

outset the O.B.U. met with much opposition from the old-established labour unions, represented by the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, which was opposed to the substitution of industrial unionism for the existing system of craft unions. According to information supplied the Department by the general secretary, the O.B.U. at the close of 1926 had 62 units under charter, one of which is located in the United States, as well as four central labour councils (bodies similar to trades and labour councils), the combined reported membership being 18,820.

Total Reported Membership of Organized Labour in Canada.—At the close of 1926 the numerical strength of organized labour in Canada is given by the Department of Labour as follows:—international organizations, 2,078 local branches with an aggregate membership of 202,532; non-international organizations, 296 branches and 34,837 members; independent units, 38, with 12,235 members; National and Catholic unions, 103, with 25,000 members; grand total, 2,515 local branches and 274,604 members. As compared with 1925, this represents an increase of 21 branches and of 3,540 members.

Table 2 shows by years the membership of trade unions in Canada since 1911. (See also diagram on p. 712 of the 1922-23 Year Book).

2.—Membership of Trade Unions in Canada, 1911-1926.

Years.	Members.	Years.	Members.
1911.....	133,132	1919.....	378,047
1912.....	160,120	1920.....	373,842
1913.....	175,799	1921.....	313,320
1914.....	166,163	1922.....	276,621
1915.....	143,343	1923.....	278,092
1916.....	160,407	1924.....	260,643
1917.....	204,630	1925.....	271,064
1918.....	248,887	1926.....	274,604

International Trade Unions Operating in Canada.—Table 3 gives the names of the 89 international craft labour organizations and the two industrial unions 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 1926, and (2) the reported membership. The reported membership in Tables 3 and 4 is given in italics where the information has been obtained from sources other than the headquarters of the indicated organization.

3.—International Trade Unions Operating in Canada.

NUMBER OF BRANCHES AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1926.

International Organizations.	No. of branches in Canada.	Reported members in Canada.
American Federation of Labour.....	8	940
Asbestos Workers, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and.....	2	63
Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America.....	7	317
Barbers' International Union of America, Journeymen.....	37	1,505
Bill Posters and Billers of America, International Alliance of.....	5	67
Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers, International Brotherhood of.....	21	1,500
Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers, International Brotherhood of.....	34	1,608
Bookbinders, International Brotherhood of.....	11	479
Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.....	10	1,438
Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers, International Union of the United.....	12	418
Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union of America.....	51	3,331
Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, International Association of.....	8	265
Broom and Whisk Makers' Union, International.....	1	21
Carpenters and Joiners of America, United Brotherhood of.....	84	7,341
Carvers' Association of America, International Wood.....	1	16
Cigarmakers' International Union of America.....	10	621
Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union.....	4	380
Clothing Workers of America, Amalgamated.....	16	4,300
Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.....	10	3,500
Conductors, Order of Sleeping Car.....	1	12
Coopers' International Union of North America.....	1	25