

**Legislation of the Second Session of the Twenty-Fourth Parliament,
Jan. 15 to July 18, 1959—continued**

Subject, Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
Government—	
7 Mar. 20	<i>An Act to amend the Northwest Territories Act</i> provides for the appointment by the Governor in Council of judicial as well as of administrative officers; the term of office for each Council is fixed at three years; and protection is provided for archaeological sites, works, and objects, etc., of historical or ethnological importance.
15 June 4	<i>Parliamentary Secretaries Act</i> provides for the appointment, from among members of the House of Commons, of 16 Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers at an annual salary of \$4,000 each. Appointments are for one year, and appointees are not disqualified from sitting in the House of Commons or voting therein by reason of their holding the office of Parliamentary Secretary.
16 June 4	<i>An Act to amend the Representation Act</i> changes the name of the electoral district of "Témiscouata" to that of "Rivière-du-Loup—Témiscouata".
Health and Welfare—	
14 June 4	<i>An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act</i> augments the Old Age Security Fund by increasing the sales tax, for purposes of the Act, to 3 p.c. from 2 p.c., the tax on personal income to 3 p.c. from 2 p.c. subject to a limit of \$90 annually, and the tax on corporation income to 3 p.c. from 2 p.c.
17 June 4	<i>An Act to amend the Veterans Rehabilitation Act</i> provides for new amendments concerning veterans to meet changing conditions and circumstances.
18 June 4	<i>An Act to amend the War Service Grants Act</i> makes deletions and revisions to the legislation to meet changing conditions and circumstances.
34 July 8	<i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act</i> revises and consolidates those provisions of the <i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act</i> providing for the payment of pensions based on service in the Force and pensions in respect of injury or death on service; it also includes certain amendments to provisions of the same Act that will continue to apply in respect of members of the Force appointed before Mar. 1, 1949.
37 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Veterans' Land Act</i> , in addition to administrative changes, provides further financial assistance to veterans for home construction and to veterans settled under the Act as full-time farmers, part-time farmers or commercial fishermen.
Justice—	
28 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Judges Act</i> provides salaries for three additional puisne judges of the Superior Court of Quebec, two additional judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia and two additional judges of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta.
31 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Prisons and Reformatories Act</i> authorizes transfer of certain prisoners in New Brunswick and Manitoba.
40 July 18	<i>An Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Criminal Code</i> specifically exempts arrangements between fishermen or associations of persons engaged in the buying or processing of fish in British Columbia with respect to the price, the remuneration or other conditions under which fish shall be caught and supplied between Jan. 1, 1959 and Dec. 31, 1960, from anti-combines legislation which would otherwise affect them.
41 July 18	<i>An Act to amend the Criminal Code</i> contains a number of important amendments including, among others, a new legal definition of obscenity in publications; the extending to Canadian courts of jurisdiction over indictable offences committed on board certain aircraft while in flight; revisions to those parts of the Code concerning offensive weapons, particularly firearms; and the extension of "communications" as used for illegal book-making and betting practice to include the use of radio; restrictions on news reports of admissions or confessions of guilt in criminal cases before the end of a preliminary hearing; and the mandatory allowance of time for an accused to raise money to pay a fine on conviction of an indictable offence.
54 July 18	<i>The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act</i> revises and consolidates the administrative and disciplinary provisions of the former <i>Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act</i> , which is now repealed. The Parts of the former Act dealing with pensions, have been revised and are embodied in a separate measure (see c. 34 above).