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COMPENSATION BENEFITS WIDEN

Heenan Bill Provides
Increase in Payments

A bill amending the Workmen's Compensation Act which received first reading in the Legislature yesterday will increase pensions of workmen's widows who come under the act from \$40 to \$45 a month; raise the ages of children benefitting under the act from 16 to 18 years, provided benefits for the extra years are devoted to their education; and increase workmen's maximum pensions from 66 2-3 per cent of \$2,000 to that proportion of \$2,500.

The act is clarified, too, so that employers may be reimbursed by the board for payments in respect of injuries to employees, but may not deduct compensation they receive from their pensions or other bonuses, which latter was never intended, said Hon Peter Heenan, Minister of Labor, who introduced the bill.