

information respecting employment, sanitary and other conditions in work places, wages and hours of work, and to study labour legislation in other parts of the British Empire and in foreign countries, as well as any suggested changes in the labour laws of Ontario. The representatives of the Department of Labour have right of access to offices, factories and other work places at any reasonable hour, and may be authorized to hold inquiries under the Public Inquiries Act. The Department publishes annual reports which cover the work of the officers employed in the administration of the various Acts assigned to it and contain much statistical and other information pertaining to labour. The Minimum Wage Act is administered by a board of five persons, two representing employers and two representing employees, with an impartial chairman; two of the members are women.

Manitoba Bureau of Labour.—The Act of 1915, establishing the Manitoba Bureau of Labour, provided that it be attached to the Department of Public Works; an amendment of 1922, however, provided for its attachment to any other Department, as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine.

The Bureau is established to co-operate with employers, trade unions and others. It is charged with the enforcement of the following Acts: The Manitoba Factories Act; The Bake Shops Act; The Building Trades Protection Act; The Fair Wage Act; The Electricians' Licence Act; The Elevator and Hoist Act; The Shops Regulation Act; The Public Buildings Act; The Minimum Wage Act; The Steam Boiler Act; the licensing of cinematograph projectionists under The Public Amusements Act; The Fires Prevention Act; The One Day Rest in Seven Act.

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 administration of the following Acts: 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 Safety and Welfare 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 operation 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; raw products of Saskatchewan and their industrial possibilities; and such other matters as may be related to industrial development.

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; The Theatres Act; The Trades Schools Act. The Bureau issues annual reports.