

By c. 42, the solicitation on ships or wharves of business for hotels, lodging houses, restaurants, omnibuses or transfer companies, without the written consent of the owners of such ships or wharves, is forbidden under penalties; also the sale of tickets, goods, wares or other merchandise in these places.

By the Halifax and Saint John Harbour Commissioners' Acts (cc. 58 and 70), Harbour Commissions similar to those in other leading ports, and with similar powers, were created for the ports of Halifax and Saint John. Cc. 8, 46 and 73 authorized loans of \$12,000,000, \$500,000 and \$4,000,000 to the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, Chicoutimi, and Vancouver respectively. Also, by cc. 47 and 70, the Chicoutimi Harbour Commissioners and the Three Rivers Harbour Commissioners Acts, were amended with regard to the definition of the harbour limits in each case.

**Mining.**—C. 52, "An Act to encourage the Production of Domestic Fuel from coal mined in Canada", provides Government aid for enterprises undertaking to produce coke from coal, of which at least 70 p.c. must be mined in Canada.

**National Revenue.**—Under cc. 34 and 63 the Department of National Revenue was constituted, taking the place of the former Department of Customs and Excise, and also taking over from the Department of Finance the collection of the business profits war tax and the income war tax. To promote efficiency of administration, the Customs Act was amended by c. 50, re-constituting the Board of Customs and increasing the penalties for smuggling. Also, under c. 54, the Excise Act was amended to improve its administration and provide increased penalties for smuggling; "vessels" used in illicit trade were rendered liable to forfeiture. Further, under c. 69, the Special War Revenue Act was amended by giving the Minister power to determine fair prices for the calculation of sales tax; it also provided for the keeping of records of sales and for penalties for not filing monthly returns of taxable sales.

**Old Age Pensions.**—A *résumé* of this important measure (c. 35) will be found in the Labour section, at p. 732.

**Post Office.**—By c. 66, the rate of postage on certain newspapers and periodicals was reduced from one and a half to one cent per lb.

**Railways.**—The Grand Trunk Pacific Securities Act (c. 7) ratified the scheme of arrangement entered into with the holders of the 4 p.c. debenture stock of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., and gave the Canadian National Railways authority to issue new stock not exceeding £7,176,801, guaranteed by the Government of the Dominion, in exchange for the above-mentioned debenture stock. On the issue of the new stock the Governor in Council may declare the receivership of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at an end.

Under cc. 12 to 26 inclusive, the Governor in Council was authorized to provide for the construction or completion of various branches of the Canadian National Railways, at an aggregate estimated cost of \$20,400,000. C. 45 provides for an extension of time for the construction, jointly with the Canadian Pacific Railway, of a branch in Alberta.

Authority is given by c. 27 to the Governor in Council, to provide for the refunding of certain securities of the Canadian National Railway Co. C. 28 deals with the application of the Railway Act to Canadian Government Railways.

The Maritime Freight Rates Act (c. 44), provides for the reduction of freight rates on the Eastern Lines of the Canadian National Railways by a general cut of approximately 20 p.c. Separate accounts are to be kept for these lines and any