

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. This amendment is required to correct the improper title given the Act by the amending statute of 1928. The figures "1928" are deleted.

2. In a recent investigation it was found that articles were stamped "Gold Plate", which made it difficult to deal with these articles as the phrase "Gold Plate" was not included in this section. The inclusion of the phrases proposed would make this section more comprehensive and complete.

The subsection proposed to be repealed reads as follows:—

"**10.** (1) This section applies only to plated articles wholly or partly composed of the materials known to the trade as 'rolled gold plate', 'gold filled', 'gold electro-plate', 'rolled silver plate', 'silver filled', 'silver electro-plate', or of such materials of like nature as are defined and designated by regulations made by the Governor in Council."

The phrases proposed to be added are "gold plate", "gold plated" and "silver plate", "silver plated."

3. In proposing this amendment, it must be borne in mind that a date letter is not a mark of quality, nor is it a compulsory mark, but is a mark changed each year to designate the year in which an article is manufactured, designed to enhance in future years the value of an article to which it has been applied. This date letter will be applied under licence, and only to articles of gold and silver wholly of Canadian manufacture. A date letter has been used in the British Hall mark for over three hundred years.

Some Canadian manufacturers have been using a date letter for some time, but if there is no uniformity of the letter, or if it is not controlled the purpose of a date letter would be defeated.