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5. LABOUR.

CHAPTER 62.

The Department of Labour Act.

Department
of Labour.

1. The Department of Labour shall be presided over by the Minister of Labour. 1927, c. 27, s. 2.

Deputy
Minister
and other
officers.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a Deputy Minister of Labour and such other officers, clerks and servants in the Department as may be deemed necessary or expedient. 1927, c. 27, s. 3.

Duties
of Deputy
Minister.

3. The Deputy Minister shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or by the Minister. 1927, c. 27, s. 4.

Adminis-
tration of
certain
statutes
assigned to
Department.
Rev. Stat.
cc. 207, 274,
275, 308,
216.

4. The Department shall administer,—

- (a) *The Stationary and Hoisting Engineers Act;*
- (b) *The Building Trades Protection Act;*
- (c) *The Factory, Shop and Office Building Act;*
- (d) *The Steam Boilers Act;*
- (e) *The Employment Agencies Act;*

and such other Acts or regulations as may from time to time be designated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 1927, c. 27, s. 5.

Duties of
Department.

5. It shall be the duty of the Department to,—

Statistics
and infor-
mation.

(a) collect such statistical and other information respecting trades and industries in Ontario as may be deemed necessary or expedient from time to time;

Distribution
of employ-
ment.

(b) ascertain the localities in which mechanics, artisans or workmen in any particular trade or industry are required and wherever practicable assist in supplying the demand for such work or labour;

Sanitary
and other
conditions.

(c) ascertain and report upon sanitary and other conditions relating to the health, comfort and well-being of the industrial classes;

- (d) establish and maintain in the various centres of population throughout Ontario employment offices and similar agencies for obtaining suitable employment for workingmen, and subject to *The Employment Agencies Act*, to regulate all voluntary, private or municipal employment bureaux; Employment bureaux. Rev. Stat. c. 216.
- (e) ascertain and report upon the rates of wages paid to employees in the various trades and industries carried on in Ontario; Wages.
- (f) enquire and report as to the establishment of new industries in Ontario, in any case where by reason of the production of raw material for such industry in Ontario, or the immigration of persons skilled in the particular industry or other circumstances it appears that such industry can profitably be carried on; New industries in Ontario.
- (g) enquire into, consider and report upon the operation of laws in force in other parts of the Empire and in foreign countries, having for their objects the protection, technical training and welfare of the industrial classes, and make such recommendations and suggestions thereon as may be deemed advisable; Reporting upon laws in other parts of Empire and in foreign countries.
- (h) consider and report upon any petition for, or suggestion of a change in the law of Ontario relating to labour and wages or any matter affecting the industrial classes, presented or made by any trades and labour council or other organization representing those classes or by any other person; Changes in the law.
- (i) prepare and transmit to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council annually a report containing the reports of the officers employed in the administration of the various Acts assigned to the Department, and upon the work of the Department during the preceding year, together with such statistical and other information as may have been collected in the Department. 1927, c. 27, s. 6. Annual report.

6.—(1) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations,— Regulations.

- (a) for the establishment of a Provincial Employment Service Council and local employment service councils; Employment Service Councils.
- (b) for defining the scope of the activities of such councils; Scope of councils.

Travelling expenses of members of councils.

(c) for the payment of travelling expenses and the fixing of a per diem allowance to members of the Provincial Council while transacting the business of the Council;

Advances for travelling expenses to employees.

(d) for advancing the travelling expenses of persons travelling to their place of employment who have procured such employment through the Ontario Government Employment Bureaux, and the conditions under which such advances for travelling expenses may be made, but no such advance shall be made unless and until the employer has agreed to repay the agency the advances to be made for such travelling expenses.

Expenses and allowances, how payable.

(2) The travelling expenses and allowances payable under such regulations shall be payable out of any sums voted by the Assembly and appropriated by the Legislature for Ontario Government Employment Bureaux. 1927, c. 27, s. 7.

Powers of Deputy Minister as to obtaining information.

7.—(1) The Deputy Minister may require from employers, workmen and other persons such information concerning rates of wages, hours of work, regularity of employment and other matters as he may deem necessary for the proper carrying out of this Act or of any of the Acts administered by the Department.

Investigation or inquiry.

(2) For the purpose of procuring such information the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize any officer of the Department to conduct an investigation or inquiry and may confer upon the Deputy Minister the powers which may be conferred upon a commissioner appointed under *The Public Inquiries Act*.

Rev. Stat. c. 20.

Right of access.

(3) Such officer acting under the written authority of the Deputy Minister shall have access at all reasonable hours to any office, factory, shop, place of business or other premises for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act or of any Act administered by the Department.

Penalty for refusing information or interfering with officers.

(4) Every person who refuses to furnish any returns or information which may be lawfully required, or who hinders or obstructs any officer in the performance of his duties under this Act or any of the Acts administered by the Department shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$20, to be recoverable before a police magistrate or two or more justices of the peace under *The Summary Convictions Act*. 1927, c. 27, s. 8.

Rev. Stat. c. 121.