

applicants for help or labor and to advertise and maintain such office.

8th. The sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is annually appropriated to pay the salary of the chief of the bureau of industrial statistics, and the expenses incident to the execution of the duties of his office; but no part of said expenses shall be paid until the same shall have been approved by the governor, and the said official shall annually return to the comptroller of the treasury the detailed statement of said expenses, and shall also print the same in the book of statistics.\*

### Arbitration of Labor Disputes.

1904, ch. 671, sec. 1.

3. 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 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 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.

Ibid. sec. 2.

4. If mediation cannot be effected as provided for in section 1 of this sub-title, 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 selected shall be president of the board of arbitration; and upon the failure of the two first-named arbitrators, as aforesaid, to agree upon the third arbitrator, then the chief of said bureau of industrial statistics shall act as third arbitrator, or

\*See *ante*, art 27, secs. 249-252.