

within recent years to cover contracts for works carried out by the several Harbour Commissions which have been aided by grant of public funds.

An Order in Council was passed on Dec. 3, 1929, providing for the payment of current wage rates to workmen employed in the construction, alteration, extension, maintenance and operation of works for the utilization of water powers under licence from the Dominion Government. The Fair Wages Clause was also inserted in an important agreement made by the Dominion Government with one of the paper companies for the cutting of pulpwood in the province of Manitoba, under which the company agreed to pay to those employed in the industry wage rates not less than those generally accepted as current in each trade or occupation in similar industries, and to maintain conditions of labour not less favourable than those prevailing in similar industries in the district.

On May 30, 1930, an Act of Parliament was adopted, known as the Fair Wage and Eight-Hour Day Act, 1930, which provides for the payment of current wages rates to all persons employed on contracts made with the Government of Canada for works of construction, remodelling, repair or demolition, provided that the wages in all cases shall be such as are fair and reasonable. This Statute also directed that the working hours of persons while so employed shall not exceed eight hours a day. It was further declared that the foregoing conditions are to be applied to all workmen employed by the Government itself on the construction, remodelling, repair or demolition of any work.

On Mar. 27, 1930, an Order in Council was passed providing that, except in cases where the work of employees was intermittent in character, or the application of the rule was not deemed to be practicable, or in the public interest, the hours of work of any Dominion Government employees who had up to that time been required to work more than eight hours daily should be reduced to eight hours a day, with a half holiday on Saturday.

The Department of Labour is 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.

**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, wage 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, proceedings under the Combines Investigation Act, 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 Gazette*. Since 1917, the Department has published annual reports containing the text of Canadian labour laws enacted during each year, together with