# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION\*

# DOMINION

- Bill 61—An Act to amend the Yukon Quartz Mining Act.

  Restrictions are relaxed on the number of claims that may be located and recorded by one person.
- Bill ·62—An Act to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act.

  Regulations are authorized to exempt war service personnel from the provisions of the act regarding forfeiture of claims.
- Bill 63—The National Parks (Boundaries) Amendment Act, 1946.

  Changes are made in the boundaries of certain national parks.
- Bill 126—An Act to amend The Export Credits Insurance Act.

  The purposes for which the credits granted to foreign countries under Part II may be used are extended. There are also a number of important administrative changes.
- Bill 140—An Act to amend The Small Loans Act, 1939.

  It is proposed to reduce the maximum rate of cost of loan for small loans made under the act from 2 per cent a month to 1½ per cent a month for terms of fifteen months or less, with proportionate reductions for loans of longer terms.
- Bill 154—An Act to amend the Research Council Act.

  The Research Council is given increased powers and a number of administrative changes are proposed. Authority is given to procure the incorporation of companies under The Companies Act and to assume control of existing companies for the purposes of exercising powers given under the act.
- Bill 155—The Government Companies Operation Act.

  This bill provides for the financing and operation of governmentowned companies. Such companies are given power on behalf of
  His Majesty to contract in their corporate names without specific
  reference to His Majesty. They may sue and be sued.
- Bill 164—An Act to amend The Meat and Canned Foods Act.

  It is proposed to remove the requirement that cans of fish or shellfish must be labelled with the name of the place and/or province where they were packed. Statutory authority is given for the establishment of standards of quality and grades for canned fish and shellfish.
- Bill 165—The Atomic Energy Control Act, 1946.

  This bill provides for the establishment of a body corporate to be called the Atomic Energy Control Board and sets forth its duties and powers. Authority is given to regulate atomic research, the use of atomic energy, mining for atomic substances and the use of atomic substances. The board may also procure the incorporation of companies and assume the direction of existing companies.

<sup>\*</sup> The more important measures of a public nature introduced during the past month in the Dominion Parliament are summarized here. The summary is based on the bills as introduced and does not take account of amendments made during their passage through Parliament. No provincial legislature was in session during the month. A list of the provincial bills summarized in previous issues, which have since received the royal assent, is appended.

# Bill 193-An Act to amend the Companies Investigation Act.

Important changes are proposed in the administration of the act and in the provisions relating to procedure and evidence. In cases where use has been made of patents or trade marks to limit production unduly or to restrain or injure trade, the Exchequer Court on application of the Attorney General of Canada is given wide powers to make orders designed to prevent such misuse. Provisions regarding certain complaints are transferred to the act from the Dominion Trade and Industry Commission Act, 1935.

# Bill A5-The Bankruptcy Act, 1946.

This is a complete revision and redrafting of The Bankruptcy Act. Included in the many important changes are the following proposals: decentralization of bankruptcy courts with bankruptcy petitions filed in the office of local registrars and dealt with by any judge of the Superior Court; restoration to the act of the right of the debtor to make a proposal for composition to his creditors prior to authorized assignment or receiving order; elimination of the custodian, with the trustee appointed from the start; a provision for an automatic procedure for the discharge of a bankrupt; a provision for summary administration where the bankruptcy has few assets; wider application of act to married women; provision for filing petitions against estates of deceased debtors; revision of provisions relating to priorities in distribution of property of bankrupt; provision for trustee obtaining his discharge from Superintendent of Bankruptcy.

# Bill L5-An Act to amend The Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.

It is proposed in this bill to make the Unemployment Insurance Commission responsible to the Minister of Labour in respect to the administration of the Employment Service. Statutory authority is given for regulations requiring employers to notify the employment service of engagement or release of employees and requiring persons seeking employment to notify the service. Other changes affect the coverage of persons under the act and the qualifications for benefits. The provisions relating to insurance benefits, disqualification for benefit and determination of benefits are entirely re-arranged and recast.

# PROVINCIAL BILLS PASSED DURING 1946

# ALBERTA

Bills 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 38, 39, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 52, 60, 61, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 76 and 81.

# BRITISH COLUMBIA

Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 17, 21, 27, 32, 34, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 61, 63, 73, 77, 78, 79, 80, 83, 85, 88 and 99.

#### MANITOBA

Bills, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 44, 46, 64, 68, 72, 92, 95, 96, 103, 105, 111, 112 and 122.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK

Bills 23, 24, 25, 73, 82, 83, 95, 106, 110, 123 and 126.

# NOVA SCOTIA

Bills 2, 5, 6, 7, 21, 27, 28, 37, 40, 48, 49, 50, 58, 59, 68, 69, 79, 103 and 119.

#### ONTARIO

Bills 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 90, 92, 115, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 133, 134, 136, 140, 142, 143, 146, 148, 149, 152, 167 and 175.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Bills 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20, 30, 31, 34, 36, 47, 49, 50 and 55.

### QUEBEC

Bills, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 35, 36, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 56, 59 and 202.

# SASKATCHEWAN

Bills, 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 43, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, 58, 66, 68, 70, 81, 82, 83, 87, 88, 92, 94, 101, 102 and 107.

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#### TEACHERS ARE BORN

Mais le talent d'enseigner, est tout différent, & il est rare de le joindre à l'étendue du sçavoir. Se rabaisser aux premier élémens, pour se faire entendre; varier l'instruction & la manière de la présenter; s'occuper en entier des autres, & jamais de soi-même; se mettre à la portée de tous les esprits, de manière que les moins pénétrans ne puissent se plaindre qu'on les néglige; paroître soi-même ne sçavoir que ce qu'il s'agit d'enseigner dans le moment; revenir sur les mêmes points pour les inculquer; descendre des premiers principes aux conséquences par une gradation facile; ne dire à la fois que ce qu'il faut, pour ne pas surcharger les Auditeurs, & le dire avec méthode & clarté; s'assurer qu'ils vous suivent, avant d'aller plus loin, & les prendre par la main pour les aider à avancer. Tel est le talent d'un Maître: tel étoit supérieurement celui de M. Pothier. (From the Eloge Historique de M. Pothier by M. Le Trosne in Pothier's Traité de Droit Civil et de Jurisprudence Françoise, Paris and Orléans, 1773).