

Trade.—By cc. 2, 3, 4, and 5 the several Trade Agreements made between Canada and the United Kingdom, South Africa, the Irish Free State, and Southern Rhodesia at the Ottawa Imperial Economic Conference were respectively approved by the Dominion Parliament.

Cc. 9 and 24 are amendments to the Canada Grain Act. By c. 9, any change in tariff for the handling, etc., of grains in elevators during crop year is prohibited except by order of the Grain Commissioners. C. 24 gives the Grain Board power to make regulations requiring the registration and cancellation of Eastern warehouse receipts and transfer receipts; also to make regulations governing the discharge of grain from a licensed public or semi-public elevator at a sea port. Eastern elevators are brought under the operation of s. 126 of the Grain Act. When Western grain is in an Eastern elevator, transfer receipts shall be issued but these are not negotiable. Subject to the regulations of the Board, these transfer receipts are exchangeable for Eastern warehouse receipts upon surrender of the bill of lading. Eastern warehouse receipts are brought under s. 127 of the Grain Act. Eastern warehouse receipts and transfer receipts are brought under the operation of s. 128. Eastern elevators are brought under the operation of s. 129. An amendment is made to s. 135 of the Act, making it subject to the other parts of the Act.

C. 30 approves the Convention between Canada and France concerning the rights of nationals and commercial and shipping matters, set out in the Schedule. C. 31 approves the trade agreement between Canada and France set out in the Schedule thereto.

C. 36 provides a method whereby the creditors of a company may be brought into court and permitted by amicable agreement between themselves to arrange for a settlement of the debts of the company, allowing the business to be continued for the benefit of all concerned.

The Governor in Council is empowered by c. 44 to extend duration of Trade Agreement between Canada and New Zealand dated April 23, 1932.

Miscellaneous.—C. 10 gives power to the Montreal Harbour Commissioners to pass a by-law to prohibit entry of vessel into the harbour without permission, and to levy a tax for operating within the harbour.

Under c. 17 the Agreement of Mar. 30, 1920, with the city of Ottawa is extended for one year from July 1, 1932.

The Visiting Forces Act (c. 21) makes provision with respect to discipline, command, etc.

C. 48 provides that senators may be contractors for the loan of money to the Government after public competition.

Section 2.—Dominion Legislation, Fifth Session, Seventeenth Parliament, Jan. 25 to July 3, 1934.*

Finance and Taxation.—Five Appropriation Acts were passed during the session, *viz.*, cc. 1, 2, 16, 23 and 62. C. 1 grants the sum of \$30,073,471.87 towards defraying the expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending Mar. 31, 1935, being one-sixth of the amount of the items to be voted, set forth in the Estimates for the said year. C. 2 grants the sum of \$52,661,304.36 towards defraying the expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending Mar. 31, 1934, set forth

*C. 44, the Canada Shipping Act, not having been proclaimed at the time of going to press, is not dealt with in this review.