

accordance with their views. Some months later a meeting of delegates was called by the British Columbia Federation of Labour to assemble immediately following the annual convention of that body, which, for the first time in its history, met outside of the province under its jurisdiction, in Calgary. The conference assembled on Mar. 13, 1919, with 239 delegates present; the outcome of the meeting was the formation of an industrial organization, the "One Big Union" On June 11, 1919, a conference of the advocates of the new body was held in Calgary to further the plans of the organization, which had a membership of 41,150 at the close of 1919. From the 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 1929 had 44 units under charter, one of which was located in the United States, as well as two central labour councils (bodies similar to trades and labour councils), the combined reported membership being 22,890.

**Total Reported Membership of Organized Labour in Canada.**—At the close of 1929 the numerical strength of organized labour in Canada was given by the Department of Labour as follows: international organizations, 2,002 local branches with an aggregate membership of 230,379; Canadian central labour bodies, 639 branches and 53,277 members; independent units, 31, with 10,820 members; National Catholic unions, 106 with 25,000 members; grand total 2,778 local branches and 319,476 members. As compared with 1928, this represents an increase of 125 branches and of 18,874 members.

Table 1 shows by years the membership of trade unions in Canada since 1911.

1.—Membership of Trade Unions in Canada, 1911-1929.

Year.	Members.	Year.	Members.
1911.....	133,132	1920.....	373,842
1912.....	160,120	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.....	274,064
1918.....	248,887	1927.....	290,282
1919.....	378,047	1928.....	300,602
		1929.....	319,476

**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 shows:—(1) the number of branches which were in existence in the Dominion at the close of 1929, and (2) the reported membership. The reported figures in Tables 2 and 3 are given in italics where the information has been obtained from sources other than the headquarters of the indicated organization.