

craft unions. According to information supplied the Department by the general secretary, the O.B.U. at the close of 1927 had 51 units under charter, one of which was located in the United States, as well as four central labour councils (bodies similar to trades and labour councils), the combined reported membership being 19,415.

Total Reported Membership of Organized Labour in Canada.—At the close of 1927 the numerical strength of organized labour in Canada is given by the Department of Labour as follows:—international organizations, 1,926 local branches with an aggregate membership of 204,400; Canadian Central Labour Bodies, 537 branches and 48,435 members; independent units, 37, with 12,447 members; National and Catholic unions, 104, with 25,000 members; grand total, 2,604 local branches and 290,282 members. As compared with 1926, this represents an increase of 89 branches and of 15,678 members.

Table 1 shows by years the membership of trade unions in Canada since 1911. (See also diagram on p. 712 of the 1922-23 Year Book).

1.—Membership of Trade Unions in Canada, 1911-1927.

| Years. | Members. | Years. | Members. |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| 1911 | 133,132 | 1920 | 373,842 |
| 1912 | 160,170 | 1921 | 313,320 |
| 1913 | 175,799 | 1922 | 276,621 |
| 1914 | 166,163 | 1923 | 278,092 |
| 1915 | 143,343 | 1924 | 260,643 |
| 1916 | 160,407 | 1925 | 271,064 |
| 1917 | 204,630 | 1926 | 274,604 |
| 1918 | 248,887 | 1927 | 290,282 |
| 1919 | 378,047 | | |

International Trade Unions Operating in Canada.—Table 2 gives the names of the 85 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 1927, and (2) the reported membership. The reported membership in Tables 2 and 3 is given in italics where the information has been obtained from sources other than the headquarters of the indicated organization.

2.—International Trade Unions Operating in Canada.

NUMBER OF BRANCHES AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1927.

| International Organizations | No. of branches in Canada | Reported members in Canada. |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| American Federation of Labour | 3 | 51 |
| Asbestos Workers, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America | 3 | 100 |
| Barbers' International Union of America, Journeymen | 8 | 264 |
| Bill Posters and Billers of America, International Alliance of | 35 | 1,490 |
| Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers and Helpers, International Brotherhood of | 3 | 300 |
| Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers, International Brotherhood of | 21 | 1,500 |
| Bookbinders, International Brotherhood of | 55 | 1,785 |
| Boot and Shoe Workers' Union | 12 | 531 |
| Brewery, Flour, Cereal and Soft Drink Workers, International Union of the United | 10 | 1,322 |
| Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union of America | 15 | 616 |
| Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, International Association of | 53 | 3,614 |
| Carpenters and Joiners of America, United Brotherhood of | 9 | 145 |
| Carvers' Association of America, International Wood | 55 | 10,552 |
| Cigarmakers' International Union of America | 1 | 18 |
| Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union | 7 | 549 |
| Clothing Workers of America, Amalgamated | 4 | 250 |
| Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America | 15 | 6,000 |
| Conductors, Order of Sleeping Car | 10 | 2,100 |
| Coopers' International Union of North America | 1 | 18 |
| | 1 | 6 |