

an accident (in connection with which offence, a provision relating to *prima facie* evidence of the accused's intent to escape liability is also added by the amendment); reckless or dangerous driving, and driving when licence has been suspended or an order prohibiting driving has been made by the Court; theft of plants, etc., growing in gardens or cultivated plants growing elsewhere. Minor revisions are made to the sections relating to fraudulent dealing regarding gold, silver, and other precious metal (by s. 424A, which is added, salting mines or samples is made an indictable offence); and penalties for certain offences of arson are modified. Informations or complaints under Part XV of the Criminal Code may be heard and determined and convictions or orders made by any person having the authority of two or more justices of the peace in cases where, by an Act or law, hearing is to be by two or more justices. In the case of an appeal from a judgment of acquittal, the accused shall remain in custody or on bail until the determination of the appeal. Where a person is convicted of more than one offence at the same sitting and more than one fine is imposed with the provision that in default of payment the offender shall be imprisoned, terms of imprisonment may be consecutive. Other minor amendments are also made.

Labour.—For the purpose of continuing to support and supplement the measures of the provinces and other bodies to establish certain unemployed persons in gainful occupations, to train other unemployed persons for like establishment, and to assist those in need and thereby lessen provincial and municipal burdens consequent upon unemployment and agricultural distress, the Unemployment and Agricultural Assistance Act (c. 25) was enacted. The Act authorizes the execution of such undertakings as may be determined and the employment thereon of competent persons who are in receipt of relief. All contracts for such undertakings carried out under provincial jurisdiction but to which the Dominion Government is contributing shall be approved by the Minister of Labour and supervised by the Dominion Government. The Government may enter into agreements with any of the provinces respecting alleviation of unemployment conditions and of agricultural distress and may, where necessary, grant financial assistance by way of a loan to assist the province to pay its share of the expenditures for such purposes. Such agreements may be entered into with corporations or individuals respecting expansion of industrial employment; but no financial assistance shall be granted to any province unless certified statements, as to the province's financial position as the Dominion Government may require, are furnished. The Dominion Government may also examine and audit provincial records related to such works if deemed necessary.

C. 41, cited as the Shop Cards Registration Act, 1938, provides for the keeping of a register of shop cards, in which any labour union may register and thereby ensure exclusive use of any shop card it has adopted. A shop card, when registered, shall endure for fifteen years, but may be renewed for a like period before the expiration of the term. Regulations are laid down concerning application for such registration, action in case of unauthorized use of a registered shop card, and cancellation of or additions and alterations to such a card.

In view of the fact that the facilities of the Dominion Housing Act, 1935, were not made use of by persons with small incomes or by persons living in small communities, that Act is repealed by c. 49 and a new Act substituted therefor. Under Part I of this Act, it is provided that an investigation may be made into existing housing conditions and that the Minister of Finance may take such steps as he considers necessary to improve them and to promote sound construction. The Minister of Finance is empowered, subject to provisions laid down, to enter into