

itself does not do so. Four sessions were held during 1948—in March, June, July and December, the first and fourth at Geneva, Switzerland, and the two others at San Francisco, California.

There have been 32 sessions of the Conference at which 90 draft Conventions and 83 Recommendations have been adopted covering a wide range of subjects: freedom of association; hours of work; weekly rest; holidays; minimum wage for employment; night-work of women and young persons; health and safety; workmen's compensation; seamen's conditions; insurance against unemployment, sickness, old age and death; colonial labour problems; protection of migrant workers; and many other aspects of the protection of workers' rights and interests. There have been 1,012 ratifications of these Conventions.

Eight International Labour Conventions have been given legislative effect by the Federal Parliament and have been ratified by the Government, six relating to seamen, one to dockers and one to statistics.

During 1948 the International Labour Conference held its 31st Session at San Francisco; three of the eight Industrial Committees of the I.L.O. held sessions (Chemicals, Textiles and Petroleum); a Technical Tripartite Conference on Safety Provisions in Factories met to draw up a model code for factories and a preliminary meeting of Technical Experts on Safety in Coal Mines took place. Canada was represented at all these meetings, full accounts of which are to be found in the *Labour Gazette*.