

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.—Each Act provides for a waiting period, i.e., a minimum period of time during which a workman must be disabled from earning full wages in order to qualify for compensation. In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the waiting period is one day. Compensation is not payable when a workman is off work only for the day on which the accident occurs but if he is disabled for a longer time compensation begins from the day following the accident. The waiting period in British Columbia is three days, in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick four days, and in Quebec and Ontario five days. Where a disability continues beyond the waiting period, compensation is payable from the date of the accident. The waiting period does not restrict the right of the workman to medical aid which, under all the Acts, is given from the date of the accident.

Burial expenses are paid to the amount of \$400 in Quebec, \$300 in New Brunswick and Ontario, \$250 in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and \$200 in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Alberta. In all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia 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 \$90 in British Columbia, \$75 in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, \$60 in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Alberta, and \$50 in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. In addition, a lump sum of \$300 is paid in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, \$250 in British Columbia, \$200 in Prince Edward Island, \$150 in Nova Scotia and Alberta, and \$100 in Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

For each child in the care of a parent or foster mother receiving compensation a monthly payment of \$35 is made in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, \$30 in Alberta, \$25 in Quebec and Ontario, \$22.50 in Nova Scotia, and \$20 in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

For each orphan child a monthly payment of \$45 is made in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, \$40 in New Brunswick and British Columbia, \$35 in Quebec and Ontario, and \$30 in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Alberta. In Alberta, a further amount, not exceeding \$10 a month, may be given at the discretion of the Board, and the maximum allowance payable to a family of orphans is \$120 in Prince Edward Island and \$150 in Nova Scotia. In Saskatchewan, the Board may in its discretion make a lump sum payment, not exceeding \$50, to an orphan child.

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 (19 in Saskatchewan) if it is considered desirable for a child to continue his education. In Quebec, the age limit is 18 years, and in New Brunswick and British Columbia compensation is paid to the age of 18 if a child is attending school regularly.