

children are continued until recovery, but the other provinces make payments only for the length of time the Board considers that the workman would have contributed to their support.

Where the only dependants are persons other than consort or children, all the Acts provide that compensation is to be a reasonable sum proportionate to the pecuniary loss but the total monthly amount to be paid to all such dependants is limited to \$100 in Ontario; \$85 in Alberta; \$75 in British Columbia; and \$60 in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Manitoba. In British Columbia, if a workman leaves dependent parents as well as a widow or orphans, the maximum payable to a parent or parents is \$75 a month. Compensation to dependants, other than consort or children, is continued only for such time as the Board considers that the workman would have contributed to their support.

Except in Alberta and British Columbia, each Act places a maximum on the total amount of benefits payable to dependants if the workman dies. A maximum is placed on the amounts that may be paid to the widow and children in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; in Prince Edward Island the maximum is \$170 to a widow and children and \$120 to orphan children and in Nova Scotia the maximums are both \$150. The maximum to all dependants is 75 p.c. of the workman's earnings in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Manitoba. In Ontario and Saskatchewan the average earnings are the maximum amount payable.

Irrespective of the workman's earnings, however, compensation may not fall below certain minimum monthly amounts. The minimum payable to a consort and one child in Quebec is \$75 a month or \$95 if there is more than one child; in Manitoba the minimum is \$90 if there is a consort and one child and \$115 if there is more than one child; in Saskatchewan the minimum is \$100 a month to a consort and child and \$115 to a consort and two children plus \$10 a month for each additional child. In Newfoundland, a widow must receive at least \$60 a month with a further payment of \$20 for each child under 16 years of age unless the total exceeds \$130. In Ontario, the minimum payable to a widow is \$75 a month with a further payment of \$25 for each child up to but not exceeding \$150 a month.

Compensation for total disablement in Nova Scotia 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, or the amount is determined by the Board according to the diminution of earning capacity, the percentage rate in either case being the same as in total disablement. 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, Nova Scotia and 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 35 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 1956 and 1957.