

Newfoundland.—Amendments made in 1952 to the *Workmen's Compensation Act, 1950*, raise the amount payable for the funeral expenses of a deceased workman from \$125 to \$200 and increase the monthly allowance for each dependent child under 16 years of age from \$10 to \$12. The waiting period is shortened from six to four days, that is, no compensation other than medical aid is now payable for a disability that lasts fewer than four days. A further amendment fixes a higher minimum for temporary total disability; a workman must now receive \$15 a week or the full amount of his average weekly earnings if less than \$15, the former minimum being \$12.50 or earnings, if less. Other amendments authorize the Workmen's Compensation Board to grant a daily subsistence allowance to a workman undergoing treatment away from home, and to assess and collect a surcharge from employers in any class to establish a second injury fund.

Prince Edward Island.—The *Workmen's Compensation Act, 1949*, was amended to increase the rate of compensation for disability from 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ to 75 p.c. A totally disabled workman may now receive a weekly payment equal to 75 p.c. of his average weekly earnings before the accident, and a partially disabled workman an amount equal to 75 p.c. of the difference in his average weekly earnings before and after the accident. A monthly allowance of \$25, instead of \$20, is provided for an orphan child of a deceased workman, subject to a maximum of \$100 a month for a family of orphans.

Nova Scotia.—The *Apprenticeship Act, 1952*, which replaced a 1937 Act, is designed to give further encouragement to apprentice training in that it may be applied to a trade in a specific plant or a certain area even if the trade is not designated for the whole Province. Previously, designated trades were given province-wide application.

The Act provides for a system of apprenticeship under which a person may enter into an apprenticeship agreement with an employer in a designated trade for a period of at least two years of reasonably continuous employment and related class instruction. In the designated trades, which now include the trade of machinist as well as seven building trades and the motor-vehicle repair trade, no person under 21 years of age may be employed for more than three months unless he is an apprentice or holds a certificate of qualification under the Act, except in special circumstances with the consent of the Minister of Labour.

The powers and duties of the Director of Apprenticeship and of the advisory committees are more clearly defined.

Amendments to the *Workmen's Compensation Act*, effective from Apr. 1, 1952, increase the maximum annual earnings on which compensation is computed from \$2,500 to \$3,000, the minimum amount payable to a workman permanently and totally disabled from \$75 to \$85 a month, and the sum payable for burial expenses from \$150 to \$200. A new provision permits the Workmen's Compensation Board to require a workman to be examined by a medical referee selected by the Minister of Labour.

The *Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1951*, was amended to direct that greater precautions be taken in mines against the hazards of fire and explosion.

The application of the *Steam Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspection Act* is extended to refrigeration plants.