

connection with a trade dispute; (5) if a judgment has been given against a union or any of its officers, members, agents or representatives in respect of a tortious act. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may also revoke a union's certification after due inquiry, in which case the Board is precluded from entertaining a new application for certification without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and any collective agreement held by a decertified union is void from the date of revocation of its certificate.

New provisions prohibit strikes and picketing for certain purposes. For a contravention of these new provisions, the penalty is a maximum fine of \$5,000 for a union and \$500 or three months' imprisonment for an individual.

The Act also makes a trade union suable in an action for damages for tortious acts alleged to have been committed by or on behalf of the union, and legally responsible for any act or thing done by a union member or officer.

The *Trade Union (Emergency Provisions) Act* revoked the certification of two locals of the International Woodworkers of America, declared void any collective agreement in force between these locals and employers and prohibited the re-certification of these two locals without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act* was amended to provide for the establishment of a Board of Examiners to examine candidates for engineers' or firemen's certificates and for the setting up of a tripartite advisory committee to hear appeals and to advise the Minister with respect to the administration of the Act. Provision is made for the issuance of welders' certificates of proficiency.

Prince Edward Island.—A *Women's Minimum Wage Act* was passed, providing for the fixing of minimum rates by the Labour Relations Board established under the Trade Union Act, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The Act covers all female employees except farm workers and domestic servants but the Board may exempt other employees from the operation of the Act or of any minimum wage order.

An *Equal Pay Act* was enacted prohibiting employers from discriminating between male and female employees by paying a female employee at a lower rate than a male employee for the same work done in the same establishment. A complaint that the Act has been violated may be made to the Labour Relations Board.

An amendment to the *Trade Union Act* provides for the establishment of a tripartite Labour Relations Board. The Board will deal with certification of unions as bargaining agents and perform such other functions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may designate.

An amendment to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* raises the lump sum payment to a widow from \$100 to \$200.

Nova Scotia.—The *Fair Employment Practices Act*, formerly restricted to employers with five or more employees, was amended to apply to any employer who employs one or more persons.

An amendment to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* increased the rate of compensation for disability from 70 to 75 p.c. of earnings and established the maximum earnings base at \$3,600. The minimum weekly payment for temporary total disability was increased to \$20 or earnings if less. In fatal cases, the allowance for funeral expenses was raised from \$200 to \$250, the lump sum payment to a widow from \$110 to \$150, the widow's monthly allowance from \$50 to \$60, and the monthly allowance for a dependent child from \$20 to \$22.50. The increased benefits to widows and children are made applicable to existing pensioners as well as to new awards. Coal miners' pneumoconiosis is added to the schedule of industrial diseases and compensation made payable under substantially the same conditions as for silicosis. The Workmen's Compensation Board is authorized to make regulations providing for periodic X-ray examination of workmen exposed to silica dust or coal dust and for the issuance of certificates of fitness following such examination. Other amendments provide greater protection for workmen in the fishing and dredging industry where an employer is individually liable for the payment of compensation,