

Legislation of the Fifth Session of the Nineteenth Parliament, Jan. 27,  
1944 to Aug. 14, 1944—continued

Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
<b>National Health and Welfare—</b>	
22 July 24	<i>The Department of National Health and Welfare Act.</i> By this Act the Department of National Health and Welfare is established. This Department will discharge such duties as relate to the promotion or preservation of the health, social security and social welfare of the people of Canada over which the Parliament of Canada has jurisdiction. It will administer the functions of the Health Branch of the former Department of Pensions and National Health. The Act also provides for the establishment of a Dominion Health Council. (See also Chapter XXI.)
40 Aug. 15	<i>The Family Allowances Act, 1944.</i> This Act makes provision for the payment of a monthly allowance, payable to the parents of each child who is a resident of Canada and less than sixteen years of age. The amount of the allowance will be graduated according to the number of children in the family and the age of the child. The purpose of the allowance is for the maintenance, care and education of the child. (See also pp. 801-802 of this volume.)
<b>Reconstruction—</b>	
18 June 30	<i>The Department of Reconstruction Act, 1944</i> provides for the establishment of a Department of Reconstruction to deal with the re-establishment in civil life and re-employment on demobilization of men and women of the Armed Forces and of persons released from war industries, together with the re-organization of industry in order to provide maximum production and full employment during and following the change-over from wartime to peacetime production. (See also Chapter XXII.)
<b>Transportation—</b>	
8 June 1	<i>An Act respecting the Appointment of Auditors for National Railways</i> provides for the appointment of independent auditors for 1944 to make a continuous audit of the accounts of the National Railways.
9 June 1	<i>Canadian National Railways Refunding Act, 1944.</i> The Act provides for the refunding of matured and callable financial obligations of the Canadian National Railway Company and for the issue of substituted securities in respect of such refunding to an amount not exceeding \$200,000,000.
14 June 23	<i>The Canadian National Railways Financing and Guarantee Act, 1944,</i> authorizes the payment of a sum not exceeding \$10,549,500, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to meet certain capital expenditures made and capital indebtedness incurred by the Canadian National Railways System during 1944, and also authorizes the guarantee by His Majesty's Government in Canada of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company.
25 July 24	<i>An Act to Amend the Transport Act (c. 53, 1938).</i> The amendment removes the authority of the Board of Transport Commissioners in respect of transport by aircraft.
28 Aug. 15	<i>An Act to Amend the Aeronautics Act (c. 3, R.S.C. 1927)</i> establishes the Air Transport Board under the Department of Transport empowered to make investigations and surveys relating to the operation and development of commercial air services and to act as a licensing and regulating body in respect of civil aviation.
<b>Veterans Affairs—</b>	
19 June 30	<i>The Department of Veterans Affairs Act.</i> This Act establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs whose duties and powers relate to the care, treatment, training or re-establishment in civil life of persons who have served in Canada's Armed Forces and to the care of their dependants. It will also administer pensions, war veterans allowances and the rehabilitation program formerly under the jurisdiction of the Department of Pensions and National Health and will take over the administration of the Veterans' Land Act, 1942, and the Soldier Settlement Act, formerly under the Department of Mines and Resources. (See also Part II of Chapter XXII.)
49 Aug. 15	<i>The Veterans Insurance Act.</i> Under the provisions of this Act, veterans will be enabled to secure life insurance up to \$10,000, at premiums lower than those of the majority of insurance companies. No medical examinations will be required except under special circumstances.