

Compensation paid to workmen from Aug. 1, 1918, to Dec. 31, 1926, totals \$2,180,680, in addition to which there has been awarded and set aside in the pension fund on account of permanent disabilities and fatal accidents \$2,109,136, out of which \$789,046 has been paid to workmen and their dependants. The balance at the credit of this fund on Dec. 31, 1926, was \$1,596,301. Payments for medical services between Aug. 1, 1918, and Dec. 31, 1926, total \$887,779. The number of accidents reported during the year was 8,930, of which 58 were fatal and 87 resulted in some permanent disability.

*British Columbia.*—The Workmen's Compensation Act, effective Jan. 1, 1917, provided compulsory accident insurance in almost every industrial occupation carried on in the province, protecting in 1926 approximately 165,000 employees with a payroll of over \$172,000,000. Insurance rates are graded according to the hazard of the industry. All employers under the Act are required to deduct one cent per day or part thereof from the wages of employees and to remit this money to the Board to the credit of the medical aid fund, which provides all medical and surgical assistance and hospital expenses for injured employees. For statistics see Table 10.

**10.—Compensation Paid and Accidents Compensated by the British Columbia Workmen's Compensation Board, 1917-1926.**

Years.	Compensation paid.	Medical Aid paid.	Total.	Claims (gross).
	\$	\$	\$	No.
1917.....	603,274	62,665	665,942	13,653
1918.....	1,224,039	268,985	1,493,024	22,498
1919.....	1,394,896	289,108	1,683,804	13,185
1920.....	1,708,759	397,451	2,107,210	20,905
1921.....	1,771,126	431,745	2,202,874	16,883
1922.....	1,767,260	457,196	2,224,456	19,647
1923.....	2,157,918	514,782	2,672,680	24,184
1924.....	2,309,007	602,733	2,911,740	25,566
1925.....	2,419,372	618,942	3,038,314	27,563
1926.....	2,451,456	678,231	3,129,687	30,365
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>17,837,317</b>	<b>4,321,824</b>	<b>22,159,141</b>	<b>219,461</b>

**8.—Strikes and Lockouts.**

Statistics of strikes and lockouts in Canada have been collected by the Dominion Department of Labour since its inception in 1900. Table 11 shows the number of disputes, the number of employees involved in disputes, and the time loss in working days for each year from 1901 to 1927, and the totals for the period. The items in the column headed "time loss in working days" in the tables following are calculated by multiplying the number of persons directly involved by strikes and lockouts by the number of working days they are so affected during the time the disputes are in existence. The tables give the figures for previous years and a detailed analysis for 1926 and 1927.

**Industrial Disputes in 1926 and 1927.**—In each of the years 1926 and 1927 the time loss in "man working days" from strikes and lockouts was less than in any year since 1916 and less than in most of the years back to 1900, when the record was begun. This was chiefly because there were no coal-mining disputes involving large numbers of workers for relatively long periods of time. The number of strikes and lockouts in existence in 1927 was 79 as compared with 77 in 1926, about the same as in each year back to 1922, while the number of employees involved was