

### **"GAS COMMITTEES" INCLUDED**

Practically the same line of reasoning applied to the case of men elected by their fellow miners, or appointed by the chief mine inspector under the provisions of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, on "gas committees," for the purpose of inspecting the workings of mines to ascertain if there is sufficient gas to make their operation dangerous. Holding that they were a protection to the property, and at the same time reduce the number of accidents, the Government included such work even though the wages of the committeemen were paid by the miners instead of by the owners of the mines.

### **WORKERS IN SMALL PLANTS INCLUDED**

Under the Ontario Act the Board is given power to exclude small employers and their workmen where the number employed does not exceed four or six. It was held here that as an accident in which a number of people were badly injured would bankrupt the small employer if he had to bear the burden alone, the workers would not receive any compensation. As a result, all workmen in industries that are included under the act are covered, regardless of the number employed in any shop or factory.

### **SHORT WAITING PERIOD**

The majority of acts require workmen to be disabled for one or two weeks before any compensation is paid, this practice resulting in 40 to 70 per cent. of the injured workmen not receiving any compensation whatever, as they are completely recovered before the waiting period expires. The British Columbia Act pays after a period of three days.

### **UNABLE TO ASSIGN COMPENSATION**

In Ontario the Board is permitted to allow workers to assign their compensation, and because there is no medical aid provisions in the act of that Province, the workers are required to assign their compensation to the hospitals before they are admitted. This has been remedied here by taking away from the Board the power to permit assignments or attachments of any kind.

### **COMPENSATION PROVISIONS BETTER**

Where children receiving compensation are invalids, their payments do not cease at the age of sixteen years, but continue until