

first Inter-American Conference on Social Security which was held in September, 1942, at Santiago de Chile. The Governing Body has met twice since the outbreak of war and in the intervals its duties have been performed by an Emergency Committee set up in February, 1939, and re-constituted in November, 1941.

The annual Conference has adopted 67 draft conventions and 66 recommendations. The subjects dealt with in these conventions and recommendations and the action of Canada in regard to them are described in the 1941 Year Book at p. 684.

Section 7.—Industrial Accidents and Workmen's Compensation

Subsection 1.—Fatal Industrial Accidents

Statistics of fatal industrial accidents have been compiled by the Dominion Department of Labour since 1903. The data are obtained from provincial Workmen's Compensation Boards, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada and various other governmental authorities; from departmental correspondents; and from press clippings.

13.—Fatal Industrial Accidents in Canada, by Industries, 1940-43

Industry	Numbers of Fatal Accidents				Percentages of Total Fatal Accidents			
	1940	1941	1942	1943 ¹	1940	1941	1942	1943 ¹
Agriculture.....	127	144	107	99	10.5	9.3	7.0	7.0
Logging.....	177	178	170	147	14.7	11.5	11.2	10.4
Fishing and trapping.....	34	24	34	49	2.8	1.5	2.2	3.5
Mining, non-ferrous smelting and quarrying.....	175	262	199	207	14.5	16.9	13.1	14.7
Manufacturing.....	144	263	315	298	11.9	16.9	20.7	21.1
Construction.....	173	176	227	146	14.3	11.3	15.0	10.3
Electric light and power.....	25	30	21	16	2.1	1.9	1.4	1.1
Transportation and public utilities.....	236	317	318	315	19.5	20.4	20.9	22.3
Trade.....	51	65	44	58	4.2	4.2	2.9	4.1
Service.....	65	93	84	76	5.4	6.0	5.5	5.4
Miscellaneous.....	1	1	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Totals.....	1,208	1,553	1,520	1,412	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Figures subject to revision.

Causes of Fatal Accidents.—The classification of fatal accidents in 1943, by causes, shows that the largest number, 489, came under the category "by moving trains, vehicles, etc." This includes all accidents caused by cars or engines, including mine and quarry cars, and by automobiles and other power vehicles and horse-drawn vehicles, as well as by moving implements, water craft and civil aircraft.

Next in order were "falls of persons", causing 223 fatalities, with "falling objects" causing 198 fatalities. Other fatalities were: 203 caused by dangerous substances, 43 by hoisting apparatus, 29 by prime movers and 24 by handling of objects. Included in the category "other causes" were 124 fatalities of which 84 were due to industrial disease, strain, etc.

Numbers of industrial accidents, fatal and non-fatal, dealt with by the various provincial Workmen's Compensation Boards, are included in Subsection 2.