

Nova Scotia.—The *Trade Union Act* provides for compulsory collective bargaining and for machinery to settle disputes, prohibits discrimination against union members, and requires trade unions to make returns to the Government. The Act also enables the Provincial Government to co-operate with the Federal Government under certain conditions and, if Federal legislation and the Nova Scotia Act are substantially uniform, to enter into an agreement with the Federal Minister of Labour for the employment by the Nova Scotia Government of Federal Government employees and vice versa.

In the revision of the *Fishermen's Federation Act* provisions were added to give collective bargaining rights to deep-sea fishermen who are compensated by a share of the earnings of the vessel.

The revised *Factories Act* omits the section permitting children under 14 years to be employed from July to October in gathering and preparing fruits and vegetables for canning or drying. Working hours for young persons under 16 are limited to eight a day and 48 a week with provision for emergency overtime. Women must wear suitable head covering and no woman or person under 16 may work on any machine without adequate instruction and supervision.

The minimum age for boys underground in coal mines was raised from 16 to 17 years.

Under the *Workmen's Compensation Act* the Board may compensate for silicosis regardless of when the disability arose if it considers it was caused by exposure to silica dust in the Province in an industry within Part I of the Act, under which employers are collectively liable for compensation. Compensation is now payable for epitheliomatous cancer or ulceration of the skin due to handling tar, pitch, bitumen, mineral oil or paraffin.

The minimum rate of \$12.50 per week or average earnings was extended to permanent total disability cases arising before Mar. 29, 1945, when this minimum rate was established. Where the Board has approved an employer's scheme for medical aid it is not liable for such aid except where immediate treatment by a dentist or an eye, ear, nose or throat specialist is required. A further exception has now been made where skilled nursing services are required and authorized by the Board. Compensation to a widow or invalid widower was raised to \$50 a month and a lump sum of \$100 provided. The maximum compensation to consort and children was increased from \$80 to \$90 a month.

In the revision of the law relating to vocational education provision was made for schools for training apprentices under the *Apprenticeship Act*, schools for training teachers in vocational education and the setting up of correspondence study services.

New Brunswick.—An Act to empower the Crown to take Possession of and Operate Coal Mines Temporarily provides that where the operation of a coal mine has ceased and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council considers its operation essential to the generation of electric energy by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission he may take over the mine, temporarily, appoint an administrator, engage workmen and fix their remuneration, and pay compensation to the owner.

Under the *Workmen's Compensation Act*, the amount of average earnings on which compensation is based is now \$2,500 a year.

The *Factories Act* was amended to raise from 14 to 16 years the minimum age for employment in factories, laundries, dry-cleaning establishments, shops, hotels, restaurants, places of amusement and office buildings. The Minister of Labour