

shall the limit be exceeded by more than one hour in any one day. Special provisions govern persons employed in shifts and cases of urgency or *vis major*, and the Governor in Council may except any industry under prescribed conditions. The duties of employers in carrying out the provisions of the Act are laid down, and this legislation is not to relieve any employer from obligations under any provincial statute establishing still shorter hours of employment.

Legislation to assist the construction of houses is the subject of c. 58, the Dominion Housing Act. The Economic Council of Canada, when so required, must investigate and report as to housing conditions and accommodation, upon schemes submitted by local authorities and other stated matters. The Minister of Finance may, with the approval of the Governor in Council, make loans, upon conditions set forth in the Act, to assist in the building of houses. The Minister may only advance up to 20 p.c. of the cost of construction or appraised value, whichever is lower, and a lending institution or local authority must advance 60 p.c. The security for such loans is to be a first mortgage or hypothec given in favour of the Minister and the lending institution. Rates of interest and other terms of the loans are laid down. Further details regarding this legislation are given on pp. 472-473.

Parliamentary Representation.—The Representation Act is amended by c. 10 as regards the description of the electoral districts of Hamilton East and Hamilton West.

By cc. 37 and 57, the Dominion Franchise Act and the Dominion Elections Act are amended. In the former case, a subsection is added denying a judge power to rescind the final ruling of a registrar with regard to appeals affecting the addition or removal of names from the list of electors, unless evidence satisfactory to the judge has been adduced at the hearing. In the case of the Dominion Elections Act, amendments govern matters of detail and no fundamental changes are made.

Pensions and Soldier Settlement.—Cc. 8 and 45 amend the Pension Act as regards the tenure of office of Commissioners and the Acting Chairman, respectively.

The Soldier Settlement Act is amended by c. 66 whereby officers and employees whose positions are certified to be of indeterminate duration on July 1, 1935, shall, on the recommendation of the Treasury Board, be deemed to be permanent employees.

Post Office.—The Post Office Act is amended by c. 46, permitting the Postmaster General to extend or renew contracts for a further term of four years or terms not exceeding four years each.

Public Works.—The Public Works Construction Act (c. 34) authorizes the creation of employment by certain public works and undertakings throughout Canada, and guarantees certain railway equipment securities to the amounts of \$8,000,000 for the C.N.R. and \$7,000,000 for the C.P.R. under certain conditions to be approved by the Governor in Council, or, in lieu of guarantee of securities, empowers the Minister of Finance to expend money for the purchase, on behalf of the Crown, of railway equipment and sell or lease same to the two railways.

The several works and expenditures authorized in the first part of the legislation are detailed in Schedule A to the Act and are estimated to cost \$17,940,000. Preference in employment is to be shown to unemployed ex-service men and unemployed married and single men with dependants.

Railways.—Auditors for the National Railways are appointed by c. 1 for the year 1935 to make a continuous audit under the Canadian National-Pacific Act, 1933.