

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

3.—Disputes Classified by Industries, 1901-1914.

Industries.	1901-10	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Fishing.....	10	-	1	3	-	14
Lumbering.....	28	-	4	3	-	35
Mining.....	87	7	6	6	3	109
Building.....	266	29	52	31	12	390
Metal.....	170	18	29	29	14	260
Woodworking.....	47	2	-	3	1	53
Printing and allied.....	28	-	3	-	-	31
Textile.....	36	4	1	3	-	44
Clothing.....	107	13	19	10	5	154
Food and tobacco.....	62	3	2	4	2	73
Leather.....	20	1	-	-	2	23
General transport.....	97	12	14	8	1	132
Unskilled labour.....	73	4	9	7	-	93
Miscellaneous.....	39	6	10	6	4	65
Total.....	1,070	99	150	113	44	1,476

Proceedings under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act.¹—

A review of the proceedings which have occurred under the Act during the eight-year period ending March 31, 1915, shows that there were in all 177 applications received for the establishment of Boards of Conciliation and Investigation, as a result of which 158 Boards were established. In nineteen cases the matters in dispute were adjusted by mutual agreement, whilst steps were pending for the establishment of Boards, or the necessity for procedure disappeared. The total number of employees affected by these 177 disputes was 231,426, or an average of 1,307 for each dispute. There were 19 cases in which strikes were neither averted nor ended through the instrumentality of the Act. Eleven of these 19 strikes occurred in the mining industry, 1 in the operation of railways, 5 in railway offices, shops and yards, and 2 in the operation of street railways. Twenty applications under the Act were dealt with during the year ended March 31, 1915, a Board being established in each case. There was only 1 dispute among these 20 in which the threatened cessation of work was not avoided.

Fair Wages Branch.—The Fair Wages Branch of the Department of Labour is charged with the preparation of schedules of minimum wage rates, which are inserted in Dominion Government contracts, and must be adhered to by the contractors in the execution of the respective works.² The number of Fair Wages Schedules prepared since the adoption of the Fair Wages Resolution in 1900 is 3,326, of which 310 were prepared during the calendar year 1914.

¹ This Act and the method of procedure under it were explained in the Canada Year Book of 1913, page 501.

² For a more detailed description, see Canada Year Book of 1913, p. 502.