

New Brunswick.—Several of the benefits under the *Workmen's Compensation Act* are increased: the monthly allowance for a widow or invalid widower from \$40 to \$50, for each child under 18 years of age from \$10 to \$12, and for each orphan child from \$20 to \$25. The minimum payment of \$12.50 a week for a workman who suffers temporary total disability is raised to \$15. As before, a workman whose average weekly earnings are less than the minimum must receive the full amount of his earnings.

The *Labour Relations Act, 1949*, was amended to provide that, without the consent of the Labour Relations Board, the membership records of a union produced for the Board's use may not be disclosed and no one may be compelled to state whether any person is or is not a member of a union. Other amendments enable the Board to obtain the necessary evidence for determining whether a union applying for certification has the support of a majority of the employees in a proposed bargaining unit and to make regulations determining when a person is a member in good standing of a union.

An amendment to the *Mining Act*, proclaimed in force Aug. 1, 1952, provides for a voluntary revocable check-off of union dues in the coal-mining industry.

Quebec.—Two major changes were made in the *Workmen's Compensation Act*. The maximum amount of annual earnings on which compensation may be computed is raised from \$2,500 to \$3,000 and the rate of compensation for disability was increased from 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ to 70 p.c. The increase in the compensation rate applies only to accidents occurring after Feb. 1, 1952.

Ontario.—Amendments to the *Workmen's Compensation Act* extend its coverage to learners, members of municipal volunteer fire brigades, and persons who are required to assist the police in making an arrest or in preserving the peace.

A minor amendment to the *Factory, Shop and Office Building Act* provides that, in buildings erected after July 1, 1952, outside fire-escapes may not extend above the third floor.

Manitoba.—An amendment to the *Apprenticeship Act*, designed to stimulate apprenticeship training throughout the Province, enables the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to establish selected areas as apprenticeship zones. By a further amendment, provision is made for a special course of combined education and apprenticeship training for an apprentice who does not have the necessary educational qualifications.

The *Workmen's Compensation Act* was amended to extend its coverage to several new industries.

The *Gas and Oil Burner Act, 1952*, to come into force on proclamation, prohibits the sale, installation or use of gas and oil-burning equipment unless it has been approved by the Department of Labour and a permit has been issued for its installation. The new Act also provides that only a licensed person may install such equipment.

Saskatchewan.—The *Equal Pay Act, 1952*, proclaimed in effect from Jan. 1, 1953, requires employers to pay women at the same rate as men when they are employed to do work of comparable character in the same establishment. Charges