

It may be added that the adoption of daylight saving time brings greater benefit to communities situated near the eastern ends of their respective time zones, since in their cases standard time is sometimes slower than sun time, while daylight saving time may be as near to sun time as is standard time. Again, in proportion as places are situated in a more northerly latitude, their days are longer in summer even without daylight saving and this is probably the reason why in the Canadian West, where in the settled areas the summer day is an hour or even two hours longer than in the industrial east, daylight saving is not in vogue. Generally speaking, in Canada daylight saving exists only in the industrial cities and towns between Quebec city and Windsor, Ontario, though Halifax and Saint John in the Maritimes and Regina in Saskatchewan adopted local daylight saving time in the summer of 1930.

Legal Authority for the Time Zones.—All regulations made in Canada concerning standard time, except the Daylight Saving Act of 1918 (which is understood to have lapsed at the end of that year) have been passed by the Provincial Legislatures and the Northwest Territories Council.

The boundaries of the zones are those laid down in the Statutes of the different provinces and the Northwest Territories. They are usually provincial boundaries or meridians. In the more thickly settled portions of the country this leads to some confusion. The Interstate Commerce Commission have charge of the placing of the boundaries of the time zones in the United States and bend the lines around to fit, so far as convenient, the divisional points of the railways and the requirements of the public. Such a national body can deal more effectively with such matters as the time tables of interstate carriers.

The official legislation in Canada in regard to time chiefly affects such matters as the times of coming into effect or expiration of Acts, ordinances, contracts and agreements, times of opening and closing registration offices, law courts, post offices and other public offices, times of open or close seasons for game, times of opening and closing business houses and places of amusement.