

registration of a pest control product is amended and the fee for renewal of registration number is reduced from \$20 to \$5. Any pest control product manufactured from an unsolicited prescription countersigned by an inspector and submitted by the purchaser, or prepared by a retail druggist from an unsolicited prescription submitted by the purchaser, and not purchased for resale in Canada, is excepted from the provisions of this Act. Any pest control product advertised, offered, or held in possession for sale, or sold in Canada contrary to the provisions of this Act or regulations may be seized. Other minor amendments are also made.

For the purpose of assisting and encouraging co-operative marketing of agricultural products, it is provided by c. 28 that, should the average sale price received under a co-operative plan by a selling agency for such agricultural products as are defined under this Act be less than the sum paid to the producer at the time of delivery pursuant to a co-operative plan—that sum being a percentage not over 80 p.c. (approved by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister) of the average wholesale price for such products over the preceding three years—the difference as fixed by an agreement previously made between the selling agency and the Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, shall be paid by the Minister of Agriculture to the selling agency. No agreement is to be made under this Act unless the Minister is of opinion that the marketing of an agricultural product under the co-operative plan will benefit the primary producer in the geographical area concerned. Regulations under the Act are made by the Minister of Agriculture, with the approval of the Governor in Council. Provision is made for the inspection and auditing of the books and accounts of every co-operative association and selling agency to whom an agreement relates. (The Act was proclaimed in effect from July 1, 1939.)

C. 31, the Grain Futures Act, 1939, vests in the Board of Grain Commissioners, the supervision and regulation of trading in grain futures. The Board is authorized to make regulations concerning the co-operation of members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange Clearing Association Limited, and to take such steps, laid down in the Act, as are necessary to prevent any condition prejudicial to the public interest arising from speculation or from transactions in grain futures. The Board shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals from a committee of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange in connection with disputes regarding grain futures contracts. An appeal from the Board may be made to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Penalties for breaches of the provisions of this Act are laid down.

It is provided by c. 34, for the purpose of encouraging the co-operative marketing of wheat, that the Minister of Agriculture may, with the approval of the Governor in Council, by agreement with any selling agency, undertake that if the average sale price of all wheat of any grade is less than the sum per bushel fixed by the agreement (in the case of No. 1 Manitoba Northern, in store at Fort William, such sum is to be sixty cents), there shall be paid to the selling agency by the Minister of Agriculture the amount, if any, by which the amount (called the initial payment) paid to the primary producer at the time of delivery plus storage, carrying and transportation charges, and operating expenses exceeds the average sale price. It is provided, however, that the initial payment shall not, in the case of wheat of any grade, exceed the sum guaranteed per bushel aforesaid, and that the maximum that may be paid shall not exceed the difference between the average sale price and the sum guaranteed per bushel fixed by the agreement for such grade of wheat. The average