

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

Subject Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
<b>Transportation</b> —concluded	
51 July 18	<i>Pigeon River Bridge Act</i> provides for the construction, maintenance and operation of a toll-free bridge over the Pigeon River near the settlement of that name in Ontario to form a link with the highways in Ontario and the State of Minnesota.
53 July 18	<i>The Queenston Bridge Act</i> authorizes replacement of the International Bridge over the Niagara River from Queenston, Ont. to Lewiston, N. Y.
<b>Miscellaneous—</b>	
4 Mar. 20	<i>An Act to amend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act</i> extends the provisions of the Act to persons who do not have an interest in a fishing vessel but intend to acquire one, and extends the period during which guaranteed loans may be made to June 30, 1962.
5 Mar. 20	<i>An Act to amend the National Defence Act</i> standardizes the rules of evidence at courts martial; requires unanimous vote of members of court if mandatory punishment is death or to impose death penalty if authorized but not mandatory; and contains other changes in connection with court martial legislation. The Minister is given authority to establish integrated organizations consisting of elements of more than one Service. The name of the Royal Canadian Air Force in French is changed to "Forces aériennes royales du Canada", a more descriptive nomenclature.
6 Mar. 20	<i>An Act to amend the National Housing Act, 1954</i> increases the aggregate amount available for housing loans to \$1,000,000,000 from \$750,000,000 and makes other amendments including the granting of permission to the Corporations to sell mortgages to persons other than approved lenders, and the raising of acquisition fees payable in respect of conveyance of property.
30 July 8	<i>An Act to amend the Prime Minister's Residence Act</i> extends the Act to include property at Harrington Lake (Lac Mousseau) to be used as a country residence for the person holding the office of Prime Minister of Canada.
33 July 8	<i>Queen Elizabeth II Canadian Research Fund Act</i> marks the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to Canada by providing for the establishment and administration of a Fund to aid in research on the diseases of children. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated for the Fund to be administered by a Board of Trustees assisted by the National Research Council.
39 July 18	<i>Coal Production Assistance Act</i> amends the <i>Maritime Coal Production Assistance Act</i> and extends its provisions to coal producers in all parts of Canada. The aggregate principal amount of loans is doubled to \$20,000,000 and the maximum loan to one coal producer increased to \$12,000,000. The operation of the Act is extended to Oct. 31, 1964. Certain other amendments concern the agreement made under the Act with the Dominion Coal Company.
46 July 18	<i>The National Energy Act</i> provides for the establishment of a National Energy Board which shall assure the best use of energy resources in the country, regulate the construction and operation of oil and gas pipelines, the tolls charged for transmission by such pipelines, the export and import of gas, the export of electric power and the construction of lines over which such power is exported. The Board shall study and keep under review all matters relating to energy within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and shall recommend to the Minister of Trade and Commerce the measures it considers advisable with regard to such matters.
47 July 18	<i>An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of New Brunswick respecting Indian Reserves</i> ratifies and confirms an agreement made on Mar. 25, 1958, between the said governments in relation to lands forming part of Indian reserves in the Province of New Brunswick. Its purpose is to clarify title to the lands in question.
50 July 18	<i>An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia respecting Indian Reserves</i> ratifies and confirms an agreement made on Apr. 14, 1959, between the said governments in relation to lands forming part of Indian reserves in the Province of Nova Scotia. Its purpose is to clarify title to the lands in question.
52 July 18	<i>An Act to amend the Public Lands Grants Act</i> removes any possible doubts that might exist as to the authority of the Governor in Council to transfer lands to the Crown in right of a province or otherwise.