

## 8.—Strikes and Lockouts.

Statistics of strikes and lockouts in Canada have been collected and published by the Dominion Department of Labour since its inception in 1900. Table 6 shows the number of disputes, the number of employees involved in disputes and the time loss in working days for each year from 1901 to 1925, and the totals for the period. The items in the column headed "time loss in working days" in the tables following, are calculated by multiplying the number of persons directly affected by strikes or lockouts by the number of working days they are so affected during the time the disputes are in existence.

Statistics compiled for 1925 show that there were 83 disputes, involving 25,796 employees. The time loss during the year was 1,743,996 working days. During 1924, the time loss was 1,770,825 working days. Most of the time loss from March to August, 1925, inclusive, was due to a strike of coal miners in Nova Scotia, involving approximately 11,500 employees, who lost nearly 1,500,000 working days during this dispute.

**Industrial Disputes in 1924 and 1925.**—Although the recorded number of disputes and employees involved was smaller in 1924 than in 1923, the number of working days lost was considerably greater. It was, in fact, only exceeded in three years from 1901 to 1925, *viz.*, in 1911, 1919 and 1922. This increase in lost working days in 1924 over the preceding year was mainly due to a strike of more than 7,000 coal miners in Alberta and British Columbia, which lasted from April to October, and caused a time loss of over a million working days. During 1925, disputes in the mining group accounted for slightly over 90 p.c. of the total time lost.

### 6.—Record of Industrial Disputes, 1901 to 1925.

Years.	Number of Disputes.		Disputes in existence in the year.	
	In existence in the year.	Beginning in the year.	Employees involved.	Time loss in working days.
1901.....	104	104	28,086	632,302
1902.....	121	121	12,264	120,940
1903.....	146	146	50,041	1,226,500
1904.....	99	99	16,482	265,004
1905.....	89	88	16,223	217,244
1906.....	141	141	26,050	359,797
1907.....	149	144	36,224	621,962
1908.....	68	65	25,293	708,285
1909.....	69	69	17,332	871,845
1910.....	84	82	21,280	718,635
1911.....	99	96	30,094	2,046,650
1912.....	150	148	40,511	1,099,208
1913.....	113	106	39,536	1,287,678
1914.....	44	40	8,678	430,054
1915.....	43	38	9,140	106,149
1916.....	75	74	21,157	208,277
1917.....	148	141	48,329	1,134,970
1918.....	196	191	68,489	763,341
1919.....	298	290	138,988	3,942,189
1920.....	285	272	52,150	886,754
1921.....	145	138	22,930	956,461
1922.....	85	70	41,050	1,975,296
1923.....	91	77	32,868	768,474
1924.....	73	63	32,494	1,770,825
1925.....	83	81	25,796	1,743,996
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>2,998<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>861,485<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>24,862,845</b>

<sup>1</sup> In these totals, figures for disputes extending over the end of a year are counted more than once.