

was not within the competence of the Dominion Parliament. At the ensuing session of Parliament, amendments (15-16 Geo. V, c. 14) were accordingly made to the statute, with the object of limiting its operation to matters that are not within exclusive provincial jurisdiction. It was also provided by these amendments that the statute should apply in the case of "any dispute which is within the provincial jurisdiction of any province and which by the legislation of the province is made subject to the provisions of this Act."

A review of the proceedings under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act from its enactment in March, 1907, to Mar. 31, 1925, shows that in the 18 years, 638 applications were received for the establishment of boards of conciliation and investigation, as a result of which 450 boards were established. In all but 38 cases strikes (or lockouts) were averted or ended. In the fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1925, 22 applications for the establishment of boards of conciliation and investigation were dealt with and 9 boards were established. Strikes (or lockouts) were averted in all but one case.

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 such works. The number of fair wage schedules prepared, from the adoption of the Fair Wages Resolution in 1900 up to the end of the fiscal year 1924-25, was 4,158. The number of fair wage schedules and clauses furnished during the fiscal year 1924-25 was 85.

Fair wage conditions are also inserted in contracts for the manufacture of certain classes of government supplies and in contracts for all railway construction to which the Dominion Government has granted financial aid, either by way of subsidy or guarantee.

The Department of Labour is also frequently consulted by other Departments of the Government regarding the wage rates to be observed in connection with work undertaken on the day labour plan.

An Order in Council of June 7, 1922, amended by an Order in Council of April 9, 1924, provided more effective measures to secure the observance of the fair wages policy of the Government of Canada.

Labour Gazette.—A monthly publication, known as the Labour Gazette, has been issued by the Dominion Department of Labour since its establishment in 1900. It contains a monthly review of the industrial situation in Canada and of the state of employment, including reports of the operations of the Employment Service of Canada in the various provinces, also information relative to labour legislation, wages, rates and hours of labour, wholesale and retail prices of staple commodities in Canada and other countries, labour disputes (including the proceedings under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act), industrial accidents, legal decisions affecting labour, industrial training and technical education and other matters of general or current industrial interest. The Labour Gazette is widely distributed throughout Canada, and the statistical and other information contained therein is constantly used in connection with wages and other issues between employers and workers. A subscription charge of 20c. per annum is made for this publication.

Labour Legislation.—Much attention is devoted to labour legislation. Information as to new laws enacted by the Dominion and the provinces is kept up to date, while notes or articles regarding their provisions are published in the Labour