

in connection with the sale of military stores, or buying or receiving military clothing or provisions are amended to apply to the air service as well as to the naval and military services. Any employer who refuses to employ or dismisses from employment any person for the sole reason that such person is a member of a lawful trade union or prevents workmen from belonging to such a union is liable to fine or imprisonment. By Sect. 12 (see also c. 23) the whole cost of a loan to a borrower shall not exceed 2 p.c. per month on the amount actually advanced and monthly balances thereof from time to time outstanding for a loan for fifteen months or less or 1 p.c. per month and in addition thereto such proportion of 1 p.c. per month as fifteen is of the period of the loan expressed in months for a loan for over fifteen months. Any money-lender who enters into a transaction to charge or receive directly or indirectly a sum in excess of such amount is guilty of an indictable offence. Other amendments are also made.

Labour.—C. 8 amends the Technical Education Act by extending the time during which the unexpended balance shall be carried forward for another five years from Mar. 31, 1939.

The alleviation of unemployment and agricultural distress is the object of c. 26. The preamble to this Act, the Unemployment and Agricultural Assistance Act, 1939, states that it is in the national interest that the Dominion should continue 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 Act authorizes the execution of such undertakings as the Governor in Council may determine to be in the general interest of Canada and requisite for the purposes of the Act, and the employment thereon of competent persons who are in receipt of relief is to be provided for, so far as it may be, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, practicable and consistent with reasonable efficiency and economy to do so. All contracts for undertakings carried out under provincial jurisdiction but to which the Dominion Government is contributing shall be approved by the Minister of Labour and the work thereunder supervised by the Dominion Government, unless otherwise provided by agreement. 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 to any province by way of loan, advance, or guarantee for the purpose of assisting the province to pay its share of the expenditures for such purposes. Agreements may be entered into with corporations, or partnerships, or individuals engaged in industry respecting expansion of industrial employment. No financial assistance by way of loan, advance, or guarantee shall be granted to any province unless certified statements as to the province's financial position, as the Dominion Government may require, are furnished. No financial assistance shall be granted to any province unless the province agrees to furnish such information and permit such examination and audit to be made as the Dominion may deem necessary.

C. 35, the Youth Training Act, 1939, provides for the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada of \$1,500,000 during each of the fiscal years ending Mar. 31, 1940, 1941, and 1942, to be used for the purpose of promoting and assisting in the training of young people to fit them for gainful employment. The amount payable to any province under the provisions of this Act shall be determined