

mental principle of workmen's compensation, which is that the workman or his dependents must not be left to carry wholly the burden of the accident and death or disablement, arising from the hazards of industry.

"The Act on the whole is broad and comprehensive, and can be measured up with the best compensation laws elsewhere. The workers of the Province have been treated fairly in the passage of this Act, and must derive great satisfaction from the fact that there is now on the statute books of our Province a Compensation Act that is fair and equitable to all concerned. Throughout the fight for this Act the representatives of labor were treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration.

"One strikingly important feature of the Act is that it provides machinery towards the adoption of safety methods in the carrying on of the various industries. This is of vital interest to the workman, because accident prevention is much better than compensation for accidents."

"I have only touched upon," said Mr. Joy, in conclusion, "parts that directly concern the workman. Other important parts dealing with the question of assessments, formation of safety associations and safeguarding of compensation payments, as well as providing adequate reserve funds to meet the cost of any great disaster, are among the general provisions of the Act."

### **BECOMES EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, 1916.**

By proclamation in the Royal Gazette, dated the 22nd day of May, A. D., 1916, the Nova Scotia Workmen's Compensation Act comes into force on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1916.