

permit the Government to withdraw trades from the schedule to the Act and allow the Minister to permit a minor to be employed at specialized or repetitive work in a designated trade in a war industry without entering into a contract of apprenticeship. The contract form may be varied by the Minister on the recommendation of the provincial Apprenticeship Committee. A new section in the Municipal Act requires contractors or sub-contractors on municipal public works to observe the wages accepted as fair by the Dominion or Provincial Government under the Dominion Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act, 1935. The minimum age for employment as a moving-picture projectionist was raised from 18 to 21 years.

Northwest Territories.—A new Workmen's Compensation Ordinance consolidates the former Workmen's Compensation Ordinance and the Compensation to Families Ordinance and makes some amendments. The new measure enables an action for damages to be brought on behalf of the consort, parent, child, brother or sister of any person whose death has been caused by a wrongful act, neglect or default that would have entitled the injured person, if death had not ensued, to maintain such an action. The defence of common employment is abrogated. The Commissioner, if satisfied that it is not possible for an employer to make an arrangement with a Workmen's Compensation Board of one of the provinces or another territory to protect his workmen, may order the employer to take out insurance in an approved company.

Section 2.—Occupations of the Wage-Earning Population

The total population in gainful occupations is recorded at the census. In Section 15 of Chapter IV, pp. 128-146 of the 1937 Year Book, the gainfully occupied in 1931 are dealt with rather extensively under the heading "Occupations of the Canadian People". Statistics of the numerical and percentage distribution of the wage-earning section of the gainfully occupied, by industrial and occupational groups, are given at pp. 741-742 of the 1938 edition of the Year Book, and a table at p. 732 of the 1937 edition shows the numerical and percentage distribution of wage-earners, by age groups, as at the Census of 1931.

Section 3.—Employment and Unemployment

Subsection 1.—Employment and Unemployment Statistics of the Census

In the 1933 edition of the Year Book, pp. 775-780 are devoted to an examination of the preliminary figures of unemployment as reported at June 1, 1931, for that date and for the preceding twelve months. The final results of this inquiry are available in Vol. VI of the Census Publications, which may be obtained from the King's Printer, Ottawa, at a price of 75 cents for the paper-bound volume.

Tables 24 and 25, at p. 836 of the 1934-35 Year Book, summarize, by industries, the statistics of those actually unemployed at the date of the Census, and of time lost during the twelve months preceding that date.

Estimates of Employment of the Wage-Earning Population.—Estimates of the numbers of wage-earners employed from 1921 to March, 1940, appears at pp. 750-751 of the 1940 Year Book. Owing to the changes and dislocation in industrial production caused by the demands of war, this series has been temporarily discontinued.