

committees and commissions of the Organization, in addition to framing the budget and drafting the agendas of the annual conferences. Canada's representative on the Governing Body is Federal Deputy Minister of Labour, Arthur MacNamara.

There have been 34 sessions of the International Labour Conference, at which 100 Conventions and 92 Recommendations have been adopted covering a wide range of subjects, such as freedom of association, hours of work, weekly rest, holidays with pay, minimum wages, night work of women and young persons, industrial health and safety, workmen's compensation, conditions of work for seamen and dockers, unemployment and health insurance, colonial labour, protection of migrant workers, and many other aspects of industrial and social problems. Up to 1952, the ratifications of the Conventions by Member States total about 1,250, and the Recommendations have served as valuable guides to national programs of industrial and social advancement.

During 1951, in addition to the 34th Annual Conference, the following ILO meetings were held: four sessions of the Governing Body; sessions of the Building, Civil Engineering and Public Works Industrial Committee, the Coal Mines Industrial Committee, and the Inland Transport Industrial Committee; meetings of the Committee of Experts on Indigenous Labour, the Committee on Application of Conventions and Recommendations, the Committee of Experts on Payment by Results, and the Joint Maritime Commission; a Regional Conference of Member States in the Near and Middle East; and a Preliminary Migration Conference. During the first half of 1952, the following meetings were scheduled: two sessions of the Governing Body; sessions of the Metal Trades Industrial Committee and the Iron and Steel Industrial Committee; meetings of the Advisory Committee on Salaried Employees and Professional Workers and the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations; an Inter-American Social Security Conference; a Regional Conference of Member States in the Americas; and the 35th Annual General Conference. Canada is represented at nearly all of these and full accounts will be found in the *Labour Gazette*.

Canada has ratified 18 of the ILO Conventions, 12 of which concern maritime and dock labour; one of these, Convention No. 58 on Minimum Age for Employment at Sea, was ratified in September 1951. The Department of Labour, as the official liaison agency with the International Labour Organization, is responsible for forwarding to the Office annual reports on ratified Conventions as well as periodical reports on many other industrial and social problems. The Department also keeps provincial governments, employer and worker organizations, and the general public informed of ILO activities.