

Compensation for total disablement in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is a periodical payment for the duration of the disability equal to 70 p.c. of average earnings; in the other provinces the rate is 75 p.c. Except in New Brunswick, the Acts fix minimum sums to be paid for a permanent total disability. The minimum is \$15 a week in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Manitoba, and \$25 in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In Newfoundland the minimum is \$65 a month, and in Nova Scotia and Ontario \$100 a month. If average earnings are less than the minimum amount allowed, the amount of the earnings is paid in all provinces except Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. For partial disablement, compensation is either a percentage of the difference in earnings before and after the accident, the percentage rate being the same as in total disablement, or the amount is determined by the Board according to the diminution of earning capacity. In all provinces, if the impairment of earning capacity is 10 p.c. or less (5 p.c. or less in Alberta), a lump sum may be given.

The average earnings on which compensation is based are limited to \$5,000 a year in Ontario and Saskatchewan; \$4,000 in New Brunswick, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia; \$3,500 in Manitoba; \$3,000 in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia; and \$2,700 in Prince Edward Island. If the workmen's earnings at the time of an accident are not considered a proper basis for compensation the Board may use as a basis the average earnings of another person in the same grade of work. Compensation paid workmen under 21 years of age may be raised later if it appears that their earning power would have increased had the injury not occurred.

Table 34 gives the number of industrial accidents reported by each of the provinces and the amount of compensation paid by the Workmen's Compensation Boards in the years 1955 and 1956.

31.—Industrial Accidents Reported and Compensation Paid by Workmen's Compensation Boards 1955 and 1956

Year and Province	Industrial Accidents Reported					Compensation Paid ²
	Medical Aid Only ¹	Temporary Disability	Permanent Disability	Fatal	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$
1955						
Newfoundland.....	5,608	4,193	95	17	9,913	1,044,087
Prince Edward Island.....	771	635	12	2	1,420	156,542
Nova Scotia.....	9,878	7,437	543	44	17,902	3,505,273
New Brunswick.....	6,560	8,245	194	33	15,032	1,663,347
Quebec.....	..	..	..	227	95,257	14,822,043 ³
Ontario.....	147,330	59,284	1,922	278	208,814	32,446,936 ³
Manitoba.....	11,661	5,521	121	29	17,332	2,254,022
Saskatchewan.....	9,082	8,011	137	52	17,282	3,270,901 ⁴
Alberta.....	24,858	17,760	698	116	43,432	6,468,144
British Columbia.....	43,573	25,036	1,223	190	70,012	17,727,188
Totals, 1955.....	...	...	...	978	496,396	83,348,483
1956⁵						
Newfoundland.....	5,410	4,476	40	11	9,937	1,157,560
Prince Edward Island.....	691	549	9	4	1,253	114,090
Nova Scotia.....	10,043	7,903	74	83	18,103	3,607,209
New Brunswick.....	..	..	..	26	17,864	1,814,378
Quebec.....	..	..	..	212	106,004	17,078,869 ³
Ontario.....	164,416	65,313	2,250	312	232,291	36,326,114 ³
Manitoba.....	12,341	5,843	128	30	18,342	2,459,434
Saskatchewan.....	11,121	10,685	250	62	22,118	3,644,024 ¹
Alberta.....	28,833	19,866	769	126	49,594	7,588,633
British Columbia.....	49,635	28,210	1,191	229	79,265	19,024,131
Totals, 1956.....	...	...	...	1,095	554,771	92,814,442

¹ Accidents requiring medical treatment but not causing disability for a sufficient period to qualify for compensation; the period varies in the several provinces. ² Includes, except where noted otherwise, payments to compensate for lost earnings, medical aid payments, cost of rehabilitation and hospitalization (not including capital expenditures), pensions paid (not total pensions awarded) for temporary and permanent disabilities. ³ Does not include payments by employers who make direct compensation to their employees; such employers come under Schedule II of the Ontario and Quebec Workmen's Compensation Acts. ⁴ Not including hospitalization costs.