

The *Trade Union Act* was amended to exclude from the operation of the Act an employer who carries on business of a seasonal nature which does not require general employment for a period of more than six continuous months in a calendar year. Another change establishes a procedure for revoking the certification of a trade union that no longer represents a majority of the employees concerned.

Nova Scotia.—The *Workmen's Compensation Act* was amended to extend the coverage and increase compensation. Permanent partial disability pensions paid under the Act are now based on 75 p.c. of earnings, regardless of when the accident occurred.

New Brunswick.—The *Elevators and Lifts Act*, brought into force June 1, 1961, provides for uniform standards throughout the province for passenger and freight elevators and other lifting devices, and for a provincial system of inspection under the Minister of Labour.

An amendment to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* increases the monthly payment to the widow of a deceased workman from \$50 to \$60. The increase is made applicable to existing pensioners.

Quebec.—An amendment to the *Quebec Labour Relations Act*, effective Jan. 5, 1960, strengthens the Act's prohibition of discrimination for union activity by providing that an aggrieved employee may bring his case to the Quebec Labour Relations Board. The Board, if the complaint is found to be valid, may order the employer to reinstate the employee with pay for lost time. The amendment also provides for a larger Board and specifically states the principle of equal representation of management and labour on the Board.

The *Workmen's Compensation Act* was amended by raising the maximum annual earnings on which compensation is based from \$4,000 to \$5,000, increasing widows' pensions from \$55 to \$75 a month, and increasing the allowances for dependent children from \$20 to \$25 (orphans from \$30 to \$35). Funeral benefits are increased from \$200 to \$400, and the lump sum payable to the widow from \$200 to \$300.

Ontario.—Following an extensive inquiry by a Select Committee of the Legislature, the *Labour Relations Act* was substantially amended, effective Oct. 22, 1960. Provision is now made for the appointment by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of one or more jurisdictional disputes commissions to deal with complaints arising out of a work assignment; such a commission may make an interim order settling the work assignment issue, which order must be complied with, but there is provision for a review by the commission with full hearing of all parties concerned, and for appeal to the Labour Relations Board from a final direction of the commission. Another amendment gives to the parties to a contract negotiation dispute the means of referring their dispute to a mediator of their own choosing. Where the parties are entitled to conciliation services under the Act, they may request the Minister of Labour to appoint a mediator, whom they have selected, to discharge the functions of both a conciliation officer and a conciliation board. A new provision dealing with arbitration of disputes arising out of a collective agreement seeks to eliminate delays, gives arbitrators new powers of investigation and inquiry, and provides that arbitrators' decisions, filed with the Registrar of the Supreme Court, will be enforceable as an order of the court.

The Labour Relations Board is given new authority to deal with a complaint from any person that he has been refused employment, discharged, discriminated against, coerced, or otherwise dealt with contrary to the Act. If the Board finds that the complaint is justified, it may order remedial action, and the Board order, filed in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, will become enforceable as an order of that court. A new provision