

telephone and telegraph companies are individually liable for compensation as determined by the Board and pay a proportion of the expenses of administration. A federal Act provides for compensation for accidents to Federal Government employees according to the conditions laid down by the Act of the province in which the employee is usually employed. Seamen who are not under a provincial Workmen's Compensation Act are entitled to compensation under the Merchant Seamen Compensation Act.

In all provinces, free medical aid is given to workmen during disability. Compensation is payable in all provinces for anthrax and for poisoning from arsenic, lead, mercury and phosphorus and silicosis is compensated under certain conditions. Other diseases compensated vary according to the industries of the provinces.

Scope of the Workmen's Compensation Acts.—The Acts vary in scope but in general they cover construction, mining, manufacturing, lumbering, transportation and communication and the operation of public utilities. Undertakings in which not more than a stated number of workmen are usually employed may be excluded, except in Alberta and British Columbia.

Benefits.—Under each Act, except those of Saskatchewan and Alberta, if a workman is disabled from earning full wages for fewer than a stated number of days, usually called the 'waiting period', he cannot recover compensation for the period of his disability or, in Manitoba and British Columbia, for the first three days of his disability. Where the disability continues beyond the required number of days, compensation is payable from the date of the accident. Medical aid is always paid from the date of the accident. In Saskatchewan and Alberta the waiting period is one day, that is, compensation is not payable when the workman is off work only for the day on which the accident occurs. When he is disabled for a longer time, compensation begins from the day following the accident.

Burial expenses are paid to the amount of \$300 in Ontario, \$250 in Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and of \$200 in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta. In all provinces, except Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, an additional sum is allowed for transporting the workman's body.

A widow or invalid widower or a foster mother with children under the age limit, receives a monthly payment of \$75 in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia; \$35 in Manitoba; \$60 in Alberta and Newfoundland; \$55 in Quebec; and \$50 in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In addition, a lump sum of \$300 is paid in Ontario; \$250 in Saskatchewan; \$200 in Quebec and Manitoba; \$150 in Alberta; and \$100 in all other provinces.

For each child in the care of a parent or foster mother receiving compensation, a monthly payment of \$35 is made in Saskatchewan; \$30 in Alberta; \$25 in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia; \$20 in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island; and \$12 in New Brunswick; with a maximum of \$170 to any one family in Prince Edward Island and \$150 in Nova Scotia.

For each orphan child a monthly payment of \$45 is made in Saskatchewan; \$35 in Manitoba and Ontario; \$30 in Nova Scotia, Quebec, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Alberta (in Alberta a further amount, not exceeding \$10 a month, may be given at the discretion of the Board); and \$25 in New Brunswick; with a maximum of \$120 a month to any one family in Prince Edward Island and of \$150 in Nova Scotia.

Invalids excepted, payments to children are not continued beyond the age of 16 years in seven of the provinces but the Board has discretion to pay compensation to the age of 18 years if it is considered desirable to continue a child's education. In Quebec, the age limit is 18 years and in New Brunswick and British Columbia compensation is paid to the age of 18 years if a child is regularly attending school. In Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia payments to invalid