

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

Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
Veterans Affairs —concluded	
51 Aug. 15	<i>The War Service Grants Act, 1944</i> provides for payment of war service gratuities to discharged members of the Forces, the amount of the gratuity to be in proportion to the length of service. A supplementary gratuity will be paid to ex-service personnel who have had overseas service. A re-establishment credit equal to the amount of cash gratuity will also be given for certain specified purposes.
Miscellaneous—	
11 June 1	<i>An Act to authorize an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Corporation of the City of Ottawa</i> (c. 15, 1920 and amendments) extends for one year from July 1, 1943, the agreement of Mar. 30, 1920, with the City of Ottawa for certain payments in lieu of part of rates and taxes for civic services and water, and in settlement of certain claims.
13 June 1	<i>An Act to repeal the Water Meters Inspection Act</i> (c. 209, R.S.C. 1927) repealed the legislation of the said Act, which laid down regulations concerning the inspection, by the Department of National Revenue, of meters for the measuring and recording of the volumes of water furnished to purchasers.
21 June 30	<i>The Surplus Crown Assets Act</i> provides for the disposition, by sale, exchange, lease, lend or other manner, of surplus Crown assets through the establishment of a War Assets Corporation under the Department of Munitions and Supply. No disposition of surplus Crown property may be made except through this Corporation and every Government Department is required to report from time to time such property to the Minister of Munitions and Supply. The Act also provides for the establishment of a Crown Assets Allocation Committee, which shall act in an advisory capacity on matters relating to the disposal or dealing with Surplus Crown assets.
26 July 24	<i>An Act to Amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938</i> (c. 46, 1938) provides regulations enabling Canadian War Service electors to exercise their franchise, and Canadian prisoners of war to vote by proxy at any general election held during the present war or within a period of six months thereafter. Amendments are also made to the Dominion Elections Act, 1938, consequential to such regulations, or made necessary by the advent of the War.
33 Aug. 15	<i>An Act to Amend the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936</i> places the Chairman of the Corporation on a full-time basis at an annual salary to be determined by the Governor in Council.
46 Aug. 15	<i>The National Housing Act, 1944</i> enacts legislation to provide \$275,000,000 for government assistance to persons wishing to build or repair their own homes, to aid in slum clearance projects and to stimulate the building of low-rent housing units. Provision is also made for loans to the value of \$5,000,000 to be made for rural housing improvement and equipment, and for a program of research into housing conditions generally. Government financial assistance will be provided through the medium of banks, lending and insurance companies.