

Saskatchewan.—The *Workmen's Compensation (Accident Fund) Act* was amended to shorten the waiting period before compensation may be paid for a disability. The workman may now be paid from and including the day following the accident. The minimum payment for workmen in permanent total disability cases has been raised from \$15 to \$20 a week. Benefits in death cases have been increased by raising the maximum for burial expenses from \$125 to \$175 and monthly payments to each child under 16 years are now \$15 instead of \$12 a month.

The *Trade Union Act* was amended to give the Labour Relations Board more specific authority to make Orders determining whether an unfair labour practice has been engaged in; requiring an employer to reinstate an employee discharged under circumstances determined by the Board to constitute an unfair labour practice or otherwise contrary to the Act; determining the monetary loss suffered by such employee; and requiring the employer to pay the employee the amount so determined. Where an employer disposes of his business, his employees and their new employer are bound by any subsisting collective agreement and by Orders of the Board determining the appropriate bargaining unit for such employees and requiring the employer to negotiate with the certified bargaining agent.

The *Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act* is a revision of the Apprenticeship Act with added provisions requiring persons other than apprentices who work in a designated trade in any city or in Estevan or Melville or within a five-mile radius of those places, to have certificates of qualification.

The *Electrical Inspection and Licensing Act* was amended to prohibit any person from making electrical installations unless he holds a licence issued under the Act.

The *Minimum Wage Act* was amended to permit the Minimum Wage Board to extend the application of the Act to groups of persons employed in an industry, business, trade or occupation instead of to the entire industry, business, trade or occupation as formerly.

Changes in the *Hours of Work Act* provide that where the weekly overtime and the total of daily overtime differ, the employer must make payment in respect of the greater amount.

Alberta.—Changes in the *Alberta Labour Act* provide that where a business is sold, the purchaser is bound by all proceedings relating to collective bargaining and conciliation, and employees' holidays with pay are to be computed as if their employment had been continuous; that industrial standards schedules may include terms relating to holidays with pay; that a company-dominated union may not be certified as bargaining agent; and that employees in managerial and supervisory positions and those who are members of a profession shall be excluded from collective bargaining. A Conciliation Commissioner is now to report to the Board of Industrial Relations instead of to the Minister, and, failing settlement, is given power to make recommendations as to the advisability of appointing a Board of Arbitration. Appointment of such a Board is not now automatic in cases where conciliation has failed. The Board of Industrial Relations has the responsibility of recommending, or refraining from recommending, the appointment of a Board of Arbitration. As formerly, employment of children under 15 years in factories, shops and office buildings is forbidden. Children under 15 years may not be employed now in any other employment except with the consent of the Board.