

Transportation and Communications.—Cc. 6 and 25 of the Statutes of 1932 are Acts to authorize the additional provision of moneys to meet expenditures and indebtedness incurred on behalf of the Canadian National Railways during 1931 and 1932 respectively. The Acts grant the power to borrow for this purpose and outline the method of financing by securities which are to be issued by approval of the Governor in Council. The principle of competitive bids for the sale of such securities is laid down. Cc. 15 and 26 are Acts to authorize the guarantee by the Canadian Government of the securities to be issued under cc. 6 and 25 respectively. An extension of time for the completion of the construction of certain lines of railway by the Canadian National Railways is granted by c. 24.

Under c. 50—an Act to amend the Montreal Harbour Commissioners' Act, 1894—the original legislation is amended so that all harbour property, movable and immovable, "heretofore acquired or held" is vested in the Crown and shall be deemed to have been so vested since July 1, 1867.

Miscellaneous.—The Minister of Public Works was authorized, under c. 11, to extend for one year the provisions of the then existing Agreement with the Corporation of the City of Ottawa, for certain civic services in return for a fixed annual payment, in addition to payment for water. The Government is to undertake the upkeep of works in the vicinity of Parliament Hill.

By c. 12, Orders in Council or Regulations made by the Governor in Council under authority of the Forest Reserves and Parks Act or the Dominion Lands Act were declared to have the same force and effect as if approved by Parliament as required by those Acts.

The Opium and Narcotic Drug Act was amended by c. 20, which contains a new Schedule mentioning the substances recognized as "drugs" under the Act and re-defines "opium". An amendment is also made regarding the forfeiture of seized drugs.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act is amended regarding the appointment of officers and the delegation of authority by c. 37. A new subsection is added extending the powers possessed by members of the Force in connection with the prevention of offences against the revenue laws of Canada. Amendments are also made regarding pensions and allowances to the personnel of the Force.

C. 53 amends the Soldier Settlement Act, permitting the transfer of lands which have not been sold by the Board to the municipality in which such land is situated, or the sale of lands in certain specified cases at prices not less than the estimated costs to a settler.

Section 2.—Provincial Legislation.

A list of the public Acts of the Provincial Legislatures usually appears under this section of the Year Book. In order to conserve space, it was decided last year to refer the reader to the different provincial authorities for information in this connection. The same procedure is followed this year. It is felt that whatever is lost to those readers who are interested in having all provincial legislation brought together and listed under one head, is more than offset by the information of more general interest which it has been possible to include in the limited space available, but which would otherwise have had to be omitted.