

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

Subject, Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
Labour—	
36 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act</i> raises the "wage ceiling" of insurability to \$5,460 from \$4,800; increases the rates of contributions to be paid on behalf of insured persons and employers; adds new grounds for extension of the qualifying periods; provides a new schedule of rates of benefit, the result of the new table of contributions; provides that maximum benefit may now be paid for 52 instead of 36 weeks; and establishes a new schedule of allowable earnings.
National Revenue—	
12 June 4	<i>An Act to amend the Customs Tariff and the New Zealand Trade Agreement Act, 1932</i> makes various changes in the Tariff Schedules between the two countries.
13 June 4	<i>An Act to amend the Excise Act</i> implements the Budget resolution on the <i>Excise Act</i> increasing excise taxes on spirits and on cigars.
20 July 8	<i>Canada-Finland Tax Convention Act, 1959</i> implements a Convention between Canada and the Republic of Finland for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.
23 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act</i> implements the Budget resolution to amend the <i>Excise Tax Act</i> and makes a number of administrative changes. The excise tax on cigarettes is increased and the export duty on electricity formerly in effect under the <i>Exportation of Power and Fluids and Importation of Gas Act, 1955 (c. 14)</i> is transferred to this Act.
45 July 18	<i>An Act to amend the Income Tax Act</i> implements the Budget resolutions on the <i>Income Tax Act</i> raising the rates to be paid by both individual and corporate taxpayers, applicable to 1958 and subsequent years. Revised schedules of tax rates are included in the Statute.
Trade and Commerce—	
8 Mar. 20	<i>An Act to amend the Public Servants Inventions Act</i> permits a corporate agency to which the administration and control of any patent or invention has been transferred to retain the proceeds therefrom, to be used for the purposes of this Act and the purposes for which the agency was established.
24 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Export Credits Insurance Act</i> authorizes the Export Credits Insurance Corporation to provide direct and unconditional guarantees to banks or other financial organizations and, in addition, to buy, sell or make loans on guaranteed export paper up to \$200,000,000, thus making available broader sources of financing for exporters of capital goods.
29 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Length and Mass Units Act</i> changes the value of the pound—the standard unit of mass for Canada—in relation to the international kilogramme, to conform with a recent international agreement.
38 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Weights and Measures Act</i> changes the value of the pound in relation to the international kilogramme, to conform with a recent international agreement.
49 July 18	<i>An Act to repeal certain Fisheries Laws in force in the Province of Newfoundland respecting the Exportation of Salt Fish</i> repeals certain fisheries laws of Newfoundland providing for the control by export-permit from Newfoundland of codfish, haddock, hake, ling, pollock and cusk in salted form. Under the Terms of Union of Newfoundland with Canada these laws were to continue in force for five years from the date of Union and thereafter until the Parliament of Canada otherwise provided.
Transportation—	
9 Mar. 20	<i>An Act to amend the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Act</i> increases from \$300,000,000 to \$335,000,000 the limit on amounts that may be borrowed by the Seaway Authority and outstanding at any one time.
10 Mar. 20	<i>An Act to amend the Trans-Canada Highway Act</i> increases by \$100,000,000 to a maximum of \$350,000,000, the amount of expenditures authorized by Sections 4, 5 and 6.
22 July 8	<i>Canadian National Railways Financing and Guarantee Act, 1959</i> , provides moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railway System and guarantees certain securities to be issued by the CNR between Jan. 1, 1959 and June 30, 1960.
27 July 8	<i>The Freight Rates Reduction Act</i> provides for the revision of certain class and commodity freight rates and authorizes compensation of the companies to the extent of not more than \$20,000,000.