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A WELL THOUGHT OUT MEASURE

Seldom has a more carefully prepared bit of legislation been placed on the statute books of any country than the **Workmen's Compensation Act of British Columbia**, whose chief features are explained in this brief pamphlet. A Royal Commission, after an exhaustive investigation of labour conditions in this Province, recommended that an advanced act was required. In pursuance of the commission's report, a strong bill was brought into the legislature in 1915 by the Attorney-General. Rather than inaugurate a system which might prove faulty, however, the Government determined to let the bill stand for a year, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. A. V. Pineo, J. H. McVety (labour representative), and David Robertson (employers' representative), was sent out to study the working out of the seven or eight most advanced acts in force. On their unanimous report the present act was drawn and, with but one or two minor amendments, was carried through the legislature at the recent session. Parker Williams, one of the opposition leaders, stated on the floor of the House that it was a good act, drafted by parties who were thoroughly familiar with labour conditions in British Columbia. With this admission from a bitter opponent of the Government, what more need be said?