

## 3.—Disputes Classified by Industries, 1901-1918.

Industries.	1901-	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	Total.
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	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Fishing.....	10	1	3		—	—	—	—	14
Lumbering.....	28	4	3		—	—	1	2	38
Mining.....	94	6	6	3	6	10	21	36	182
Building.....	295	52	31	12	4	7	19	19	439
Metal.....	188	29	29	14	13	15	38	45	371
Woodworking.....	49		3	1	—	1		3	57
Printing and allied.....	28	3	—	—	1	—	1	10	43
Textile.....	40	1	3	—	1	—	3	5	53
Clothing.....	120	19	10	5	4	11	12	9	190
Food and tobacco.....	65	2	4	2	3	7	12	8	103
Leather.....	21	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	24
Transportation.....	109	14	8	1	4	19	22	33	210
Public utilities.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Municipal employment.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Unskilled labour.....	77	9	7	—	—	3	—	—	96
Miscellaneous.....	45	10	6	4	7	2	19	12	105
Chemicals and explosives.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,169</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1,938</b>

**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 1918 shows that 365 applications were received for the establishment of boards of conciliation and investigation, as a result of which 279 boards were established. In 75 cases the matters in dispute were adjusted by mutual agreement, whilst steps were pending for the establishment of boards, or in some other way the necessity for procedure disappeared. In a few cases applications were received where the disputes did not fall within the scope of the statute. In the remaining 11 cases royal commissions, appointed under the Inquiries Act, dealt with the disputes. The number of employees affected by these 365 disputes was approximately 536,798. Of disputes referred under the Act during this period, there were 24 cases in which strikes were not averted or ended through its instrumentality. Eleven of these 24 strikes occurred in the mining industry, 10 in connection with transportation, two in the operation of municipal electric works and one in war work. During the calendar year 1918, 93 applications were received for boards, certain proceedings also taking place in connection with six applications received prior to the beginning of the year. In 58 cases boards were established, and in 28 cases the disputes were either of a nature not falling within the scope of the Act or were adjusted without the necessity of establishing boards. In the remaining seven cases royal commissions dealt with the disputes under the Inquiries Act. Only two strikes occurred after the matters in dispute had been referred to a board under the Act. During 1918, 23 disputes were adjusted in industries performing war work, these being brought within the scope of the Act by 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