

raising the maximum liability with respect to claims related to one vessel from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and removing the former \$1,200 limit on the earnings of sharesmen deemed to be wages for compensation purposes.

**New Brunswick.**—An amendment to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* increased the monthly allowance for a child to \$20 and for an orphan to \$40. The amount allowed for funeral expenses was raised from \$200 to \$300. The minimum payment for temporary disability was increased from \$15 to \$25 a week, or earnings if less. All increases came into force on Jan. 1, 1960.

The *Labour Regulations Act* was amended to cover municipal employees except those specifically excluded by resolution of a municipality.

A new *Stationary Engineers Act* was passed which, among other changes, provides for the issue of "learner" type operator permits for a period of up to six months, requires the annual inspection of insured boilers and pressure vessels, lays down the qualifications required for inspectors' certificates of competency, sets out more explicitly than formerly the powers of inspectors, and requires the reporting of accidents.

**Quebec.**—The *Trade-Schools Act* was replaced by the *Private Vocational Schools Act* which provides for closer government supervision of private schools giving vocational training.

The *Workmen's Compensation Act* was amended to raise from \$4,000 to \$5,000 the maximum annual earnings on which compensation may be based, and also raised the benefits payable to dependants in fatal cases. The monthly allowance to a widow was increased from \$55 to \$75, for a dependent child from \$20 to \$25, and for an orphan child from \$30 to \$35. The allowance for funeral expenses was raised from \$200 to \$400, and the lump sum payment to a widow from \$200 to \$300. Benefits to dependants are made applicable also to persons receiving allowances by reason of past accidents. The increased rates took effect Jan. 1, 1960.

**Ontario.**—The *Mining Act* was amended to impose additional safety requirements in connection with such matters as blasting operations and control of vehicle traffic underground and to provide for the establishment of compulsory standards for conveyor belts.

The *Trade Schools Regulation Act* was amended to authorize more supervision of private vocational or trade schools, particularly with regard to registration practices, and the safety of school premises and equipment.

**Manitoba.**—The *Vacations with Pay Act*, which had provided for a one-week vacation with pay after one year of service with an employer and a two-week vacation after three years of service, was amended to provide for a vacation of two weeks with pay after one year of service.

An amendment to the *Labour Relations Act* gives a trade union the right to prosecute in its own name for an offence under the Act.

The *Workmen's Compensation Act* was substantially amended, increasing the ceiling on annual earnings from \$3,500 to \$4,500 and raising the minimum weekly payment for temporary total and permanent total disability from \$15 to \$25, or earnings if less, and reducing the "waiting period" to one day. The lump sum payable to a widow was increased from \$200 to \$300 and the monthly pension from \$65 to \$75. The allowance for a dependent child was raised from \$25 to \$35 and for an orphan from \$35 to \$45. Increases in compensation to widows and children were made applicable to existing as well as new pensions. The coverage of the Act was also extended.

**Saskatchewan.**—The *Queen's Bench Act* was amended to abolish *ex parte* injunctions in connection with labour disputes.

The *Fair Employment Practices Act* was amended to strengthen the provisions regarding advertisements, application forms and inquiries in connection with employment. They now prohibit not only any direct or indirect expression of discrimination but also any expression of intent to discriminate on grounds of race, religion, colour or national origin. The