

dental appliances and apparatus as may be necessary as a result of the injury and to have the same kept in repair or replaced when deemed necessary.

(2) The medical aid to which a seaman is entitled under subsection (1) shall be furnished and paid for by his employer.

(3) Any question as to the necessity, character and sufficiency of any medical aid furnished or to be furnished may be referred to the board for a decision.

I will jump the section concerning fees.

(5) Every employer shall at his own expense furnish to any seaman injured in his employment who is in need of it, immediate conveyance and transportation to a hospital, or to a physician, or to the seaman's home within a reasonable limit.

Hon. Mr. GREGG: I think what Mrs. Fairclough means is the stage beyond that; that the seaman would not have any right, such as those under the Workmen's Compensation Act of Ontario, to go to Malton. I think that would have to be worked out under the federal-provincial rehabilitation programme.

Mr. BROWN: If the medical advisor who is dealing with the case recommends rehabilitation services, we have to make arrangements with the provincial board.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: You do that, Mr. Brown?

Mr. BROWN: Yes, all the cost of the rehabilitation services is charged against the employer.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: And he would not have insurance to cover that, likely?

Mr. BROWN: Yes, that is right.

Mr. GREENE: I imagine that their insurance would cover that.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: You know, sometimes when a man suffers a disability he is not able to resume his former occupation, and rehabilitation fits him for other employment, so I hardly think you could charge that against an employer whose insurance covers medical treatment and hospital treatment.

Mr. BROWN: To the extent that that is not covered it would be taken care of in the federal-provincial rehabilitation programme.

Mr. GREENE: To restore a man to resume his work the cost of treatment at Malton under the provincial act is regarded as medical expense.

Mrs. FAIRCLOUGH: It is not specified in that act, is it?

Mr. GREENE: No, it is not specified in that act but, as the minister points out, where the act ends the federal-provincial rehabilitation scheme would take care of a man who lost a limb, say, or something like that. The vast majority of the accidents are minor. We did have some serious ones.

Mr. GILLIS: How is the assessment for permanent disability arrived at; who makes that decision?

Hon. Mr. GREGG: The amount is arrived at by the terms of this amendment that we have before us. I see what you mean. You mean how badly disabled is he?

Mr. GREENE: We have a formula which is pretty much the same as that of the provincial workmen's compensation board.

Mr. GILLIS: I am thinking of a seaman who is hospitalized and the company selects the hospital and the doctor. After the man is treated he has a disability of perhaps 10, 15, or 20 per cent and then makes the decision as to the amount of disability? Once that decision is arrived at in your office you apply the act, but what protection has the seaman?