

doing. There is danger of this resulting in employers discharging workers who might otherwise be carried over quiet periods. In other words there will be a tendency for employers to adopt a policy of "a maximum of employees on full time, and the rest on the fund," instead of the policy of keeping a maximum of employees in at least part time work which has been followed by the majority of Canadian employers during the present depression.

3. Excepted Occupations.

A further important question is that of the excepted occupations. Some have apparently been excluded because they are so markedly seasonal,--farming, fishing, water transport. As to these, the question arises why, if these seasonal trades are excluded, other important trades just as seasonal are included, e.g. building and construction. It is common knowledge that in this industry wages have always tended, because of the freedom from competition and the ease of "passing on" costs to the consumer, to be disproportionately high as compared with ordinary manufacturing wages. It is, it is submitted, anomalous that this industry should be put, by this Bill, in the position of being subsidized by other industries which are forced by competition to pay substantially lower wages.

But there is another class of excepted occupations,