

CHAPTER XIX.—LABOUR AND WAGES.¹

PART I.—LABOUR.

Section 1.—Occupations of the People.

This section, formerly appearing in the Labour and Wages chapter of the Year Book, has been transferred to the Population chapter, where a fairly extended analysis of the occupations of the people in 1921 appeared at pp. 134-147 of the 1929 Year Book.

Section 2.—The Dominion Department of Labour.

The Department of Labour of the Dominion Government was established in 1900 under the authority of the Conciliation Act, 1900 (63-64 Vict., c. 24). Its chief duties originally comprised the administration of certain provisions of this Statute designed to aid in the prevention and settlement of labour disputes, the administration of the Government's fair wage policy for the protection of workmen employed on Dominion Government contracts and on works aided by grants of public funds, the collection and classification of statistical and other information relative to conditions of labour, and the publication of a monthly periodical known as the *Labour Gazette*. From 1900 to 1909 the Department was administered by the Postmaster General, who was also Minister of Labour. It was constituted a separate Department under the Labour Department Act, 1909 (R.S.C. 1927, c. 111).

The work of the Department was greatly increased in 1907 by the passage of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 112). At present the Department is also charged with the administration of an Act passed in 1918 known as the Employment Offices Co-ordination Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 57), the Government Annuities Act of 1908 (R.S.C. 1927, c. 7), the Technical Education Act enacted in 1919 (R.S.C. 1927, c. 193), the White Phosphorus Matches Act of 1914 (R.S.C. 1927, c. 128), the Combines Investigation Act of 1923 (R.S.C. 1927, c. 26), the Old Age Pensions Act of 1927 (R.S.C. 1927, c. 156), the Fair Wages and Eight Hour Day Act of 1930 (20-21 Geo. V, c. 20), the Vocational Education Act, 1931 (21-22 Geo. V, c. 59), the Unemployment Relief Act of 1930 (21 Geo. V, c. 1) and the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931 (21-22 Geo. V, c. 58). The scope of the Department has increased in other directions, especially in the investigation of the cost of living and in connection with the International Labour Organization of the League of Nations. For a report of the operations of the Old Age Pensions Act, see p. 659 and for the proceedings of the Combines Investigation Act, 1923, see p. 671. For the operations of the Government Annuities Act of 1908 and the Technical Education Act, see the chapters on Insurance and Education, respectively.

Industrial Disputes Investigation Act.—The Industrial Disputes Investigation Act (R.S.C. 1927, c. 112), has attracted considerable favourable attention

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