

comfortably absorb, to be made in consultation with the provinces. It establishes a new family class, allowing Canadian citizens and permanent residents to sponsor a wide range of relatives. It confirms Canada's protective obligations to refugees under the United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and establishes a new refugee class. It requires that immigrant and visitor visas be obtained abroad, and prohibits visitors from changing their status within Canada.

Chapter 53 (August 5, 1977) *Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1977* amends the Criminal Code, the Customs Tariff, the Parole Act, the Penitentiary Act and the Prisons and Reformatories Act. Amendments to the Criminal Code and Customs Tariff, related to gun control, regulate the sale and possession of firearms. The Parole Act is amended to provide for a larger National Parole Board, for provincial parole boards and for community participation in regional panels in parole review for murderers or those serving indeterminate sentences; the act introduces procedural safeguards for inmates being considered for parole.

Chapter 54 (August 5, 1977) *Employment and Immigration Reorganization Act* merges the former Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Department of Manpower and Immigration into one organization, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission; establishes the Department of Employment and Immigration and the Canada Employment and Immigration Advisory Council; makes a number of amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971 and restructures the general scheme of unemployment benefits.

Chapter 55 (August 5, 1977) *An Act to facilitate conversion to the metric system of measurement* amends the Canadian Wheat Board Act, the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act, the Gas Inspection Act, the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act, the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act, the Regional Development Incentives Act, the Two-Price Wheat Act, the Weights and Measures Act and the Western Grain Stabilization Act. Words denoting metric units of measurement are substituted in these acts for words denoting Canadian units of measurement.

Chapter 56 (August 5, 1977) *An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act respecting the establishment of marketing plans and to amend the Western Grain Stabilization Act in consequence thereof.*

Chapter 57 (August 9, 1977) *Air Traffic Control Services Continuation Act* provides for the immediate continuation or resumption of air traffic control services, invalidates a strike, and amends a collective agreement and extends its term to December 31, 1977.

Chapter 58 (July 14, 1977) *An Act to incorporate Continental Bank of Canada* provides for the organization of the bank as a wholly owned subsidiary corporation of the Industrial Acceptance Corporation Ltd., with an authorized capital stock of \$100 million and head office in Toronto.