

**Legislation of the Fourth Session of the Twenty-Fourth Parliament,
Nov. 17, 1960 to July 13, 1961—concluded**

Subject, Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
Miscellaneous—	
1 Dec. 2	<i>An Act to amend the National Housing Act, 1954</i> is intended to encourage the demand for housing by increasing the loan ratios and extending the periods of repayment for loans made to home owners and home builders and for rental housing; increases from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 the amount that may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for urban redevelopment; increases from \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000 the amount of home improvement loans that may be guaranteed by the CMHC; authorizes the Corporation to undertake jointly with provincial governments and municipalities the acquisition, improvement and conversion of existing buildings for housing purposes; authorizes loans to universities for student residential accommodation; authorizes loans to assist in the construction of sewage projects, etc.
4 Dec. 20	<i>The National Productivity Council Act</i> provides for the establishment of the said Council, the functions of which are to provide expanding opportunities for increased employment and trade and rising national standards of living by expediting continuing improvement in productive efficiency in the various aspects of Canadian economic activity.
6 Dec. 20	<i>The Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act</i> provides financial assistance for the development and operation of technical and vocational training facilities and programs throughout Canada.
9 Mar. 9	<i>An Act to amend the Indian Act</i> removes from the Act the provisions enabling the Governor in Council to enfranchise Indians or bands of Indians without their consent.
25 June 1	<i>An Act to amend the Representation Act</i> changes the name of the electoral district of "Humboldt-Melfort" to "Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale".
52 July 13	<i>An Act to amend the National Energy Board Act</i> makes amendments found necessary as a result of the experience obtained in administering the Act for about 18 months and following the consideration of informal submissions received from the oil, gas and pipeline industries.
31 June 22	<i>An Act to amend the Army Benevolent Fund Act</i> increases the rates of interest to be credited to the Fund by the Receiver General and makes other administrative changes.

PART V.—CANADIAN CHRONOLOGY

Events in the general chronology from 1497 to 1866 are given in the 1951 Year Book, pp. 46-49; from 1867 to 1953 in the 1954 Year Book, pp. 1259-1264; for 1954 in the 1955 Year Book, pp. 1329-1330; for 1955 in the 1956 edition, pp. 1233-1234; for 1956 in the 1957-58 edition, p. 1270; for 1957 in the 1959 edition, p. 1240; and for 1958 in the 1960 edition, pp. 1255-1256. References regarding federal and provincial elections or changes in legislatures or ministries are not included in the following listing but may be found in Chapter II on Constitution and Government.

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January: *Jan. 1*, Federal-Provincial Hospital Plan went into effect in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

February: *Feb. 20*, Production of the *CF-106 Arrow* discontinued. *Feb. 23*, Celebration of the 50th anniversary of flight in Canada at Bras d'Or Lake, N.S., scene of the first "Silver Dart" flight.

March: *Mar. 17*, Death of Dr. Sidney Earle Smith, Minister of the Department of External Affairs. *Mar. 18*, Prime Minister Macmillan of the United Kingdom arrived in Ottawa for discussions on the situation in Germany, following talks in Russia and France and en route to Washington.

April: *Apr. 10*, Canada's first privately owned and operated nuclear research reactor officially opened at McMaster University. *Apr. 26*, The St. Lawrence Seaway opened to navigation. *Apr. 26*, Premier Castro of Cuba visited Montreal.

May: *May 20*, Prime Minister Menzies of Australi visited Ottawa.

June: *June 5-10*, The Atlantic Congress, consisting of over 600 Parliamentarians and distinguished citizens from NATO countries met at London, England, to examine the record of the first ten years of NATO and discuss prospects for the next ten years; 60 Canadian delegates attended. *June 18*, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip arrived at Torbay, Nfld., to begin a 45-day coast-to-coast tour of Canada. *June 20*, Thirty-five fishermen lost their lives in a violent storm in Northumberland Strait. *June 26*, The St. Lawrence Seaway officially opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower of the United States in a historic ceremony at St. Lambert, Que.

July: *July 1*, Federal-Provincial Hospital Plan went into effect in New Brunswick. *July 2*, Japan and Canada signed pact pledging co-operation in the