

Legislation of the First Session of the Nineteenth Parliament, May 16, 1940, to Nov. 5, 1940—continued

Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
National Defence.—	
1 May 22	<i>An Act to amend the Department of National Defence Act</i> (c. 136, R.S.C. 1927) gives authority for the appointment of a Minister of National Defence for Air and also for the appointment of deputy ministers for the military, naval and air services, respectively. (Repealed by c. 21.)
9 June 21	<i>An Act to amend the Department of National Defence Act</i> (c. 136, R.S.C. 1927) authorizes the making of regulations concerning the collection, administration and distribution of the service estates of members of the naval, military or air forces.
13 June 21	<i>The National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940</i> , confers upon the Governor in Council special emergency powers to permit of the mobilization of all of the effective resources of the nation, both human and material, for the purpose of the defence and security of Canada.
15 June 21	<i>The Royal Canadian Air Force Act</i> supplements the provisions in respect of the constitution and government of the Royal Canadian Air Force, which was constituted pursuant to the powers conferred by the Aeronautics Act (c. 3, R.S.C. 1927).
21 July 12	<i>An Act to amend the Department of National Defence Act</i> (c. 136, R.S.C. 1927). This Act repeals c. 1, 1940 (see above) and makes provision for the appointment of an Associate Minister of National Defence, a Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, and a Minister of National Defence for Air. It also provides for the appointment of additional deputy ministers for the military, naval, and air services, respectively.
22 July 12	<i>The Department of National War Services Act, 1940</i> , provides for the establishment of a Department of National War Services to assist in carrying out the objects of the <i>National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940</i> (c. 13) by conducting a national registration, promoting and organizing different forms of voluntary assistance, and co-ordinating existing public information services of the Government.
28 Aug. 7	<i>The Compensation (Defence) Act, 1940</i> , relates to the determination of compensation to be paid for the requisitioning for war purposes of any vessel or aircraft or for space or accommodation in any vessel under the provisions of the War Measures Act (c. 206, R.S.C. 1927).
31 Aug. 7	<i>An Act to amend the Department of Munitions and Supply Act</i> . (c. 3, 1939, 2nd sess.) The powers and duties of the Minister in relation to the production of munitions of war and supplies and to the construction and carrying out of defence projects required by the Department of National Defence are more specifically set forth in this Act. In the event of a disagreement concerning compensation for storage space, the claim shall be referred to the Minister of Justice or to the Exchequer Court of Canada rather than to a panel of arbitrators as formerly enacted. Other minor changes are also made.
35 Aug. 7	<i>An Act to amend the Naval Service Act</i> (c. 139, R.S.C. 1927). The purpose of this legislation is to bring under the provisions of the Naval Service Act certain persons not belonging to the Naval Service but serving in His Majesty's ships.
43 Aug. 7	<i>The Treachery Act</i> declares that the penalty for treachery shall be death and that the penalty for certain other acts done with intent to assist the enemy shall be life imprisonment. Details concerning prosecution and trial for offences against this Act are also given.
Pensions and Insurance.—	
12 June 21	<i>An Act to amend the Militia Pension Act</i> (c. 133, R.S.C. 1927 and amendments) relates to the period of service in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve or Volunteer Reserve for computing pension.
27 Aug. 7	<i>An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act, 1924</i> (c. 24, R.S.C. 1927) gives effect to an Order in Council by the provisions of which new male contributors with salaries of over \$1,200 are required to contribute a slightly higher percentage of their salaries and new contributors are allowed to count for pension purposes only that portion of their temporary service for which they make contributions. Overseas active service in a theatre of actual war is allowed to contributors who were employed either temporarily or permanently before enlistment.
44 Aug. 7	<i>The Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940</i> . The purpose of this Act is to establish an Unemployment Insurance Commission, to provide for insurance against unemployment, to establish an Employment service, and for other purposes related thereto.