

At present, compensation in fatal cases is paid as follows:—

Burial expenses, \$100 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, \$150 in Manitoba, and \$125 in the other provinces (in certain cases costs of transportation of the body are allowed).

To a widow or invalid widower, or to a foster-mother as long as the children are under the age limit, a monthly payment in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick of \$30, in Alberta of \$35 and in the remaining provinces of \$40; in addition, a lump sum of \$100 is paid in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

For each child in the care of a parent or foster-mother receiving compensation: \$7.50 in Nova Scotia and British Columbia; \$10 in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario* and Saskatchewan; and in Manitoba and Alberta, \$12 for the eldest child, \$10 for the second, \$9 for the third and \$8 for each additional child.

To each orphan child, \$15 in all provinces with a maximum of \$60 in Nova Scotia. The age limit for children, except invalids, is 16 in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, 18 in Quebec and Alberta, and 16 for boys and 18 for girls in New Brunswick. In Manitoba, payments in respect of children may be made up to the age of 18 if it is desirable to continue their education. In British Columbia and Manitoba, payments to invalid children are continued until recovery while the other provinces make payments only for the length of time the Boards consider the workman would have contributed to their support.

Where the only dependants are other than consort or children, all the Acts stipulate that compensation is to be a reasonable sum proportionate to the pecuniary loss but the monthly sum to be paid to all such dependants is limited to \$40 in Manitoba, \$65 in Alberta and \$45 in Nova Scotia and British Columbia. In the latter province, however, if there are also dependants such as widow, invalid widower or orphan, the maximum payable to other dependants is \$30. In all provinces compensation is continued only for such time as the Boards consider the workman would have contributed to their support.

In all provinces, except New Brunswick and British Columbia, maximum benefits payable to dependants in case of death of the workman are two-thirds of the earnings; in New Brunswick, 60 p.c. of earnings. The minimum payable to consort and one child in Quebec is \$50 per month or \$12.50 per week if there is more than one child; in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan the minimum is \$12.50 per week (\$15 per week in Manitoba if there is more than one child).

The rate for permanent total disablement in all provinces, except New Brunswick, is a weekly payment for its duration equal to $66\frac{2}{3}$ p.c. of the average weekly earnings; in New Brunswick it is 60 p.c. As in fatal cases, the Acts fix a minimum weekly sum which must be paid unless earnings fall below that minimum, in which case a sum equal to the earnings is paid.† This minimum is \$8 in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, \$10 in Alberta and British Columbia, \$12.50 in Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan and \$15 in Manitoba. For permanent partial disablement similar provision is made in all the provinces, except New Brunswick and Alberta, i.e., two-thirds of the difference in earnings before and after the accident. In New Brunswick and Alberta, the amount is based on impairment of earning capacity. In Nova Scotia if there is little or no difference, or in the other provinces if the difference is 10 p.c. or less, a lump sum may be given. In New Brunswick, 60 p.c. of the diminution of earnings is payable for temporary partial disablement.

* This payment is increased to \$15 in the event of the death of the mother.

† In Ontario when average earnings are below \$12.50 a week, 100 p.c. of earnings is paid. In Saskatchewan, when average earnings are below the minimum, an arbitrary rate of \$9 for those over, and of \$6 for those under 21, is paid.