

The average earnings on which compensation is based must be computed in the manner best calculated to give the rate per week or per month at which the worker was remunerated but are not to exceed \$1,500 a year in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and \$2,000 in the other provinces. If for any reason the earnings of the workman at the time of the accident are not considered a proper basis for compensation, the Board may use as a basis the average earnings of another person employed by the same employer in the same grade of work, or by another employer in the locality. The rate of compensation of workmen under 21 years of age may be later increased if it is probable that their earning power, had the injury not been suffered, would have increased.

**Operations of the Workmen's Compensation Boards.\*—Nova Scotia.**—The Workmen's Compensation Act was passed in 1915, but became effective only on Jan. 1, 1917. During the twenty-four years between that date and Dec. 31, 1940, 201,262 accidents were reported to the Board of which 181,004 were compensated. Prior to Jan. 1, 1920, medical aid was furnished in special cases only.

**13.—Operations of the Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Board, 1931-40**

NOTE.—Estimates for outstanding claims not included. Statistics for the years 1917-30 are given at p. 757 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year	Com- pensation	Medical Aid	Total	Accidents Compensated
	\$	\$	\$	No.
1931.....	951,256	106,578	1,057,834	6,357
1932.....	688,448	84,281	772,729	5,024
1933.....	570,701	69,575	640,276	5,168
1934.....	794,717	113,860	908,577	8,063
1935.....	954,061	130,952	1,085,013	8,971
1936.....	1,160,738	167,255	1,327,993	10,246
1937.....	1,189,710	190,846	1,380,556	11,953
1938.....	1,976,154	206,233	2,182,387	11,408
1939.....	1,391,933	189,031	1,580,964	11,823 <sup>1</sup>
1940.....	1,285,390	190,616	1,476,006	13,309

<sup>1</sup> Revised since the publication of the 1940 Year Book.

*New Brunswick.*—The Workmen's Compensation Act of New Brunswick was passed in 1918. It extends to a wide range of industries, and is administered by a Board of three persons, levying assessments and paying benefits.

\* Obtained through the courtesy of the respective provincial authorities.

**14.—Operations of the New Brunswick Workmen's Compensation Board, 1931-40**

NOTE.—Statistics for the years 1920-30 are given at p. 757 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year	Weekly Com- pensation	Permanent Partial Disability	Fatal		Medical Aid		Permanent Total Disability Reserve
			Funeral Expenses	Reserve for Pensions	Doctors' Fees and Trans- portation	Hospital and Nursing Service	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1931.....	181,676	73,774	1,581	72,481	79,021	60,183	1
1932.....	137,762	71,527	1,403	33,280	68,712	46,907	1
1933.....	145,063	103,742	2,126	63,649	88,304	63,572	20,521
1934.....	192,207	80,967	2,104	83,485	110,103	85,724	1
1935.....	195,763	91,382	2,388	86,161	111,470	83,221	10,273
1936.....	247,204	88,596	2,290	106,633	130,266	101,262	9,347
1937.....	304,033	79,246	2,101	73,180	140,014	108,521	1
1938.....	210,590	57,597	1,478	58,359	94,591	51,144	7,326
1939.....	220,053	78,326	1,833	69,175	103,115	59,295	5,361
1940 <sup>2</sup> .....	259,571	62,159	1,759	108,227	84,594	48,200	10,309

<sup>1</sup> No reserve reported.

<sup>2</sup> Figures subject to revision.