

and to issue securities, they are required in all cases to advertise the fact that the Commission will hear their application upon a certain date. This done in order that any person, or persons, opposed to the exercise of the franchise or the issuance of securities may have an opportunity to be heard and submit to the Commission their reason for believing that the Commission should withhold the order permitting the things to be done under the application filed.

The Governor appoints an experienced and qualified attorney as People's Counsel. No term specified in the Act. (Ch. 29, 1922.)

## THE STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

Equitable Building, Baltimore.

Name.	Term Expires.	Postoffice.
Commission:		
Robert E. Lee, Chairman.....	1924 .....	Baltimore
George Louis Eppler.....	1926 .....	Cumberland
Joseph B. Harrington.....	1928 .....	Easton
Secretary, A. E. Brown.....	.....	Baltimore

Governor appoints three, not more than two of whom shall be of the same political faith, one for 6 years, one for 4 years, and one for 2 years, and as these terms expire the successor is appointed for 6 years. The Governor designates the chairman. (Ch. 800, 1914.)

The State Industrial Accident Commission is charged with the duty of administering the Workmen's Compensation Law. The law provides, first, for the payment of compensation to employees injured in certain extra-hazardous employments, and to their dependents in case of death; second, for all employers in such occupations shall secure the payment of such compensation by insuring their liability in a stock company, or the State Accident Fund, or by proving to the satisfaction of the Commission their financial ability to pay the compensation direct.

The business of the Commission is to administer to the Workmen's Compensation Act and involves determining what occupations are included, receiving reports of accidents, receiving, investigating and adjudicating claims arising under the Act. Hearings are held in contested cases. In addition to these duties, the Commission administers to the State Accident Fund, which is operated by the Act, as one of the methods by which employers must insure.

During the year ending October 31, 1922, there was a total of 33,493 industrial accidents reported to the Commission. This was a decrease of 3,519 over the number of accidents reported in the preceding year. Out of this number there were 10,658 claims filed for compensation, 123 of which were claims in fatal cases, as against 9,016 claims filed during the year ending October 31, 1921, 116 of which were claims in fatal cases. As a result of last year's work there was paid out to injured employees and their dependents the sum of \$1,065,251.83, which included the payment of compensation, funeral and medical expenses, etc.