

## ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

that there shall be 13 instead of 12 judges and junior judges of county courts in British Columbia, and 11 instead of 8 district court judges in Alberta. The Criminal Code Amendment Act (chapter 12) makes indictable offences the assisting of an alien enemy to leave Canada and the delivering to the Government of defective naval or military stores. The Act makes it an offence subject to summary conviction to perform a copyright dramatic or other work without the consent of the author. Chapter 9, amending the Adulteration Act, requires the special labelling of maple syrup and sugar, and restricts the use of the word maple to pure products. Chapter 15 amends the Gold and Silver Marking Act by making violations of that Act liable to summary conviction. An Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act (chapter 17) permits the removal in bond of tobacco for use as ship's stores. Chapter 21 to amend the Winding-up Act relates to appeals under that Act.

**Naturalization Act, 1914.**—On January 1, 1915, the Naturalization Act, 1914, came into effect. This Act, which is known as the Imperial Naturalization Act, follows the lines laid down in the Imperial legislation of the same year and confers on persons naturalized under it all the rights, powers and privileges of a natural-born British subject. Under chapter 77, R.S.C., which is still in force, and will remain in force until January 1, 1918, a person naturalized under the Act becomes a British subject in Canada only, and the Act applies only to persons residing in Canada on January 1, 1915. During the year ended December 31, 1915, 120 persons were naturalized under the Act of 1914, the former nationalities of this number including 48 Americans, three French, eight Danes, nine Japanese, six Rumanians, six Russians, 15 Swedes, eight Swiss and 17 of other nationalities.

## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION.

The following is a synopsis of the more important Acts passed by the provincial legislatures during the year 1915. The provincial statutes of 1915 are all entitled 5 Geo. V, excepting those of Saskatchewan which are entitled 6 Geo. V.

**Provincial Acts relating to the War.**—In all provinces acts were passed to deal with conditions arising from the war. Chapter 6 (Nova Scotia), chapter 10 (New Brunswick), chapter 65 (Quebec), and chapter 37 (Ontario) are acts authorizing municipalities to contribute to the Patriotic Fund and similar funds and ratifying contributions previously made. Chapter 7 (Nova Scotia), chapter 12 (New Brunswick) and chapter 2 (Quebec) are acts confirming gifts made by the provinces to the British Government, the French National Relief Committee, etc., and providing for the same. Acts providing for a moratorium for debts, were passed in several of the provinces. In New Brunswick, chapter 11 empowers the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to authorize by proclamation the postponement of any debts or liabilities for such time and under such conditions as may be stated in the proclamation. In British Columbia, the Lieutenant-Governor may by chapter 35 authorize any court of the province to postpone payments due under any instrument