

were made to amend it in 1912, but the proposed changes were voted down and measures were taken to discover what was desired in the way of amendments by those most intimately concerned. It was ordered that all documents, resolutions and correspondence that had passed between the Government and any interested person regarding proposed amendments should be presented to the House. These were brought down and printed (8). All parties seemed to agree in general that the Act had not been in operation long enough to determine its actual value, and that therefore any amendments would be premature. The Act is taken up in detail in section 2 of this chapter.

In 1915 a bill was passed forbidding any employer from retaining any part of a workman's wages to pay premiums on insurance policies issued against accidents (9). The preamble to this Act states that this practice was being resorted to and was causing serious inconvenience. The Act did not apply to railway employees who individually and in good faith take out such policies and give written orders to their employers to pay the premiums out of their wages or salaries.

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In 1908 a bill was introduced by Mr. Mitchell. At its second reading the bill was referred to a committee and heard of no more. The next year Mr. Mitchell introduced another bill, which went through the same process, but the Select Committee on Law Amendments recommended that the bill proceed no farther and that a commission be appointed to report at the next session. This was done.

This commission presented its report at the session of 1910. The main recommendations (10), of the commissioner were:

(a) That the main burden for the compensation should be put upon the employer, and that he should be left to protect himself by liability insurance; the costs of this protection will, the report contends, be added to the selling price of the employer's product and so be paid by the public.

(b) That all employers of five men or more be included and Crown and municipal corporations be regarded as employers.

The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1910 (11), was the out-

(8) Sessional Papers, P.Q., 1912, No. 60.

(9) Quebec Statutes, 5 Geo. V., c. 71.

(10) Sessional Papers, Manitoba, 1910, No. 24.

(11) R.S.M., 10 Edw. VII., c. 81.