

for the preservation of health and the mitigation of disease among persons employed in the construction of public works. Regulations of this kind may have reference to (a) the housing of employees while so engaged, (b) inspection and cleansing of the men's quarters, (c) the number of qualified medical men to be employed on the works (d) the providing of suitable hospitals and the proper care of persons suffering from contagious diseases, and, generally, all such matters as may seem relevant to the Governor-in-Council. The application of the Act was made to include all public works in Canada, including either railway, canal, bridge or telegraph or other work within the legislative authority of the Dominion parliament.

By way of carrying the Act into operation, suitable regulations have been passed, and an inspector has been appointed to carry out the various regulations proposed under the supervision of the Inspector-General of Health of the Dominion.

With a view to securing as wide as possible application to the Act every Government department or company, before entering upon the construction of a public work, is required to notify the Minister of its exact location, its dimensions, and the probable number of men to be employed. The enforcement of proper sanitary conditions for the men on public works after construction operations have begun is provided for as follows: A duly qualified medical officer approved by the Inspector must be engaged by the company to attend the men where the number of the latter exceeds 100, but does not exceed 500. In cases where men are located within a distance of 30 miles, and are living in houses, tents or other quarters provided by the company, an additional medical officer is required for each 500 additional men when the number of employees exceeds 500. These officers must be properly supplied with medicine, means of conveyance, etc., and must visit each camp in the district at least once a week; their district must not extend over 30 miles in length, except with the consent of the Inspector, who has discretion also in the matter of the number of men to be allotted to each medical officer. The Inspector, the medical officer or officers, engaged upon the public works, and the Government engineer in charge of the work, constitute what is termed the health board, of which the Inspector is chairman, and on which devolves the general supervision of the health of the employees, including such matters as the inspection of houses and quarters according to a stringent method of procedure, to see that necessary provisions for ventilation cleansing, etc., are provided. With regard to hospital accommodation, the Inspector, or in his absence, the board of health, must see that suitable hospital accommodation is provided by the company within a reasonable distance of public works. A temporary hospital must also be provided of size sufficient to accommodate at least six persons or more, as the medical officer may require, and