

**Legislation of the First Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament,
Nov. 12, 1953, to June 26, 1954—continued**

Subject, Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
Northern Affairs and National Resources—	
4 Dec. 16	<i>The Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources Act</i> creates a new department of government with the specific duty of co-ordinating the activities of all government departments in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and of promoting measures for the further economic and political development of those areas as well as the development of knowledge of problems in the north and the means of dealing with them through scientific investigation and technological research. Other duties include jurisdiction over the forest and water resources of Canada; irrigation and water power; national parks and historic sites and monuments; archaeology, ethnology and fauna and flora; and tourist services. The Department of Resources and Development Act is repealed.
6 Dec. 16	<i>An Act to amend the National Parks Act</i> makes certain changes to improve the administration of Canada's National Parks.
17 Mar. 4	<i>An Act to amend an Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec</i> authorizes the expenditure of \$125,000 a year for four years for the purposes of the Act.
36 June 10	<i>An Act to amend the International Rapids Power Development Act</i> replaces a reference to the Power Commission Act of Ontario by the St. Lawrence Development Act, 1952, with respect to the expropriation of property.
Trade and Commerce—	
15 Mar. 4	<i>An Act to amend the Exports Credits Insurance Act</i> revises the financial structure of the Corporation by increasing the authorized capital from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and stipulating amounts to be credited to an underwriting reserve account.
19 Mar. 4	<i>An Act to amend the Patent Act</i> authorizes certain increases in statutory fees provided under the Act in order to ensure that services are paid for by those to whom they are rendered rather than by the taxpayers generally.
27 Mar. 31	<i>The Export and Import Permits Act</i> revises and consolidates the legislation with respect to the exporting and importing of strategic and other goods.
40 June 10	<i>The Public Servants Inventions Act</i> consolidates legislation formerly included in four different Acts concerning the ownership and management of and the payment of awards for inventions made by public servants of the Government of Canada that are connected with the duties and employment of the inventors.
Transportation—	
1 Dec. 16	<i>An Act respecting the appointment of Auditors for National Railways</i> appoints independent auditors for 1954 to make a continuous audit of the national railway accounts.
7 Dec. 16	<i>An Act to amend the Pipe Lines Act</i> brings under the authority of the Act the operation and construction of oil or gas pipe lines extending from one province to another.
30 May 27	<i>An Act to amend the Department of Transport Act</i> provides for the regulation and control of the bulk transport of such goods as grain, ores and minerals, ferrous metals, iron and steel scrap, pulpwood, sand, stone and gravel, etc., in order to ensure prompt, efficient and orderly movement.
37 June 10	<i>An Act to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act</i> provides for recovery by the government of any costs incurred in marking, removing or destroying any wrecks or other obstruction to navigation from the owner or person responsible for the obstruction. The Act also authorizes the making of regulations concerning the employment of seamen aboard Canadian ships on the Great Lakes.
49 June 26	<i>An Act respecting the construction of lines of railway by the Canadian National Railway Company from St. Felicien to Chibougamau and from Chibougamau to Beattyville, all in the Province of Quebec, and from Hillsport on the main line of the Canadian National Railways to Manitowadge Lake, both in the Province of Ontario.</i>
50 June 26	<i>The Canadian National Railways Financing and Guarantee Act, 1954</i> , provides moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the CNR during the year 1954, including the building of a hotel at Montreal, and to authorize the guarantee by the Government of certain securities to be issued by the Company.
59 June 26	<i>The Motor Vehicle Transport Act</i> provides for the regulation, in agreement with provincial authorities, of interprovincial and international highway transport by provincial agencies having authority to control highway transport within the several provinces.