

PART IV.—FEDERAL LEGISLATION 1957-59

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**Legislation of the First Session of the Twenty-Third Parliament,
Oct. 14, 1957 to Feb. 1, 1958**

Subject, Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
6 Eliz. II	
Agriculture—	
2 Nov. 7	<i>Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act</i> provides advance payment to producers, for threshed grain in storage other than in an elevator and prior to delivery to the Canadian Wheat Board. The Act replaces the <i>Prairie Grain Producers Interim Financing Act</i> (4-5 Eliz. c. 1).
22 Jan. 31	<i>Agricultural Stabilization Act</i> provides mandatory price support for nine agricultural commodities—cattle, hogs, sheep, cheese, butter, eggs and wheat, oats and barley produced outside the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board—and for other commodities that may be named from time to time. A revolving fund, not to exceed \$250,000,000, is established for stabilization assistance to be supplemented by receipts from the sale of commodities purchased under the terms of the Act. The <i>Agricultural Prices Support Act</i> is repealed by this legislation.
Finance—	
1 Oct. 24	<i>Appropriation Act No. 6, 1957</i> grants certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending Mar. 31, 1958.
9 Dec. 5	<i>Appropriation Act No. 7, 1957</i> grants certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending Mar. 31, 1958.
21 Jan. 7	<i>Appropriation Act No. 1, 1958</i> grants certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending Mar. 31, 1958.
29 Jan. 31	<i>An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Tax-Sharing Arrangements Act</i> authorizes payment of an annual grant of \$7,500,000 to each of the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, and \$2,500,000 to Prince Edward Island for the four fiscal years commencing Apr. 1, 1958. The rate used in computing the "standard individual income tax", on which payments under the <i>Federal-Provincial Tax-Sharing Arrangements Act</i> are in part based, is changed from 10 p.c. to 13 p.c. for the year ending Mar. 31, 1959, thus increasing the payments to be made to the provinces in that year.
Health and Welfare—	
3 Nov. 7	<i>An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act</i> increases the amount of monthly pensions payable under the Act to \$55 per month, reduces the residence requirement for pensioners from 20 to 10 years, and increases the length of permissible temporary absence from Canada from three to six months.
4 Nov. 21	<i>An Act to amend the Blind Persons Act</i> increases the maximum amount of allowance payable to the provinces for blind persons to 75 p.c. of \$55 per month per person from the previous 75 p.c. of \$46 per month, and increases the amounts of allowable income.
5 Nov. 21	<i>An Act to amend the Disabled Persons Act</i> increases the maximum amount of allowance payable to the provinces for disabled persons to 50 p.c. of \$55 per month per person from the previous 50 p.c. of \$46, provides payments for certain additional persons who are patients in institutions, and increases the amounts of allowable income.
6 Nov. 21	<i>An Act to amend the Old Age Assistance Act</i> authorizes payments to the provinces of 50 p.c. of \$55 per month instead of the previous 50 p.c. of \$46, alters the residence requirement from 20 to 10 years and increases the amounts of permissible income.
7 Nov. 21	<i>An Act to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1952</i> increases the monthly rates of certain allowances and amounts of permissible income, extends to six months the period of absence from Canada for which allowance may be paid, and increases the salaries of the members of the War Veterans Allowance Board.
19 Dec. 20	<i>An Act to amend the Pension Act</i> provides in general for additional benefits for former members of the Forces and their dependants and brings other benefits more in line with increases in the basic scale of pensions for disability which became effective July 1, 1957.