

In addition, there are eight government, eight worker and eight employer deputy-members elected for three-year terms. The Governing Body meets three times a year and has general supervision of the work of the Office and the various committees and commissions of the Organization, in addition to framing the budget and drafting the agenda of the annual conferences. Canada's representative on the Governing Body is Dr. Arthur MacNamara, former Deputy Minister of Labour for Canada.

There have been 35 sessions of the International Labour Conference, at which 103 Conventions and 95 Recommendations have been adopted covering a wide range of subjects, such as industrial relations, 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, protection of migrant workers and many other aspects of industrial and social problems. Up to March 1953, the ratifications of the Conventions by Member States totalled about 1,350 and the Recommendations have served as valuable guides to national programs of industrial and social advancement.

During 1952, in addition to the 35th Annual Conference, the following ILO meetings were held: three sessions of the Governing Body; sessions of the Metal Trades Industrial Committee, the Iron and Steel Industrial Committee, the Chemical Industrial Committee, and the Petroleum Industrial Committee; the Fifth Regional Conference of American States Members; the Inter-American Social Security Conference; the Latin-American Manpower Technical Conference; meetings of the Advisory Committee on Salaried Employees and Professional Workers, the Committee of Experts on Application of Conventions and Recommendations, the Joint Maritime Commission, the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health, the Asian Advisory Committee, the Committee of Experts on Productivity, and the Committee of Experts on Prevention and Suppression of Dust in Mining, Tunnelling and Quarrying.

The following ILO meetings were scheduled for 1953: the 36th Annual Conference; three sessions of the Governing Body; sessions of the Textiles Industrial Committee, the Building, Civil Engineering and Public Works Industrial Committee, and the Coal Mines Industrial Committee; an Asian Regional Conference; a Preliminary Conference of Statistical Experts; and meetings of the Committee on Plantations, the UN/ILO Committee on Forced Labour, the Permanent Agricultural Committee, the Committee of Experts on Systems of Payment by Results in the Construction Industry, the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on the Hygiene of Seafarers, and the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations.

Canada is represented at most of these ILO meetings and accounts of the discussions and decisions are published in the *Labour Gazette* from time to time.

Canada has ratified 18 of the ILO Conventions, 12 of which concern maritime and dock labour. 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 matters. The Department also keeps provincial governments and employer and worker organizations informed of ILO activities. In these and other ways, Canada continues to fulfil its obligations as one of the leading industrial Member States of the International Labour Organization.