

employers and trade unions to be made binding on all in the industry. Workmen's compensation laws in all provinces are administered by independent boards except in Newfoundland where claims for compensation are settled in the Courts.

For information regarding individual Provincial Departments of Labour, reference should be made to the annual reports of the Departments concerned or to the Deputy Ministers of Labour of the Provincial Governments.

Subsection 3.—Provincial Labour Legislation in 1948-49

Prince Edward Island.—A *Workmen's Compensation Act*, providing for a compulsory collective liability system similar to that in force in most provinces, was enacted. Benefits payable are for the most part the same as those payable under the Nova Scotia or New Brunswick Acts.

The *Trade Union Act* was amended to repeal sections added in 1948 requiring trade unions to be registered with the Provincial Secretary and prohibiting a closed shop contract and the affiliation of a union in the Province with a national or international organization. The trade of 'garage mechanic' was added to the list of designated trades under the *Apprenticeship Act, 1944*.

Nova Scotia.—The *Trade Union Act* was amended in several respects. Trade unions are now required to have a written constitution. In a vote taken under the direction of the Labour Relations Board to determine whether a trade union shall represent a unit for bargaining purposes, the Board must be satisfied that not less than 60 p.c. of the employees in the unit have voted and that a majority of such 60 p.c. have selected the trade union to be the bargaining agent on their behalf.

The Board may now revoke the certification of a trade union as a bargaining agent only on an application for revocation of such certification, or on an application by another union for certification as bargaining agent for the same unit. Power is given to the Board to make regulations prescribing what evidence shall constitute proof that a person is a member in good standing of a trade union.

An amendment to the section regarding check-off votes provides for the check-off when a majority of the eligible voters vote in favour of it. In the case of certified unions, eligible voters are defined as trade union members in the unit for which the union has been certified and, in the case of uncertified unions, as trade union members in a unit designated by the Minister as the appropriate unit for the purposes of such vote. Previously, all the employees of the employer were permitted to vote.

Amendments to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* increase compensation in fatal cases in respect to each child under 16 from \$10 to \$12.50 a month, with a maximum of \$100 a month for widow and children. The previous maximum for consort and children was \$90. Where dependants are orphans, compensation is increased from \$20 to \$22.50 a month with a maximum of \$90, instead of \$80, as before. In permanent total disability cases, the minimum weekly payment is increased from \$12.50 to \$15. The maximum earnings to be reckoned for compensation purposes are raised from \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year.

The *Apprenticeship Act* was amended to increase from 2,000 to 4,000 hours the minimum time for which an apprenticeship contract may be made. The Act is under the direction of the Director of Apprenticeship rather than inspectors under any other Act. A further revised section provides that remuneration may be paid to members of the Provincial Apprenticeship Committee. The section em-