

(g) To receive reports of industrial accidents to persons, and to direct the investigation of such accidents, and prescribe means for the prevention of similar accidents;

(h) To issue orders for removing or safe-guarding against hazards that may cause accidents to employes, as may now or hereafter be provided by law.

Section 2203. Investigations.—The Department of Labor and Industry shall have the power to make investigations and surveys upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the department, either upon its own initiative or upon the request of the Industrial Board.

Section 2204. Statistics.—The Department of Labor and Industry shall have the power to collect, compile, and transmit to the Department of Property and Supplies for publication, statistics relating to labor and industry, to organizations of employes, and to organizations of employers.

Section 2205. Rules and Regulations.—Subject to approval by the Industrial Board, the Department of Labor and Industry shall have the power to make rules and regulations for carrying into effect the laws regulating the labor of persons within this Commonwealth, and the construction, ventilation, and equipment of the rooms, buildings, or places where such labor is performed, or where public assemblies are held, and to enforce all such rules and regulations. Promptly upon the approval of such rules and regulations by the Industrial Board, the department shall make public announcement of their adoption, and shall transmit them to the Department of Property and Supplies to be by it published in such quantity as to enable the Department of Labor and Industry to supply copies of the same to persons applying therefor.

Section 2206. Mediation and Arbitration.—The Department of Labor and Industry shall have the power, and its duty shall be, whenever a difference arises between an employer and his employes with regard to wages, hours, or conditions of employment, to send a representative of the department promptly to the locality in which such difference exists, and endeavor by mediation to effect an amicable settlement of the controversy. If such settlement cannot be effected, and the dispute is submitted for arbitration, the department, in the event of the failure of representatives of employer and employes to name an impartial person to act as chairman of the board of arbitration, shall, if requested by the parties to the dispute, select such person to act as such chairman.

Section 2207. Women and Children.—The Department of Labor and Industry shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

(a) To make studies and investigations of the special problems connected with the labor of women and children;

(b) To create the necessary organization, and to appoint an adequate number of inspectors, to enforce the laws and rules and regulations of the department relating to the work of women and children.

Section 2208. Workmen's Compensation.—The Department of Labor and Industry shall have the power, and its duty shall be: