

3.—Disputes Classified by Industries, 1901-1917.

Industries.	1901-10	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Fishing.....	10	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	14
Lumbering.....	28	-	4	3	-	-	-	1	36
Mining.....	87	7	6	6	3	6	10	21	146
Building.....	266	29	52	31	12	4	7	19	420
Metal.....	170	18	29	29	14	13	15	38	326
Woodworking.....	47	2	-	3	1	-	1	-	54
Printing and allied.....	28	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	33
Textile.....	36	4	1	3	-	1	-	3	48
Clothing.....	107	13	19	10	5	4	11	12	181
Food and tobacco.....	62	3	2	4	2	3	7	12	95
Leather.....	20	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	23
General transport.....	97	12	14	8	1	4	19	22	177
Unskilled labour.....	73	4	9	7	-	-	3	-	96
Miscellaneous.....	39	6	10	6	4	7	2	19	93
Total.....	1,070	99	150	113	44	43	75	148	1,742

Proceedings under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act.—A review of the proceedings under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act from its enactment in March, 1907, to the end of the year 1917 shows that 272 applications were received for the establishment of boards of conciliation and investigation, as a result of which 221 boards were established. In forty-seven cases the matters in dispute were adjusted by mutual agreement, whilst steps were pending for the establishment of boards or the necessity for procedure disappeared. In the remaining four cases royal commissions were appointed under the Inquiries Act to deal with the disputes. The number of employees affected by these 272 disputes was approximately 493,902. Of disputes referred under the Act during this period, there were 22 cases in which strikes were not averted or ended through its instrumentality. Eleven of these 22 strikes occurred in the mining industry, ten in connection with transportation, and one in the operation of municipal electric work. During the calendar year 1917, 53 applications were received for boards, certain proceedings also taking place in connection with one application received prior to the beginning of the year. In 36 cases boards were established, and in 15 cases the matters were adjusted without the necessity of establishing boards. In the remaining two cases royal commissions were appointed to deal with the disputes under the Inquiries Act. Only one strike occurred after the matters in dispute had been referred to a board under the Act. During 1917 six disputes were adjusted in industries performing war work, these being brought within the scope of the Act by the amendment of March 22, 1916.

Fair Wages Branch.—The Fair Wages Branch of the Department of Labour is charged with the preparation of schedules of minimum wage rates, which are inserted in Dominion Government contracts, and must be adhered to by contractors in the execution of the respective works. The number of fair wages schedules prepared since the adoption of the Fair Wages Resolution in 1900