

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARDS OF CANADA

Annual Meeting Held Last Week in Toronto—E. S. H. Winn Elected President

TWENTY questions relating to workmen's compensation law and administration in Canada were on the program for consideration at the annual meeting of the Association of Workmen's Compensation Boards of Canada, held in Toronto, October 4 to 6, 1920. Several other points were also brought up in the discussions, which were of an informal nature.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. S. H. Winn, chairman of the British Columbia Board; vice-president, John A. Sinclair, chairman of the New Brunswick Board; member of the executive, F. W. Armstrong, vice-chairman of the Nova Scotia Board; secretary-treasurer, F. P. Archibald, chief accountant of British Columbia Board.

Those in attendance at the convention were:—

Alberta.—J. A. Kinney, commissioner; Dr. A. Forin, medical officer. British Columbia.—E. S. H. Winn, chairman; Dr. G. A. B. Hall, medical referee; F. P. Archibald, chief accountant. Manitoba.—H. G. Wilson, chairman; N. Fletcher, secretary; Dr. A. J. Fraser, medical officer. New Brunswick.—John A. Sinclair, chairman; Dr. G. G. Corbet, medical officer. Nova Scotia.—F. W. Armstrong, vice-chairman; Dr. M. D. Morrison, medical officer.

Subjects Discussed

The main points discussed by the delegates were as follows:—

(1) Permanent partial disability rating schedules, and uniformity therein. (2) Handling of medical aid, first aid, and ambulance matters; schedules of medical, hospital and nursing fees, and question of uniformity therein. (3) Providing artificial limbs and appliances. (4) Rehabilitation of injured workmen. (5) Relation of Workmen's Compensation Boards to accident prevention. (6) Merit rating. (7) Attitude of boards as to legislation; extension of act to all workmen; covering occupational diseases. (8) Relation of sub-contractor and principal. (9) Filing system and numbering; (10) Minimum premiums. (11) Expense ratios—methods of computing. (12) Expenses—method of figuring Dominion government share. (13) Dominion tax on compensation cheques. (14) Standardization of actuarial principles and tables and industry and accident classifications. (15) Co-operation among Canadian boards in administrative work. (16) Rulings and decisions of special interest—e.g., accidents and assessments in other provinces; dependants in, or dependants or workmen removing to, other provinces or foreign countries; hernia and strained back cases; accidents to artificial teeth; average earnings of miners; innocent victims of others' misconduct or horseplay; pranks or misconduct of minors. (17) Methods of determination of controversies. (18) Securing prompt returns and particulars from employers. (19) Disposal of returned or uncashed cheques. (20) Board's preference for assessments where employer is insolvent.

ONTARIO EQUITABLE TO WRITE NON-PARTICIPATING

In a letter to *The Monetary Times*, S. C. Tweed, manager of the Ontario Equitable Life and Accident Insurance Co., the newly organized company with a capital of \$2,000,000, states that it is his intention to write non-participating life insurance only, because he believes there is a real demand for that class of insurance at the present time.

The company expects to be in shape to commence business on January 1 next. Up to the present time subscriptions for over \$100,000 of stock have been received, and with two exceptions only, all subscribers have been life insurance agents and life insurance company officials. The stock is being sold at a premium with \$20 per share paid.

CROPS NEARLY A FAILURE IN BRANDON DISTRICT

Average Yield Eight to Ten Bushels—Business Keeps Fairly Good—Loaning Conditions Quiet and Repayments are Slow

(Staff Correspondence.)

Brandon, Man., October 13, 1920.

ALL threshing is practically completed in the Brandon district and the actual result is not as good as was expected. This district scarcely ever had a crop failure, but this year it is even below normal, and will not average more than eight and ten bushels per acre. In the southern part of the province, where the crop has been very poor for a number of years, this year it is fairly good. Weather at present is ideal and everywhere the farmers are busy plowing. With a large amount of breaking and fall plowing done, and with large acreage under summer fallow, there should be a considerable increase in acreage in Manitoba next year.

Business generally in Brandon is good. There has been very little new building done, but wholesale and retail trade is brisk, and collections reported improving. The Imperial Oil Co. are to establish a large plant at Brandon, involving an investment of a quarter of a million dollars and the maintaining of a staff of about sixty. Nation and Shewan, one of the large retail stores, are extending their premises on Rosser Ave., which will give them, when completed, one of the finest stores in Manitoba.

City Taxes in Good Condition

Brandon civic affairs are quite satisfactory. The water-works system, which has shown a loss in recent years, is being thoroughly investigated and will be remedied. W. M. Scott, consulting engineer of Winnipeg, has recommended certain changes, and J. M. Begg has been appointed city engineer. Brandon holds an annual tax sale, and City Clerk Harry Brown reports the tax outlook much improved, a healthy sign being the way city property is being redeemed. The loan situation in the Brandon district is fair, with not a great demand for money. One company, who have two and a quarter million loaned in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, reports money somewhat slow in starting to come in this fall.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS

The following are the shipments of ore, in pounds, from Cobalt Station for the week ended October 1st:—

Nipissing Mine, 86,914; O'Brien Mine, 80,000; Temiskaming Mining Co., 64,968; Mining Corp. of Canada, 215,522; total, 447,404.

The following are the shipments of ore, in pounds, from Cobalt Station for the week ended October 9th:—

McKinley Darragh, 85,592; Temiskaming Mine, 84,737; Dom. Red'n Co., 88,000; Mining Corporation of Canada, 233,487; Nipissing Mining Co., 240,660; Coniagas Mine, 131,549; total 864,025. The total since January 1st is 20,786,450 pounds, or 10,393.2 tons.

BOND FOR MUNICIPAL TREASURERS

The question of adopting a schedule bond covering all secretary-treasurers of municipalities in Saskatchewan will be submitted to the legislature at its approaching session. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in the past by some municipalities which have attempted to realize on the fidelity bonds of their secretary-treasurers, and the Department of Municipal Affairs has decided to recommend legislation providing for the bonding of all such officials by the department itself. It is not the department's intention to recommend a "blanket bond," which would cover the office and not the official, but a schedule bond.