

## CHAPTER XXIX.—THE ANNUAL REGISTER, 1929.

### Section 1.—Dominion Legislation, 1929.

The following is an analysis of the Public Acts of the third session of the Sixteenth Parliament, begun and holden at Ottawa on Feb. 7, 1929, and closed by prorogation June 14, 1929.

During the session 64 Public and 272 Private Acts were passed; the latter included 9 railway companies' Acts, 12 insurance and trust companies' Acts, 5 patent Acts, 8 other companies' Acts, and 238 divorce Acts.

**Finance and Taxation.**—Four Appropriation Acts were passed during the session, cc. 1, 2, 3 and 64, all applying to the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1930. C. 1 and c. 2 granted respectively \$20,454,936.78 and \$40,909,873.57 for defraying the general expenses of the Government, while c. 3 granted a gross sum of \$63,300,645 and a net total of \$15,825,161.25 for loans to the Canadian National Railway Co., the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Ltd., the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships, Ltd., as well as to provide for the payments accruing to the Canadian National Railway Co. and other railway companies under the Maritime Freight Rates Act. Finally, c. 64 granted under Schedule A \$183,086,031.06 or three-fourths of the amount of each item in the Estimates, less certain deductions, for the general expenditures of the Government during the year; under Schedule B, \$47,475,483.75 or the remaining three-fourths of the \$63,300,645 already referred to, for the purposes mentioned above; lastly, under Schedule C \$12,606,634.36 was granted in connection with the Supplementary Estimates.

The Customs Tariff was amended by c. 39, with respect to the rates of duty levied upon numerous commodities. The Excise Act was amended by c. 41, in regard to the excise duty on every pound of malt manufactured. Finally, the Special War Revenue Act was amended by c. 57, repealing the taxes levied upon certain insurance premiums, upon cables and telegrams, and upon railway and other tickets. The stamp tax on the sale or transfer of stocks, bonds, etc., was also modified, while the general rate of the sales tax was reduced from 3 p.c. to 2 p.c.

**Agriculture.**—The Root Vegetables Act was amended by c. 7, so as to establish certain grades for vegetables other than potatoes and onions and to prescribe the size of containers and regulate the handling of vegetables for export.

The Canada Grain Act (this Act of 1925 was summarized at pp. 1017-1018 of the 1925 Year Book) was extensively amended by c. 9. The salaries of the Board of Grain Commissioners were increased and provision was made for the appointment of Assistant Commissioners. The head office of the Board may henceforth be located as the Board may decide, instead of being fixed as heretofore at Fort William or Port Arthur. The powers of the Board of Grain Commissioners to investigate complaints and assess loss and damage were extended. Provision was also made for appointing annually the members of the Western Grain Standards Board, including representatives of the producers and a representative of the milling industry. New definitions of the various grades of barley were also incorporated in the Act. Other new provisions extended the authority of the Board in controlling