

force on proclamation require employers to deposit security for wages for the ensuing twelve months, and to keep posted notices that such security has been furnished. Monthly returns as to the wages paid are stipulated.

The special tax imposed on wages under the Income Taxation Act of Manitoba is reduced from 2 to 1 p.c.

*Hours of Labour.*—An amendment to the Alberta Hours of Work Act, defines "overtime" as time worked in excess of nine hours a day or 48 hours a week for a female employee, and ten hours a day or 54 hours a week for a male employee. In Manitoba, the Highway Traffic Act now prohibits a driver being on duty as driver for more than nine consecutive hours, except in emergency due to breakdown of the vehicle, or on duty in any capacity for more than 12 hours in any twenty-four or on more than six days a week. The British Columbia Fire Departments Two-Platoon Act is extended to every municipality and place in which there is a paid fire department or brigade.

*Workmen's Compensation.*—The Workmen's Compensation Acts of Alberta and Nova Scotia are revised and amendments are made to those of British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, and Yukon. The revised Act of Alberta implements certain recommendations of a committee of the Legislature. The Board has no longer power to exclude industries from the Act. To aid in equalizing assessments, any excess of payments over receipts in the Medical Aid Fund are to be charged to the Accident Fund and any surplus in the latter may be transferred to an equalization reserve. The deductions that may be made from wages towards the cost of medical aid may not be less than 1c. or more than 5c. per day or part of day worked. Other changes provide for compensation at the rate of 100 p.c. of earnings to workmen injured while doing rescue work in a mine, payment of compensation for the first three days if the disability lasts more than 30 days, and for payments in respect of children up to the age of 18 years. In cases of permanent partial disability the Board is to estimate the impairment of earning capacity and award compensation accordingly. Municipalities must make annual returns to the Board regarding employers of labour within their borders. Where an accident is due to the employer's failure to comply with the directions or regulations of the Board, a special levy may be made upon the employer not exceeding one-half of the compensation payable in respect of the accident.

The Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Act is chiefly a revision of existing legislation. Travelling salesmen are brought within the scope of Part I and the Board is authorized to pay compensation for a permanent partial disability even if the workman is not totally disabled for seven days. Accounts for medical aid must be submitted within one year.

In British Columbia the scale of benefits is raised. Burial expenses are now payable up to \$125 and compensation to a widow or invalid widower is increased to \$40 per month. The maximum total compensation is raised to \$70 per month in cases where there is a widow or invalid widower with children, or dependent parents in addition to a widow or invalid widower or orphan children. Compensation for disablement is increased to 66½ p.c. of average earnings. Surplus funds accumulated owing to the lower rate of benefit paid to alien dependants residing outside of Canada are to be used to increase payments to dependent widows and children in certain cases.

Radio broadcasting stations are brought under Part I of the Act in New Brunswick and the Board is empowered to re-admit industries which it has excluded