

FACTORY WORKERS SAFEGUARDED

Laundries brought under factory inspectors. Age of Elevator Operators regulated. Boiler Inspection Act extended to include all boilers except residences and boilers used only for agricultural purposes, and inspectors prohibited from giving evidence in connection with a factory inspected. Owners of factories to furnish plans before altering or erecting a new building. Hydro regulations to apply to all factories, shops and office buildings. Fire protection required. Storing inflammable materials regulated. Restricting bake-shops from being below the ground line. Shower baths in foundries; also wash-rooms in factories, shops and office buildings. Examining Board established for stationary engineers. Chinese prohibited from employing white female labor. All undesirable immigrants are deported.

CHILD LABOR RESTRICTED

The evils of child labor have been fully recognized. No child under fourteen years of age may now be employed in a shop during the school term. At other times no child under twelve years can be employed.

COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES

In order that workmen who sustain injuries while following their occupations may receive proper compensation, the Government has passed a Workmen's Compensation Act which is looked upon as the most advanced legislation on the continent of America. It secures for permanent injuries some 65 per cent. of previous earning ability, and in case of death securing the widow or dependents a fair pension.

PRISON LABOR ABOLISHED

Under the present administration prison labor no longer comes into competition with free labor. Formerly the labor of prisoners was farmed out to contractors, who used it to manufacture goods at a lower cost than free labor could manufacture them, and sold these goods on the open market. All this has been changed, and prisoners are required now to work to supply their own necessities.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR MINERS

Legislation was adopted providing that miners working underground shall not be employed more than eight hours in any working day.