

**Legislation of the Second Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament,  
Jan. 7 to July 28, 1955—continued**

Subject, Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
<b>Finance—concl.</b>	
54 July 28	<i>An Act to amend the Income Tax Act</i> gives effect to the Budget resolutions on the Income Tax Act. The major tax changes included a reduction in the graduated rates of personal income tax ranging from 13.3 p.c. to 2.8 p.c., the reduction effective July 1, 1955. The tax rate on taxable incomes of corporations in excess of \$20,000 was also reduced from 47 p.c. to 45 p.c., effective Jan. 1, 1955.
55 July 28	<i>An Act to amend the Income Tax Act, the Railway Act and the Tariff Board Act</i> in respect of salaries of certain public officials provides for increased salaries for members of the Income Tax Appeal Board, the Board of Transport Commissioners and the Tariff Board.
60 July 28	<i>Appropriation Act No. 5, 1955</i> grants certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending Mar. 31, 1956.
<b>Fisheries—</b>	
34 June 28	<i>The Great Lakes Fisheries Convention Act</i> implements a Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between Canada and the United States signed at Washington Sept. 10, 1954. A joint commission will study problems connected with the decline of some of the Great Lakes fisheries and formulate a program of conservation.
46 July 11	<i>The Fisheries Improvement Loans Act</i> guarantees bank loans to fishermen up to the amount of \$4,000 for the purpose of assisting in the purchase, construction and repair of specified capital items and improvements for use in the pursuit of their occupation.
<b>Justice—</b>	
2 Mar. 24	<i>An Act to amend the Criminal Code</i> places on the statute books the date (Apr. 1, 1955) of the coming into force of the new Code.
40 June 28	<i>An Act to amend the Prisons and Reformatories Act</i> revises the regulations relating to the confinement of boys under the age of sixteen convicted of imprisonable offences in New Brunswick.
45 July 11	<i>An Act to amend the Criminal Code</i> provides for a levy on each race track which will form a fund sufficient to ensure uniform and adequate supervision at all tracks regardless of size.
48 July 11	<i>An Act to amend the Judges Act, and the Judicature provinces of the Yukon Act and the Northwest Territories Act</i> provides increases in the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Exchequer Court of Canada and the superior and county courts of the provinces. The amendment also provides for the appointment of a judge of the Northwest Territories.
<b>Labour—</b>	
1 Jan. 13	<i>An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act</i> increases the rates of supplementary benefit which will, from Jan. 1, 1955, be paid to certain classes of persons for the period Jan. 1 to Apr. 15 in any year.
50 July 11	<i>The Unemployment Insurance Act</i> constitutes the first general revision of the Act since its institution in 1941. It increases benefit rates and provides for certain changes in the duration of both regular and seasonal benefits. Contributions are adjusted and are changed from a daily to a weekly earning basis and benefits from a daily to a weekly basis. Enforcement and administrative provisions are also amended.
<b>Trade and Commerce—</b>	
14 May 4	<i>The Exportation of Power and Fluids and Importation of Gas Act</i> revises and consolidates the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act. Licences are now required for the importation of gas as well as for the exportation of power and fluids. The Act also provides for the imposition of export duties on power exported from Canada. Authority is no longer granted for the imposition of duties on exports of gas, oil and other fluids.
22 May 26	<i>An Act to amend the Precious Metals Marking Act</i> relates to the method of applying quality mark to certain plated articles and to the registration of trade marks.
<b>Transportation and Communications—</b>	
4 Mar. 24	<i>An Act to amend the National Harbours Board Act</i> increases the membership of the Board from three to four.
6 Mar. 24	<i>An Act to amend the Winnipeg and St. Boniface Harbour Commissioners Act</i> relates to the election of a chairman and the constitution of a quorum.