

Since the outbreak of war in September, 1939, a monthly record has been maintained in the *Labour Gazette* of the activities of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and also of the effects of the war on labour standards. In addition, the *Labour Gazette* has recorded the establishment, functions and activities of the National Labour Supply Council; the development of Canada's War Emergency Training Program; and the establishment and organization of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Included in the statistical information published in the *Labour Gazette* is a monthly analysis of prices (wholesale and retail) in Canada, indicating trends in the cost of living and showing the prices of staple articles, together with index numbers of price movements over a series of years. Financial and statistical summaries of pensions for the aged and the blind in Canada are also published at regular intervals. A special section records the work of the International Labour Organization (League of Nations), the draft conventions and recommendations adopted by that body being published in full.

The *Labour Gazette* is widely distributed throughout Canada, and the statistical and other information contained therein is constantly used in connection with the discussion of wages and other issues between employers and workers.

**Labour Legislation.**—Considerable attention is given by the Department to labour legislation both in Canada and in other countries. At the close of the sessions of the Dominion Parliament and the legislatures of the several provinces, the labour laws enacted are summarized in the *Labour Gazette*. Statutory regulations are also noted in the *Labour Gazette* and a résumé of the more important judgments involving labour questions is published.

Beginning with 1915 the Department has published a series of annual reports on "Labour Legislation in Canada".\* The first report was a consolidation of all labour legislation on the statute books of the Dominion and the provinces at the end of 1915, and similar consolidations were issued for 1920, 1928 and 1937. Reports for the intervening years set out the text or a summary of the laws passed in those respective years and each contains an introduction giving a summary of the principal measures.

In addition, special branches of labour legislation in Canada or abroad are dealt with from time to time in articles in the *Labour Gazette* or in printed or mimeographed bulletins. Information concerning legislation providing for minimum wages and the regulation of hours of labour in Canada is given in a report entitled "Wages and Hours of Labour in Canada", issued as a supplement to the *Labour Gazette*. Each year, in July, a mimeographed memorandum is issued on workmen's compensation laws in Canada. A summary of Dominion legislation affecting labour, passed during 1940, will be found in Chapter XXIX of this volume.

### Subsection 2.—Provincial Labour Departments and Bureaus

Labour legislation in Canada is, for the most part, a matter for the provincial legislatures. In each province, except Alberta and Prince Edward Island, there is a special department or bureau charged with the administration of labour laws. In Prince Edward Island the same necessity does not exist and there is little labour legislation. In Alberta the Department of Trade and Industry administers most labour legislation, the Board of Industrial Relations having charge of statutes regulating wages and hours. Legislation for the protection of miners is administered

\* Obtainable from the King's Printer, Ottawa, published annually, 25 cents per copy.