

29.—Operations of the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Board, 1938-47.

NOTE.—Statistics for the years 1921-35 are given at p. 761 of the 1938 Year Book; those for 1936 and 1937 at p. 644 of the 1947 edition. Amounts shown do not include sums transferred to pension fund, administration expenses, nor sums set aside to cover estimated liabilities. Accidents compensated do not include cases for medical aid only.

Year	Benefits Awarded			Accidents Reported	Accidents Compensated
	Com-pensation	Medical Aid	Total		
	\$	\$	\$	No.	No.
1938.....	468,626	317,807	786,433	13,377	6,367
1939.....	464,398	339,388	803,786	13,504	6,584
1940.....	447,362	292,565	739,927	14,632	6,384
1941.....	497,913	316,273	814,186	16,928	7,755
1942.....	608,885	322,375	931,260	18,680	7,509
1943.....	816,493	368,299	1,184,792	19,700	7,602
1944.....	498,303	234,708	733,011	19,286	7,988
1945.....	517,879	249,639	767,518	19,154	8,891
1946.....	634,725	304,828	939,553	23,068	10,751
1947.....	2,413,318	609,919	3,023,238	25,867	11,632

30.—Operations of the British Columbia Workmen's Compensation Board, 1938-47

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1917-35 are given at p. 762 of the 1938 Year Book; those for 1936 and 1937 at p. 644 of the 1947 edition.

Year	Benefits Awarded			Claims (gross)
	Compensation	Medical Aid	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	No.
1938.....	3,182,762	701,953	3,884,715	31,505
1939.....	3,404,434	720,265	4,124,699	33,173
1940.....	3,692,950	834,073	4,527,023	38,487
1941.....	4,601,810	935,422	5,537,232	46,496
1942.....	6,941,736	1,586,164	8,527,900	65,475
1943.....	7,344,122	1,184,253	8,528,375	68,635
1944.....	8,031,613	1,182,236	9,213,849	60,463
1945 ¹	8,047,679	1,115,513	9,163,192	55,584
1946.....	8,413,654	1,353,596	9,767,250	59,947
1947.....	9,390,825	1,756,758	11,147,583	75,018

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1947 Year Book.

Section 8.—Strikes and Lockouts

Statistics of strikes and lockouts in Canada have been collected by the Federal Department of Labour since its establishment in 1900.

A complete review of strikes and lockouts during 1946 and 1947, with analyses of the statistics under various headings, will be found in the *Labour Gazette*, March, 1947, and in a supplement to the April, 1948, issue.

Strikes and Lockouts in Recent Years.—During periods of great industrial expansion strikes usually increase, particularly when inflationary forces are at work as during the periods immediately following the two world wars. The year 1946 was one of reconversion of industry to peacetime operation. Controls on wages and prices were relaxed and the upward pressure on both was greatly increased. Weekly earnings declined when weekly hours and overtime pay were reduced, with the result that demands for increases in wage rates were made in order to maintain take-home pay and to offset increases in the cost of living. In 1947 industrial activity continued at a high level. The cost of living advanced more rapidly than