

The *Workmen's Compensation Act* was amended to increase the maximum annual earnings on which compensation is based from \$3,000 to \$4,000. The lump sum payable to the widow of a deceased workman is raised from \$100 to \$200, and the amount allowed for funeral expenses from \$125 to \$200. The waiting period is reduced from seven to five days.

A new *Boilers and Pressure Vessels Act* consolidates and revises the former *Steam Boilers Act* that governed the inspection of boilers during construction and repair, and the section of the *Factory, Shop and Office Building Act* providing for the inspection of boilers in factories, shops, restaurants and other buildings.

Manitoba.—The *Hours and Conditions of Work Act, 1949*, was amended to include provisions concerning work on public holidays, notice of termination of employment and a weekly day of rest. Overtime payment at the rate of time and one-half or compensatory time off must be given for any work done on seven specified public holidays in all industries and occupations except farming. Termination of employment without notice is prohibited where the period of employment is not fixed. Both employers and employees must give notice of intention to terminate employment. Where wages are paid once a month or oftener, the period of notice must correspond to the employee's pay period. The *One Day's Rest in Seven Act* was repealed, and the provision for a weekly rest-day in specified industries is now included in the *Hours and Conditions of Work Act*.

The *Remembrance Day Act, 1951*, makes Nov. 11 a public holiday on which work may be done only in specified essential services and industries or with a special permit from the Minister of Labour.

Amendments to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* shorten the waiting period from 14 to seven days, increase from \$2,500 to \$3,000 the maximum annual earnings on which compensation may be computed, raise the minimum weekly payment in cases of temporary total disability from \$12.50 to \$15, and bring the members of municipal volunteer fire brigades under the Act.

The *Vacations with Pay Act, 1947*, was amended to require an annual vacation with pay of two weeks to be given after three consecutive years of employment.

Saskatchewan.—The *Workmen's Compensation Act* was amended to make learners eligible for compensation, to raise the monthly benefits from \$50 to \$60 for a widow and from \$15 to \$20 for each child under 16 years, and to increase the minimum monthly payment to the dependants of a deceased workman from \$50 to \$60 where the widow or invalid widower is the sole dependant, from \$65 to \$80 for a widow and one child, and from \$75 to \$90 for a widow and two or more children.

The *Hours of Work Act* was amended to make its application the same as that of the *Minimum Wage Act*. This amendment was declared in effect on Mar. 1, 1952.

An amendment to the *Minimum Wage Act*, which applies to all occupations except farming and domestic service in the cities, towns and villages and to mining, logging, lumbering and factory operations in any part of the Province, authorizes the Minimum Wage Board to fix minimum rates of pay for employees who work and for those who do not work on eight specified public holidays.

The *Trade Union Act* was changed to remove the provision which permitted the Labour Relations Board to require an employer to disestablish a company-dominated organization. The Act now gives the Board power to determine whether a labour organization is company-dominated and makes it an unfair labour practice for an employer to bargain with such an organization.