

Labor Interests Advanced

FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS ESTABLISHED—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES IMPROVED—ADVANCED LEGISLATION REGARDING SCAFFOLDING AND CHILD LABOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT FOR INJURED WORKMEN—BOILER INSPECTION—STATIONARY ENGINEERS' BOARD.

Free Employment Branches:—	
1904.....	0
1913.....	6
Employment Secured for Applicants:—	
1904.....	0
1907-13.....	5,342
Factory Inspectors:—	
1904.....	6
1913.....	11
Boiler Inspectors:—	
1904.....	0
1913.....	7
Stationary Engineers' Board:—	
1904.....	0
1913.....	3
Trades Union Reporting on Wages:—	
1904.....	208
1913.....	491
Employers Making Reports:—	
1904.....	174
1913.....	921

The above figures illustrate the growth of the efficiency and activity of the Ontario Bureau of Labor. Under the present administration the Bureau has also been instrumental in adjusting labor difficulties, and in securing the enforcement of the prevailing rate of wages on public works. It has compiled a vast amount of information regarding the industries of Ontario.

ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Statistics from the municipalities show the advancement of Public Ownership to the vast amount of over \$45,000,000, which is by no means the total amount. There is no doubt that the Hydro-Electric of this province is entitled to credit for the great advancement in Public Ownership.

PROTECTION OF WORKMEN

For the protection of men employed in the building trade a measure was enacted providing for the supervision of scaffolding by qualified inspectors. Certain rules were laid down which are calculated to reduce the dangers of this occupation to a minimum, and thus reduce, if not prevent, loss of life in this connection.