

4. The present section 37 of the Act reads as follows:

"37. The amount of compensation to which an injured seaman is entitled for temporary total or permanent total disability under this Act shall not be less than *twelve dollars and fifty cents* per week or, where his average earnings are less than *twelve dollars and fifty cents* per week, the amount of such earnings, and for temporary partial or permanent partial disability a corresponding amount in proportion to the impairment of earning capacity."

The effect of the amendment is to increase the amount of the minimum compensation payable to an injured seaman per week from twelve dollars and fifty cents to fifteen dollars. If the average earnings are less than fifteen dollars per week, the compensation payable is the amount of such earnings.

5. The present subsection 1 of section 38 of the Act reads as follows:

"38. (1) Average earnings shall be computed in such a manner as is best calculated to give the rate per week or month at which the seaman was remunerated but not so as in any case to exceed the rate of *two thousand five hundred dollars per annum*."

The effect of the amendment is to increase the maximum rate of average earnings to be used in determining the amount of compensation payable under the Act, from twenty-five hundred up to thirty-six hundred dollars per annum.

6. The purpose of Parts II and III is to provide the appropriate amendments to the new Revised Statutes of Canada, which are now in press and are expected to appear during the current session.