

The *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act, 1948*, was amended to provide for shop inspection of boilers and pressure vessels while under construction and annual inspection of such vessels.

The *Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act* was amended to make provision for the appointment of advisory and examining boards for designated trades. The schedule of designated trades was replaced.

The *Wages Recovery Act, 1951*, permits an employee to lay a complaint against his employer for non-payment of wages before a justice of the peace or police magistrate who, after summoning the employer to appear before him, may order the employer to pay the wages found to be due, up to a limit of \$200. The new Act repeals and replaces the *Masters and Servants Act*.

Alberta.—The *Industrial Wages Security Act*, which applies to the mining and lumbering industries, was amended to permit employers in cases authorized by the Minister of Industries and Labour to furnish security for the payment of wages in instalments. Employers in box factories and woodworking plants are exempted from the requirement to deposit security for wages with the Department before beginning operations each year.

The administration of the *Factories Act*, the *Welding Act* and the *Electrical Protection Act* was transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Industries and Labour.

British Columbia.—The *Public Works Fair Wages and Conditions of Employment Act, 1951*, centralizes the fair wage policy for public works contracts under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Labour. The Act requires that all persons employed in the execution of a contract with the Provincial Government for any public work or on works subsidized by the Province must be paid "fair wages", that is, wages generally accepted as current in the district for that class of work and must work not longer than eight hours a day and 44 hours a week, except where arrangements are made as provided for by the *Hours of Work Act* in cases of emergency or otherwise. If a contractor fails to pay the proper wages, an employee may make a claim direct to the Minister supervising the carrying out of the contract, and the claim may be paid from the moneys in the hands of the Crown for securing the performance of the contract.

The *Factories Act* was revised and the schedule that listed the types of factories to which the Act applied was repealed. A broader definition of "factory" is inserted in the Act to ensure that all types of factories are covered as well as shipyards, laundries and elevators. New sections are added governing ventilation in factories where harmful gases or dusts are present. Six types of factories are declared exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit from the inspector for work on the public holidays specified in the Act.

Amendments to the *Apprenticeship Act* provide for the inspection of establishments where apprentices are employed and make apprenticeship open to adults over 21 years as well as to minors of over 15 years of age.

By a new amendment, the *Annual Holidays Act* does not apply where an annual holiday with pay has been granted under a collective agreement signed by a certified bargaining agent and the holiday provision has been approved by the Minister of Labour.

An Act was passed authorizing a committee of the Legislature to inquire into the *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act* and its administration.