

Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.—The Congress is the oldest of the central labour organizations in Canada. After the disbanding of the Canadian Labour Union, which had drawn together local unions in Ontario and which had met annually from 1873 to 1877, inclusive, there was no central organization until 1883, when the Trades and Labour Council of Toronto called a conference of local unions and plans were made to establish a federal organization which was formally set up in 1886.

Affiliated with the Trades and Labour Congress at the present time are "international" trade unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, a number of Canadian or "national" unions and a number of directly chartered federal labour unions.

Canadian Congress of Labour.—This Congress was organized in September, 1939, when the All-Canadian Congress of Labour, formed in 1927, amended its constitution to permit affiliation with it of international unions, that is, unions with members in both Canada and the United States. In addition to Canadian unions and international unions, which, in the United States, are affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Canadian Congress of Labour has a number of directly chartered locals.

Confederation of Catholic Workers of Canada.—National Catholic Unions in Canada date from 1901. In 1921 these local Catholic syndicates, which are grouped in federations according to industry as far as possible, formed a central organization, the Confederation of Catholic Workers of Canada. Except for a few in Eastern Ontario, these unions are confined to the Province of Quebec.

Membership by Industries and Trades.—A classification of union members by industries and trades is shown in Table 11.

11.—Trade Union Membership, by Industries and Trades, 1941 and 1942

Industrial Group	1941	1942
	No.	No.
Mining and quarrying.....	38,678	34,915
Building.....	44,777	49,790
Metal.....	81,127	161,797
Printing and paper making.....	29,758	35,462
Textiles, clothing, boots and shoes.....	40,958	44,093
Railroad transport.....	90,330	105,377
Other transport.....	44,861	40,700
Public and personal service.....	45,681	46,556
All other industries.....	45,511	59,690
Totals.....	461,681	578,380