

regulations including provision for compensation to the extent of not more than two-thirds of the value for crops, trees, bushes or other vegetation, etc., destroyed. The Minister of Agriculture is authorised to appoint inspectors with powers of entry. Regulations under the act were passed on May 11 and amended on July 27. They prescribe the ports at which nursery stock must enter Canada and be fumigated and specify the insects, pests and diseases to which the act shall apply. The importation into Canada of potatoes from Newfoundland and the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon is prohibited. The San José Scale act of 1898, R. S. 1906 c. 127, and the regulations thereunder, are repealed, this insect being brought within the operation of the new act. Contravention of the act or of the regulations made thereunder is punishable, upon summary conviction, by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months or by both fine and imprisonment.

By chapter 7 sums not exceeding \$12,000 for the 12 months ending June 30 1911 and of less amounts yearly until 1915, when the amount must not exceed \$5,000, are granted to assist in maintaining an independent and efficient service of telegraphic news from Great Britain for publication in the Canadian press. These grants are in continuation of the sums authorised for the years 1908-09 to 1909-10 by the act of 1908 (7-8 Edw. VII, c. 12), and are subject to similar conditions as noted on page xix of the Canada Year Book for 1908.

The Escheats act (chapter 13) provides that where escheats fall to the king in his right of Canada the Governor in Council may make grants of the property escheated (a) to any person who in the opinion of the Governor in Council had a legal or moral claim upon the previous owner, or a just or natural right or claim to succeed to his property or to any part thereof; (b) to carry into effect any disposition thereof which the Governor in Council believes the previous owner may have intended; (c) to reward any person making discovery of such property to His Majesty.

Under chapter 37 a sum of \$50,000 payable in lead bounties is diverted to experiments in zinc production. The act provides for the reduction of the maximum amount payable in bounties on lead mined in Canada from \$2,500,000, as in section 1 (2) of chapter 43 of the statutes of 1908, to \$2,450,000, and authorises the Governor in Council to expend a sum not exceeding \$50,000 for investigating the processes used in the production of zinc, for making experiments and for any other purpose that may be deemed advisable for the promotion of the production and manufacture in Canada of zinc and zinc products from Canadian ores.