

Saskatchewan Department of Railways, Labour and Industries.—This was created as a separate Department by an Act passed in 1928. It is presided over by the Minister of Railways, Labour and Industries, assisted by a permanent Deputy Minister. The functions of the Department include the following:—Administration of the Factories Act and Elevator Regulations, the Steam Boilers Act, the Building Trades Protection Act, the Act protecting the payment of wages to certain employees, the Mines Act, the Minimum Wage Act, and the Order-in-Council respecting fair wages in government contracts, also of all matters connected with railways, over which the Government of Saskatchewan by any Act may have control. It is also charged with the operations of public free employment offices; the collection and publication of statistics relating to employment; wages and hours of labour throughout the province; strikes and other difficulties; trade unions and labour organizations; the relations between capital and labour, and other subjects connected with industrial problems; the commercial, industrial and sanitary conditions of employment; the natural resources of Saskatchewan and their industrial possibilities; such other matters as may be related to industrial development; the protection of game as outlined in the Game Act.

Alberta Bureau of Labour.—The Act of 1922, creating the Alberta Bureau of Labour, provided that the Bureau be in charge of a Minister having under him a Commissioner of Labour. The latter is empowered to collect and publish information and statistics affecting labour, and to administer such Acts as may be assigned to the Bureau by Order in Council. Important among these Acts are the Alberta Government Employment Bureau Act, the Minimum Wage Act, the Boilers Act, the Factories Act and the Theatres Act. The Bureau issues annual reports.

The British Columbia Department of Labour.—This Department was instituted by an Act of 1917, under a Minister and Deputy Minister of Labour. It administers the laws of British Columbia affecting labour, and is empowered to collect information respecting industries, wages, employment, prices, labour organizations and other data pertaining to labour problems. Prominent among the Acts under the jurisdiction of the Department are the Minimum Wage Act for female employees, the Male Minimum Wage Act (passed in 1925), the Hours of Work Act, the Semi-Monthly Payment of Wages Act and the Factories Act; it also operates the employment bureaus within the province. The Deputy Minister of Labour is *ex officio* Chairman of the Board of Adjustment under the Hours of Work Act of 1923, which, with exceptions, provides for the eight-hour working day in industry and is also Chairman of the Male Minimum Wage Board. Annual reports are published by the Department, containing much information respecting labour matters.

Section 4.—Canada and the International Labour Organization.¹

The International Labour Organization of the League of Nations was set up in accordance with Part XIII of the Treaties of Peace, to promote the improvement of industrial conditions by legislative action and international agreement.

The Organization comprises the permanent International Labour Office in Geneva, Switzerland, and the International Labour Conference, which meets

¹On this subject see also 1921 Year Book, pp. 607-609; 1922-23 Year Book, pp. 704-707; 1924 Year Book, pp. 666-670; 1925 Year Book, pp. 676-678; 1926 Year Book, pp. 679-681; 1927-28 Year Book, pp. 735-737; 1929 Year Book, pp. 725-727.