

the same in substantial book form and annually thereafter revise and republish the same.

As to agriculture, see art. 2A. As to forestry, see art. 39A.
As to conservation of natural resources, see art. 19A.

State Employment Agencies.

An. Code, sec. 2A. 1916, ch. 406, sec. 2A.

3. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics to organize, establish and conduct free employment agencies, in such parts of the State as said Commissioner may deem advisable, for the free use of the citizens of the State of Maryland, for the purpose of securing employment for unemployed persons who may register in said agencies, and for the purpose of securing help or labor for persons registering as applicants for help or labor. The said Commissioner shall investigate the extent and the cause or causes of unemployment in this State, and the remedies therefor adopted and applied in the States of this country and in other countries, and report thereon to the Governor, and shall do all in its power to bring together employers seeking employees and working and laboring people seeking employment.

Arbitration of Labor Disputes.

An. Code, sec. 3. 1904, sec. 3. 1904, ch. 671, sec. 1.

4. Upon information furnished by an employer of labor, whether person, firm or corporation, or by a committee of employes, or from any other reliable source, that a controversy or dispute has arisen between employer and employes, involving ten or more persons, which controversy may result in a strike or lock-out, the chief ¹ of the bureau of industrial statistics of Maryland, or such person officially connected with said bureau of industrial statistics as may be deputized in writing by the said chief ¹ of said bureau of industrial statistics, shall at once visit the place of controversy or dispute and seek to mediate between the parties, if in his discretion it is necessary so to do.

As to arbitration and award, see art. 7.

An. Code, sec. 4. 1904, sec. 4. 1904, ch. 671, sec. 2.

5. If mediation can not be effected as provided for in section 4 of this Article, the chief of the bureau of industrial statistics, or such person officially connected with said bureau as may be by him deputized in writing, may, at his discretion, endeavor to secure the consent of the parties to the controversy or dispute to the formation of a board of arbitration, which board shall be composed of one employer and one employe engaged in the same or similar occupation to the one in which the dispute exists, but who are not parties to the controversy or dispute, and to be selected by the respective parties to the controversy; the third arbitrator may be selected by the two first-named arbitrators, and said third arbitrator so

¹ The commissioner of labor and statistics, as provided for in sec. 1 of this article, has superseded this official.