

Forces possessing special aptitudes. Municipal and school corporations, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on recommendation of the Minister of Labour, and also employers' associations, professional syndicates and joint committees may grant subsidies to apprenticeship commissions. The Workmen's Compensation and Minimum Wage Commissions may also give financial assistance for training injured workmen. The Government may authorize the Minister to make agreements with the Dominion Government and any governmental institution to further the rehabilitation of members of the Armed Forces.

Another statute enables an agreement to be made by the Province with the Dominion Government for the training of young persons, and with any person, firm or institution, to provide training for young people.

The *Labour Relations Act, 1944*, was amended to require an employer to negotiate for an agreement with the representatives of the employees' association of which the majority, instead of 60 p.c., of his employees are members.

Amendments to the *Workmen's Compensation Act*, raise the minimum weekly compensation in total disability cases from \$12.50 to \$15 and increase the amount payable for burial expenses from \$125 to \$175.

The *Pipe-Mechanics Act*, as amended, requires plumbing contractors, journeymen and apprentices to be licensed, if they do business or work in a municipality with a population of more than 5,000, instead of 10,000 as formerly. This provision, as before, applies to smaller municipalities if the work concerns heating or refrigerating systems, mechanical sprayers for fire-fighting, and plumbing systems in public buildings or industrial establishments.

Ontario.—The *Fire-Departments Act* was amended to enable any municipality to adopt the three-platoon system of eight hours on duty and sixteen hours off for each platoon, the platoons to rotate in their periods of duty or time off as may be arranged for changing shifts every seven days. Nothing in the Act prohibits a municipality from granting more than one day off duty in every calendar week.

Manitoba.—Amendments to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* raise the monthly benefits to a widow from \$40 to \$45 a month, provide for payment of a lump sum of \$100 to a widow or foster-mother in addition to other compensation and for an extra payment not exceeding \$100 to cover cost of transporting the body of a workman who is killed at a distance from his place of residence. If an injury disables a workman for more than 14 days, compensation is payable from the date of disability. The Board was authorized: to pay the cost of repairing or replacing artificial limbs broken by accident during employment and of repairing or replacing eye-glasses broken in an accident which entitles a workman to compensation or medical aid; to admit within the scope of the Act permanent full-time employees engaged in the maintenance of an apartment block, on application of a majority of such employees; and to permit compensation to be paid to workers in industries in which the Board considers them liable to dermatitis. The section prohibiting an action by a workman or his legal representative against his employer or against another employer under Part I of the Act was amended to bar an action by a workman against a workman of another employer under Part I unless the accident occurred otherwise than in operations usual in or incidental to the employer's industry. Where an accident is due in part to the negligence of an employer or his workman in another class, compensation costs are to be apportioned between the classes.