

Settlement of Returned Soldiers.—Chapter 19 amends the Soldier Settlement Act of 1919 by providing that “settler” shall include male settler only and by providing for requiring additional security for advances; it also empowers the Board to vary terms of payments on unimproved lands and on sales of stock and equipment, to determine character of land and to require repayment on sales of seed grain and feed or advances for taxes and insurance. The settler is required when indebted to the Board to insure property in favour of Board. Chapter 54 provides for the insurance of returned soldiers up to Sept. 1, 1922. This contract of insurance does not necessarily require a medical examination. The monthly rates for \$1,000 insurance payable at death for a person 18 years of age are \$1.04 for life and *pro rata* according to the age or the number of years for which payable. If a beneficiary on the death of the insured is entitled to a pension the present value of the pensions shall be deducted from the benefit payable and there shall be returned to the beneficiary the proportion of the premiums paid (with interest at 4 p.c.) which the amount of the said deduction is of the total amount assured. The insurance is unassignable and not liable to creditors.

Shipping.—Chapter 5 amends the Canada Shipping Act with respect to requirements of certificates of service as masters and mates. Chapter 6 amends the Canada Shipping Act by prescribing rules and regulations respecting steamboat inspection; it also provides for a yearly duty to be paid by the owner of every steamboat registered in Canada. Chapter 38 amends the Canada Shipping Act respecting sick and distressed mariners, empowering Minister to rent and equip premises for hospitals and make provisions for the temporary care of distressed seamen; masters may send sick mariners to any marine hospital where they shall be received gratuitously; assistance may also be rendered to shipwrecked or distressed seamen. Chapter 70 lays down conditions under which assistance may be given for the building in Canada of vessels of 3,000 tons or over.

Treaty with Bulgaria.—Chapter 4 carries into effect the treaty of peace between Canada and Bulgaria.

Miscellaneous.—Chapter 15 confirms an agreement between the Dominion and the Corporation of the City of Ottawa in respect of the continuation of certain payments made by the Government to Ottawa city; by the Act the Government agrees to pay \$75,000 annually for 5 years from July 1, 1919, which with \$150,000 annually for 10 years granted in 1919 to the Ottawa Improvement Commission is accepted as payment in full for the water supply and for water sprinkling, fire protection, etc., for government purposes; the Government also agrees to maintain and keep in repair certain bridges and sidewalks, and to be subject to local improvement rates. The provisions by which employees of the Government were exempt from income tax by the Corporation are cancelled. Chapter 16 amends the Mint Act by increasing the yearly payment for defraying the expenses of the mint from \$110,000 to \$200,000. Chapter 20, section 5, subsection 2, amends the Technical Education