

PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1914.

The Act does not apply to refrigerated rooms in connection with hotels, restaurants, dining car services, retail shops, private houses and manufacturing establishments other than packing houses, nor to refrigerated cars or steamships with refrigerated space.

Customs Tariff.—The Customs Tariff Act (chapter 26) makes alterations in the rates of duty applicable to 53 items in Schedule A of the Customs Tariff of 1907, as amended by chapter 15 of the Statutes of 1913, and to six items in Schedule B of the Tariff of 1907. The Act also gives power to the Governor in Council to impose a surtax, not exceeding 20 p.c. ad valorem, in the case of goods imported from foreign countries which treat Canadian imports less favourably than those from other countries, and to make regulations affecting the drawback on pig iron used in the manufacture of mowing machines and other agricultural implements specified. To Schedule C (Prohibited Goods) of the Tariff of 1907 are added aigrettes, egret and osprey plumes and the feathers, etc., of wild birds. The plumage of certain birds, including the ostrich and pheasant, is excepted from the prohibition, which took effect on January 1, 1915.

Inspection and Sale Act.—Chapter 36 amends the Inspection and Sale Act (R.S. 1906, c. 85) in various directions, and makes changes in the legal weights of certain commodities as follows: the net weight of flour and meal to be 196 lb. per barrel and 98 lb. per half barrel; of rolled oats 180 lb. per barrel and 90 lb. per half barrel; of rolled wheat, 100 lb. per barrel and 50 lb. per half barrel. The legal weights per bushel of other articles named are fixed as follows: artichokes, 50 lb.; beets, 50 lb. (instead of 60 lb.); carrots, 50 lb. (instead of 60 lb.); parsnips, 45 lb. (instead of 60 lb.); and turnips 50 lb. (instead of 60 lb.). The legal weights per bag are fixed as follows: artichokes, 84 lb.; beets, carrots, onions and turnips, 75 lb.; parsnips, 60 lb.; and potatoes, 90 lb. The weight of a barrel of potatoes, in the absence of special agreement to the contrary, is fixed at 165 lb. The Act went into force on January 1, 1915.

Amendment of the Judges' Act.—Chapter 38 amends the Judges' Act (R.S., 1906, c. 138), and provides for the increase of the salaries of three judges of the Superior Court of Quebec from \$5,000 each per annum to \$7,000 each per annum; for the salary of an additional judge of the court at \$5,000 per annum; for the salaries of three additional puisne judges of the Supreme Court of Alberta at \$6,000 each per annum; for the salary of one junior county court judge for the province of Manitoba at \$3,000 per annum; for four additional district court judges for the province of Saskatchewan at \$3,000 each per annum; for the increase of the salary of the senior judge of the circuit court of the district of Montreal from \$3,600 to \$5,000 per annum; and for the increase of the salaries of the three other judges of the court from \$3,000 each per annum to \$4,500 each per annum.

Railway Acts.—Amendments are made in the following Acts relating to railways: Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (chapter 2); the National Transcontinental Railway (chapters 3 and 43); Government Railways Small Claims (chapter 9); Railway (chapter 50); St. John and Quebec Railway (chapter 52). The Canadian Northern Railway