

for Government Departments is to be undertaken by the Government Motion Picture Bureau except where the Commissioner agrees that the work can be done through officers of other departments or where the Board considers the use of commercial films advisable in the public interest, and the Director of the Bureau shall act as advisory officer in the purchase, maintenance, and use of all film apparatus by Government departments and shall approve the terms of such purchase. The Act also provides for the establishment of a Central Government Film Distribution Service.

C. 22, the Seals Act, 1939, makes provision for the sealing of Royal Instruments. Under this Act any royal instrument may be issued by and with the authority of His Majesty the King and passed under the Great Seal of Canada or any other approved Royal Seal. Orders and regulations in respect of royal seals, the use thereof, royal instruments, and documents under the Sign Manual may be made by the Governor in Council subject to the approval of His Majesty the King.

The convention providing for the emergency regulation of the level of Rainy Lake and the level of other boundary waters in the Rainy Lake watershed, as set forth in the Schedule to the Act, is approved by c. 33. The International Joint Commission may determine the existence of emergency conditions and adopt measures of control that shall be binding upon all persons and authorities within Canada.

Legislation of the Fifth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament, Sept. 7, 1939, to Sept. 13, 1939.

A Special Session of Parliament was called, between Sept. 7 and Sept. 13, 1939, after war had been declared on Germany by the United Kingdom on Sept. 3, to define Canada's position and pass the necessary legislation to enable the Government to implement any obligations assumed. Ten Acts were passed at this, the Fifth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament; the purport of these is summarized hereunder.

Finance and Taxation.—C. 9 (the War Appropriation Act, 1939) authorizes the appropriation, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and apart from the ordinary grants of Parliament, of a further \$100,000,000 for national defence, security, peace, order and welfare, including any measure deemed necessary or advisable by the Governor in Council in consequence of the existence of a state of war; for the conduct of naval, military, and air operations in or beyond Canada; and for promoting the continuance of trade, industry, and business communications. Six Special Warrants issued by the Government immediately preceding the convocation of Parliament, as urgently and immediately required for the public good under Sect. 25 of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, (c. 27, 1939) are to be met out of the sum thus appropriated. The Government is empowered to raise by way of loan such sums up to \$100,000,000 as may be required for the purposes of this Act.

The Government of Canada is also authorized to act as the agent of any British or foreign country allied with His Majesty for any purpose that will aid in the prosecution of the War and the Governor in Council is vested with power to make such orders and regulations as are necessary to carry out the Act. These shall have the full force of law but may be varied, extended, or revoked by subsequent orders or regulations.