

New provisions concerning the inspection of machinery, storage and use of explosives, and ventilating fans, were added to the *Coal Mines Regulation Act*.

The *Tradesmen's Qualification Act*, which will come into force on proclamation, enables the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to prohibit any person engaging in a trade designated under the Act unless he has a valid certificate.

New Brunswick.—The *Labour Relations Act*, to come into force on proclamation, deals with collective bargaining and conciliation in industrial disputes. The *Labour and Industrial Relations Act, 1938*, is repealed by a separate statute which is also to come into force on proclamation. The new Act, which is similar to the Dominion Wartime Labour Relations Regulations (P.C. 1003), Feb. 17, 1944, requires the employer to negotiate in good faith and make every reasonable effort to conclude an agreement with the properly chosen representatives of his employees who are certified by the Labour Relations Board to be appointed under the Act. Provision is made for conciliation officers and boards to try to settle disputes and a strike or lockout is prohibited until 14 days after a board has reported to the Minister. Employers are forbidden to dominate or interfere with a trade union or employees' organization or to discriminate against any person for membership in such a union or organization.

The *Minimum Wage Act*, which is to come into force on proclamation and is similar to the legislation in other provinces, applies to all persons employed in any trade, industry or business, except officers and persons employed in a confidential capacity, persons employed by or under the Crown, and agricultural and domestic workers. A Minimum Wage Board of three or more members, on which employers and employees are to be equally represented, is to have power to investigate wages, hours and labour conditions in any trade and to make orders fixing, for any class or classes of workers and for any part or for the entire province, minimum rates and the maximum hours for which such rates are to be paid, also overtime rates and rates for learners, part-time employees and handicapped workers. The Act, unlike those of the other provinces, makes the Board's orders subject to review by the Minister.

Quebec.—The *Apprenticeship Assistance Act* differs from the Apprenticeship Acts of other provinces in providing for the establishment of local apprenticeship centres and the setting up of a local commission to administer one or more of the apprenticeship schemes within each area. Upon application by an employers' association and by a wage earners' association or by a joint committee under the *Collective Agreement Act*, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour, may recognize any municipality as an apprenticeship centre, either generally or for one or more industries. Upon petition of 10 or more persons, an apprenticeship commission may be incorporated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Any person, association, professional syndicate or joint committee under the *Collective Agreement Act* may be a member of an apprenticeship commission and the Minister of Labour, the Provincial Secretary and the Minister of Health and Social Welfare are members of every such commission. Provision is made for co-operation among various agencies to facilitate apprenticeship of those injured in industry or war and also the handicapped and to train or re-train such persons for employment. A commission may provide courses for apprenticeship and for training, may determine apprenticeship conditions, establish special conditions for any injured or infirm person or for any member of the Armed