

contract with approved lending institutions or local authorities for the purpose of joining with them in making loans to assist in the building of houses, under conditions set forth in the Act. In order to encourage the making of small loans in small or remote communities, the Minister shall pay losses sustained by lending institutions or local authorities up to certain specified amounts. Since it is in the national interest that a limited experiment in low-rental housing should be undertaken to create needed employment, Part II of the Act empowers the Minister of Finance, subject to stated provisions, to make loans not exceeding \$30,000,000 to local housing authorities for the purpose of assisting in the construction of houses to be built under a low-rental housing project and leased to families of low income. By Part III it is provided that the Minister may, since high real estate taxes have been a factor in retarding the construction of new houses, pay to a municipality in respect of a house constructed between June 1, 1938, and Dec. 31, 1940, 100 p.c. of the municipal taxes on such house for the first tax year, 50 p.c. for the second tax year, and 25 p.c. for the third tax year. Conditions of cost, ownership, assessment, etc., in regard to properties on which such municipal taxes may be paid are enumerated.

Natural Resources and Historic Sites.—Under c. 23, an Act respecting the National Battlefields, Quebec, the Minister of Finance is authorized to continue the payment from Consolidated Revenues of \$750,000 (\$75,000 per year for a period not exceeding ten years) for the purpose of carrying out the provisions regarding these Battlefields, the term of similar payments under c. 36, 1928, having expired.

The National Parks Act and the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island National Parks Act, 1936, are amended by c. 35. Under Part I, Wawaskey National Park in Alberta is abolished and the boundaries of Elk Island National Park are changed. By Part II, certain lands, set forth in Schedule 2, are withdrawn from P.E.I. National Park.

Certain agreements are set out in the Schedule to c. 36—an Act to amend the Manitoba Natural Resources Acts, the Saskatchewan Natural Resources Act, and the Alberta Natural Resources Act—respecting the confirmation of the transfer to the provinces concerned of the interest of the Crown in the waters and water powers under the Natural Resources Transfer Agreement.

The Northwest Territories Act is amended by c. 38 to permit of the granting of certificates of authority to enter and search any building (including vehicles, conveyances, etc.) which is not a dwelling house and is not within the Northwest Territories, for any thing the shipment and carriage of which is prohibited from such Territories. Powers granted under the certificate, and how seizure is to be conducted and goods disposed of are described.

Parliamentary Representation.—C. 8 amends the Dominion Franchise Act to permit of the annual revision of the lists of electors being omitted for the year 1938.

The Dominion Elections Act, 1938, is the subject of c. 46. The Dominion Elections Act, 1934, the Dominion By-Elections Act, 1936, and the Dominion Franchise Act, 1934, are repealed, and revised legislation is enacted for the exercise of the franchise by electors and for the proper election of Members of the House of Commons. The appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer and his staff, the conditions under which writs of election shall be issued, appointments of returning officers and election clerks, qualifications and disqualifications of electors, preparation of election lists and revision of same, polling procedure and all other matters pertaining to the conduct of elections and the handling of returns are provided for.