

The vocational training of veterans has been used as a means of rehabilitation by approximately 10 p.c. of all the veterans of the Second World War. The true value of the program will be determined by the value of these trainees to the national production over the next 30 to 35 years.

## Section 6.—Industrial Accidents and Workmen's Compensation

### Subsection 1.—Fatal Industrial Accidents

Statistics of fatal industrial accidents have been compiled by the Federal Department of Labour since 1903. The data are now obtained from provincial Workmen's Compensation Boards, the Board of Transport Commissioners and other Government authorities, from departmental correspondents and press reports.

#### 23.—Fatal Industrial Accidents, by Industries, 1945-48

| Industry  | Numbers      |              |              |              | Percentages of Total |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 1945         | 1946         | 1947         | 1948*        | 1945                 | 1946         | 1947         | 1948*        |
| Agriculture.....                                | 114          | 119          | 117          | 94           | 8.5                  | 8.6          | 7.9          | 7.0          |
| Logging.....                                    | 166          | 145          | 192          | 162          | 12.3                 | 10.5         | 13.0         | 12.0         |
| Fishing and trapping.....                       | 20           | 41           | 30           | 30           | 1.5                  | 3.0          | 2.0          | 2.2          |
| Mining, non-ferrous smelting and quarrying..... | 188          | 174          | 190          | 190          | 14.0                 | 12.6         | 12.9         | 14.1         |
| Manufacturing.....                              | 269          | 346          | 265          | 262          | 20.0                 | 25.1         | 18.0         | 19.4         |
| Construction.....                               | 127          | 132          | 169          | 173          | 9.4                  | 9.6          | 11.5         | 12.8         |
| Electric light and power.....                   | 24           | 22           | 40           | 44           | 1.8                  | 1.6          | 2.7          | 3.2          |
| Transportation and public utilities.....        | 292          | 237          | 289          | 244          | 21.7                 | 17.2         | 19.6         | 18.1         |
| Trade.....                                      | 52           | 53           | 57           | 42           | 3.9                  | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.1          |
| Finance.....                                    | —            | 3            | 8            | 3            | —                    | 0.2          | 0.5          | 0.2          |
| Service.....                                    | 88           | 99           | 110          | 105          | 6.5                  | 7.2          | 7.5          | 7.8          |
| Unclassified.....                               | 5            | 7            | 8            | 1            | 0.4                  | 0.5          | 0.5          | 0.1          |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                              | <b>1,345</b> | <b>1,378</b> | <b>1,475</b> | <b>1,350</b> | <b>100.0</b>         | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**Causes of Fatal Accidents.**—Preliminary figures indicate that during 1948, 397 fatal accidents to gainfully employed persons were caused by moving trains, vehicles, etc. Falls of persons caused 221 fatalities and falling objects 214. Other fatal accidents included 157 caused by dangerous substances, 38 by striking against or being struck by objects, 35 by working machines, 21 by animals, 20 by hoisting apparatus, 19 by prime movers, 12 by handling objects, and 6 by tools. Included in the category "other causes" were 210 fatalities of which 156 were due to industrial disease, strain, etc. The number of accidents, fatal and non-fatal, dealt with by the provincial Workmen's Compensation Boards are shown in Subsection 2.

### Subsection 2.—Workmen's Compensation\*

In all provinces legislation is in force providing for compensation for injury to a workman by accident arising out of and in the course of employment, or by a specified industrial disease, except where the workman is disabled for less than a stated number of days. The Acts of all provinces except Newfoundland provide for a compulsory system of collective liability. Under the Newfoundland Act, each employer is individually liable to pay for compensation and medical aid for accidents which occur in the course of employment. Under the collective liability system, to ensure payment of compensation, each provincial Act provides for an accident

\* More detailed information is given in "Workmen's Compensation in Canada, A Comparison of Provincial Laws," issued by the Department of Labour.