

CHAPTER XIX.—LABOUR AND WAGES*

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Section 1.—The Government in Relation to Labour

Subsection 1.—The Dominion Department of Labour

The Department of Labour of the Dominion Government was established in 1900 under the authority of the Conciliation Act. 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.

At the outset its chief duties were: the administration of certain provisions of the Conciliation Act, designed to aid in the prevention or settlement of disputes; the administration of the Government's fair-wages 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*.

The work of the Department was greatly increased in 1907 by the passing of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act. At present the following legislation is also administered under the authority of the Minister of Labour: the Government Annuities Act; the Employment Offices Co-ordination Act; the Technical Education Act; the Combines Investigation Act; the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act; the Dominion unemployment relief legislation, 1930-40; the Youth Training Act; and the Unemployment Insurance Act. The Department also carries on the work arising out of Canada's relations with the International Labour Organization. In addition, there has been a considerable extension of departmental activity in the

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