

being conditional upon agreements being entered into with the provinces concerned. Provision was made for payments in proportion to population and for the making of Regulations by the Dominion Minister of Labour.

Pensions and National Health.—The Canadian Red Cross Society Act (c. 68 of the Statutes of 1909 as enacted in 1922 and amended in 1926) was amended by c. 24 to permit the Society to acquire and hold property, estate or rights or to alienate, pledge, mortgage or otherwise dispose of such property. Real estate held in Canada by or in trust for the Society, however, must not exceed \$100,000. Amendments were also made with respect to the organization of the governing body.

C. 44 of the Statutes amended the Pension Act (c. 157, R.S.C., 1927) as regards the organization of the Pension Tribunal and the appointment of counsel to the Commission, the duties of the Commission, etc.

Post Office.—The Post Office Act (c. 161, R.S.C., 1927) was amended by c. 45 with regard to the postage rate on certain newspapers and periodicals issued more than once a week and in the case of others upon the circulation in excess of 2,500 copies per issue. The postage rate in these cases was made 1½ cents per lb. or fraction thereof on and after July 1, 1931, such postage to be prepaid as the Postmaster-General from time to time directs. Provisions were added respecting such of the said newspapers and periodicals as have a circulation up to 10,000 copies per issue and papers devoted to religion, science or agriculture, where the rate was to remain at 1 cent per lb.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police.—By c. 11 of the Statutes, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act (c. 160, R.S.C., 1927) was amended to permit of the taking over of provincial police upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Dominion Government and the Government of any province, and upon approval by the Governor in Council. The Act is deemed to have come into operation on April 1, 1928.

Soldier Settlement.—C. 53 provided for the amendment of the Soldier Settlement Act (c. 188, R.S.C., 1927). The chief changes were made in relation to the office of Director of Soldier Settlement and his powers.

Trade and Commerce.—The Copyright Act (c. 32, R.S.C., 1927) was amended by c. 8 of the Statutes, with regard to: the definition of certain terms; cases of joint authorship of a copyright; author's right to restrain acts prejudicial to his reputation; assessment of damages in the case of infringement of copyright; powers of the Commissioner of Patents and the Registrar, and the registration of "grants of interest" and other matters. Provision was made that the Governor in Council may take such action as necessary to secure the adherence of Canada to the Rome Copyright Convention of 1928.

The Australian Trade Agreement Act, 1931 (c. 16 of the Statutes), repealed the Australian Trade Agreement Act, 1925, authorized the Governor in Council to make such Regulations as are necessary to the proper carrying out of the Act and the Agreement published as a Schedule, and fixed the coming into force of the Act as following proclamation and publication in the *Canada Gazette*.

By cc. 17 and 18 amendments were made to the Bankruptcy Act (c. 11, R.S.C., 1927). In the former case, the purpose of the amendment was to safeguard the rights of any person holding a claim against the debtor, for damages occasioned