission.**—The Federal District Commission, replacing the Ottawa Improvement Commission, was established by c. 55. It consists of 10 members, of whom 9 shall be appointed by the Governor in Council (one to be a resident of Hull), and one by the City of Ottawa. The Commission may acquire and hold property, maintain and protect works, co-operate with any local municipality in the improvement and beautifying of the same, and grant concessions for places of refreshments, amusement or shelter. The Commission is to receive \$250,000 a year for 16 years from the Government and may, with the consent of the Governor in Council, borrow sums up to \$250,000 required to purchase land or effect improvements, the principal and interest of such debentures to be a first charge upon the income of the Commission. Estimates of expenditures must be approved by the Governor in Council, and an annual report of activities is to be made to Parliament. The works and undertakings of the Commission are declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

**Health.**—The Food and Drugs Act was amended by c. 56, in respect of misbranding, of the seizure of suspected articles, interference with goods seized and the distribution of samples.

**Indian Affairs.**—By c. 37, the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs was granted authority to administer certain islands in the St. Lawrence river belonging to the St. Regis band of Indians, for the best interests of that band. By c. 32, the Indian Act was amended as regards the operation of pool rooms, dance halls, etc., on Indian reserves, the selling of totem poles and other articles of historic interest, and the receipt of money for the prosecution of Indian claims.

**Insurance and Trust and Loan Companies.**—The Insurance Act of 1917 was amended by c. 59 as regards sinking funds, conditions for eligibility as investments, qualifications of actuaries, margin of security in fire and casualty companies, right of fraternal benefit societies to issue old age endowments, increase in deposit required of British or foreign insurance companies. By c. 61, the Loan Companies Act was amended as regards financial statements to shareholders, permit to increase borrowing powers and renewal of annual licenses. Also, by c. 72, the Trust Companies Act was amended in respect of annual licenses and the filing of certified copies of by-laws.

**Interior.**—The Northwest Territories Act was amended by c. 64, with respect to the levying of a tax on furs.

**Justice.**—The Canada Evidence Act was amended by c. 11, relating to the receipt in evidence of bank books and records. By c. 30, judges of the Exchequer Court cease to hold office at 75 years of age. By c. 33, the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court are increased, while annuities may be granted to judges retiring at the age of 75 or after ten years' service. Under c. 38, judges of the Supreme Court cease to hold office at 75 years of age.

**Marine.**—By c. 62, the Department of Marine and Fisheries was divided into two main Branches, the Marine Branch and the Fisheries Branch, each with a Deputy Minister. By c. 29, the Governor in Council was authorized to form a company called the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd., to provide for a mail, passenger and freight steamship service, in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the West Indies Trade Agreement. The principal and interest of the securities of this Company may be guaranteed by the Government up to \$10,000,000. The Company may construct, purchase or refit such boats as may be necessary for this service and may take over suitable vessels from the Canadian Government Merchant Marine.