

National Revenue.—The Excise Act was amended in several minor respects by c. 30. These included: the definition of 'Provincial Analyst', the power to refuse or suspend licences under the Excise Act, the recovery of penalties or forfeitures incurred under the Act, procedure in regard to penalties, conditions governing spirits entered for consumption, excise duties on screened malt, etc.

The Customs Tariff was amended by c. 41 with respect to repair parts, wool and hides listed as items 409, 549 and 599 of Schedule A.

Radio.—C. 51 of the Statutes is the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Act, 1932. It authorized the appointment of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission and outlined its organization and powers, including the making of Agreements regarding broadcasting and the acquisition of property or the expropriation and compensation proceedings which may be taken. The expenditures of the Commission must not exceed the estimated revenue from receiving licences and must be appropriated by Parliament and audited by the Auditor-General in the same manner as other public moneys. (See also pp. 731-733.)

Trade and Commerce.—The use of the terms 'Board of Trade' and 'Chamber of Commerce' and the organization of other boards where there are existing boards are restricted under c. 14—an Act to amend the Boards of Trade Act. Any Board of Trade, duly registered, may become affiliated with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on complying with certain requirements.

The Patent Act is amended by c. 21 of the Statutes in regard to conflicting applications for and infringements of patents, and the records and statements of applicants.

C. 22 amended the Petroleum and Naphtha Inspection Act as regards the tests applied to petroleum.

The Companies Act Amendment Act, 1932. is the subject of c. 27 of the Statutes. This Amendment deals with the registration of mortgages and charges, the maintenance of registration and transfer offices, and records.

The Trade Agreement between Canada and New Zealand assented to on May 13, 1932, is dealt with in c. 34. The Schedule accompanying the Act defines the scope of the Agreement in ten Articles. The new detailed tariff schedule agreed upon is appended to the Schedule.

The Unfair Competition Act, c. 38 of the Statutes, safeguarded the proper use of trade marks duly registered in Canada and limited the general form of design which may be adopted for trade-mark purposes and the registration thereof.

C. 39 amended the Bankruptcy Act in several respects including: proof of debt etc., appointment and powers of the interim receiver, the procedure in the case of bankrupt farmers whose liabilities exceed \$500, the proper registration of assignments, conditions governing the appointment of the trustee and custodian, the licensing and powers of a trustee, the ranking of claims, court procedure, and the records to be promptly forwarded to the Superintendent of Bankruptcy and the Dominion Statistician.

The Winding-up Act as it applies to Insurance Companies (Part III) was amended by c. 56, which re-defines the term 'assets' as it applies to such companies and describes when a company shall be deemed insolvent. Other important matters dealt with are: the order of priority for the payment of claims, the re-insurance of contracts by the liquidator without the consent of the policy-holders, and the duties of the liquidator as regards the making of reports and returns.