

of industrial unionism for the existing system of craft unions. Since 1920, however, the O.B.U. has been on the decline, many of the original members having given up their membership and re-affiliated with their respective parent bodies.

**Total Reported Membership of Organized Labour in Canada.**—At the close of 1923, the numerical strength of organized labour in Canada is given by the Department of Labour as follows: international organizations, 2,079 local branches with an aggregate membership of 203,843; non-international organizations, 278 branches and 34,315 members; independent units, 24 with 9,934 members, and National and Catholic unions, 106 with 30,000 members. Grand total, 2,487 local branches and 278,092 members. As compared with 1922, this represents a decrease of 25 branches but an increase of 1,471 members.

Table 6 shows by years the membership of trade unions in Canada since 1911. (See also diagram on p. 712 of the 1922-23 Year Book).

**6.—Membership of Trade Unions in Canada, 1911-1923.**

Years.	Members.	Years.	Members.
1911.....	133,132	1917.....	204,630
1912.....	160,120	1918.....	248,887
1913.....	175,799	1919.....	378,047
1914.....	166,163	1920.....	373,842
1915.....	143,343	1921.....	313,320
1916.....	160,407	1922.....	276,621
		1923.....	278,092

**International Trade Unions Operating in Canada.**—Table 7 gives the names of the 94 international labour organizations which now carry on operations in Canada, and contains (1) the number of branches which were in existence in the Dominion at the close of 1923, and (2) the reported membership. The reported membership in Tables 7 and 8 is given in italics where the information has been obtained from sources other than the headquarters of the indicated organization.

**7.—International Trade Unions Operating in Canada.**

NUMBER OF BRANCHES AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1923.

International Organizations.	No. of branches in Canada.	Reported members in Canada.
American Federation of Labour.....	10	501
Asbestos Workers, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and...	2	70
Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America.....	7	<i>279</i>
Barbers' International Union of America, Journeymen.....	34	1,211
Bill Posters and Billers of America, International Alliance of.....	2	300
Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers, International Brotherhood of.....	22	1,041
Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers, International Brotherhood of.....	36	<i>2,542</i>
Bookbinders, International Brotherhood of.....	12	443
Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.....	15	1,707
Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers, International Union of the United.....	10	411
Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union of America.....	49	4,500
Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, International Association of.....	10	408
Broom and Whisk Makers' Union, International.....	2	35
Carpenters and Joiners, Amalgamated Society of.....	15	<i>1,857</i>
Carpenters and Joiners of America, United Brotherhood of.....	112	7,603
Carvers' Association of America, International Wood.....	1	20
Cigarmakers' International Union of America.....	11	672
Cloth Hat and Cap Makers of America, United.....	4	540
Clothing Workers of America, Amalgamated.....	15	7,715
Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.....	8	1,900
Conductors, Order of Sleeping Car.....	1	12
Coopers' International Union of North America.....	1	23
Electrical Workers, International Brotherhood of.....	30	4,115
Elevator Constructors, International Union of.....	1	24
Federal Employees, National Federation of.....	1	200
Firemen and Oilers, International Brotherhood of.....	3	<i>111</i>