

Marine.—C. 28 authorizes a loan of not to exceed \$500,000 to the Halifax Harbour Commission, to be used for the construction of adequate terminal facilities. A loan of not to exceed \$8,500,000 to the City of Quebec Harbour Commission for the construction of adequate terminal facilities is authorized by c. 42. A similar loan not to exceed \$5,000,000 to the Saint John Harbour Commission for the construction of terminal facilities is provided for by c. 46.

National Defence.—The Royal Military College Act (c. 7) deals with the appointment of the civilian staff of the college in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act, with the qualifications of students and the fees to be paid by them. C. 36 authorizes an annual grant of \$75,000 to the National Battlefields Commission at Quebec for ten years from April 1, 1928.

National Revenue.—The Customs Act was amended by c. 16 with regard to vessels found hovering in territorial waters, the definition of territorial waters, importers' books, etc. By c. 17 the Customs Tariff was amended with respect to the rates of duty charged on numerous commodities, also to the rates of drawback. The Excise Act was amended by c. 24 regarding the rates of duty payable by His Majesty in the case of liquor imported by any governmental authority, and the security to be given by a board, commission or other government agency importing liquor. The Department of National Revenue Act was amended by c. 37, regarding the appointment of customs appraisers, officers of the preventive service and investigators of values and claims for drawback.

Patents.—The Patent Act is amended by c. 4, so as to bring it into conformity with the terms of the International Conference for the Protection of Industrial Property. Further, the Trade Mark and Design Act is amended by c. 10, so as to bring the Act into conformity with the decisions of the International Conference referred to above.

Public Printing.—By c. 5, the Public Printing and Stationery Act is amended in respect of the advances to the King's Printer for purchase of materials, execution of orders and requisitions and payment of wages.

Pensions.—The Militia Pension Act was amended by c. 35, in regard to reservations from an officer's salary while in the public service of Canada, to the payment of a gratuity to a widow or children in case of death before pension may be granted, to payment of pensions to militiamen of the army reserve who enlist in the Permanent Force, and to extending the Act to the Royal Canadian Navy and the permanent Air Force. The Pension Act was amended by c. 38 in connection with the change of definitions and other matters dealt with on p. 968 of this volume. The Department of Pensions and National Health Act (c. 39) consolidates the former Departments of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and Health under the above name.

Railways.—An agreement between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway Co. regarding construction of new lines, running rights, etc., was confirmed by c. 3. C. 8 authorizes an extension of the time within which the Saint John and Quebec Railway Co. is to complete its line from Centreville to Andover; the extension is to May 1, 1930. The Canadian Northern Income Charge Act (c. 11) confirms an arrangement with the holders of 5 p.c. income charge convertible debenture stock of the Canadian Northern Railway Co. By c. 13, the Canadian National Railways Act is amended in regard to the application of the Railway Act to Canadian Government Railways. By c. 43,